

General Notices

Australiana Morning Tea after Worship Today -Stay a while, pull up a stump, have some billy tea and damper, tell a few yarns around the imaginary barbie and stretch a few fish tales. Let us remember our unique history, our origins and our present. We pray for all members of our community, for our shared future, the challenges of our history, and the reconciliation of all people, that Christ has made for us all.

Play Group 2020 - Tuesdays 9am - 11am Our Community Playgroup will commence on **Tuesday** for the duration of the school term. We look forward to a new year of meeting new children and their families and for the many joys it brings. If you would like to help support our playgroup please talk to James or Jan.

Uniting Care Strengthening Connections Workshop 30 & 31 January

A group from Uniting Care will be using our Church and amenities for these two days of training -Thursday (30th) and Friday (31st)- and will be confined to the Church with access to the kitchen and amenities. These are full day workshops from 9am to 5pm both days.

World Day of Prayer Friday, March 6, 9am @ the Salvation Army

Planning Meeting for World Day of Prayer Friday 31 January, 10am at the Salvation Army. Please see James, Shirley if you would be willing to attend.

Fellowship of Fixing - Thursday mornings from 7.30am

Each Thursday morning a dedicated group gather to clean, mow, tidy, fix and prepare our church for worship and for those who use the hall and amenities. Over the next few weeks **in particular**, we really need help with the mowing. Please let us know what things you might be able to help us with.

Moderator's January Prayer

- Please join us in praying together each Monday at midday:

Loving God, as we turn to face the new year ahead may we do so in the confidence of your calling on our lives and your faithfulness to us.

Rev David Baker

Birthdays this week: Shirley Cope (26th), Rita Jones (3rd Feb)

Please send any notices for next week's 'Herald' to janstrudwickart@gmail.com by Wednesday afternoon



The Maroochydore Herald

Maroochydore Uniting Church



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26 January 2020 - Epiphany 3

**Calling all
disciples**

Uniting in Christ
acting with love
living with hope
witnessing in faith
working for justice



We seek to be a prayerful and listening church
Please note the location of the Hearing Loop in the church

Good morning, welcome to worship at Maroochydore Uniting Church
After worship please join us to share morning tea in the Hall

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Worship Services

English Language Sundays, 8.30am

Korean Language Sundays, 11am

Korean Leader: Ps. Gil Park

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Thank you for the ongoing support for the Ministry, & Ministry of our Church. A reminder that direct deposit offering is available.

Our Church Banking Details: **UCA Maroochydore Uniting Church**
- St George Bank. BSB 334 040: Account No. 553864 511

Uniting Church Links - For Information from the Wider Church

Qld Synod Information - <https://ucaqld.com.au/>

For links an information to Synod Resources and Activities.

National Assembly News - <https://assembly.uca.org>

Bible Readings

26 January

Isaiah 9:1-4

Psalms 27:1, 4-9

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Matthew 4:12-23

Epiphany 3

the light is getting brighter

Lord, your face is what I seek

saved by the foolishness of the Cross

immediately, they followed Jesus

Australia Day

2 February

Micah 6:1-8

Psalms 15

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Matthew 5:1-12

Presentation of the Lord

sometimes we don't get it, that is - what God wants

to stand with God

signs and wisdom; weakness and foolishness

the blessedness of following Jesus - beatitudes

Epiphany 4

for contemplation -the reason of following

John's arrest is a dangerous situation for Jesus, and He must choose how to respond. When John is handed over you can be sure that this was not going to end well. The very language will point later to Jesus, who Himself, was "handed over" in an act of betrayal. 6

This begins a bit of manoeuvring with Jesus, who "withdraws" in the face of threatening circumstances. Mark Davis suggests that this action will be a recurring theme for Jesus as He navigates his way through the many threatening scenes He will face in His ministry. Jesus will find Himself largely on the move, displaced from one place to another and, as a Jew in Roman dominated territory Jesus finds Himself with the rural peasants, on the edges, away from the major cities, the rich and the powerful.

So, we find Jesus wandering along the shore of the Sea of Galilee, "As Jesus walked along ..." He saw two brothers ..." This displacement is emphasised by a certain casualness of this scene. Yet, it is into this space Jesus issues His call to them and, they follow-immediately, to go fishing-for people!

Call it divine timing, charisma, the call and response of discipleship cannot be treated like just another marketing or persuasive activity. There is something about the call, the caller, the called, that evokes an immediate response, the consequences of which have yet to be disclosed. As such, it is a trusting onset of a journey, rather than a conclusion. It is faith at first sight (it was Jesus who saw), and signifies that moment when the call from without corresponds with the longing from within. And at that moment, we must rise and go forth and follow.

"The heart has its reasons which reason knows nothing of... We know the truth not only by the reason, but by the heart." - *Blaise Pascal*.

Worship & Coming Events January/February 2020

Sunday

2 February at 8:30 am

Korean Communion Service 11am

Holy Communion

(followed by lunch)

Sunday

9 February at 8:30 am

Korean Worship Service 11am (followed by lunch in the Hall)

Epiphany 5

Sunday

16 February at 8:30 am at 11 am

Korean Worship Service 11am (followed by lunch in the Hall)

Epiphany 6

Sunday

23 February at 8:30 am at 11 am

Korean Worship Service 11am (followed by lunch in the Hall)

Transfiguration

Regular Happenings Each Week

Mondays:

Morning prayer in the Minister's office 8.30 am.

Pastoral visits to Lifeline/Uniting Care Community

Tuesdays:

Play Group resumes **January 28th, 9-11am in the Church Hall.**

RI at Kuluin and Maroochydore State Schools (*during term*)

Thursdays:

-Fellowship of Fixing (*Church Working Bee from 7.30am*)

-Fellowship morning teas **13th February-VIBE on BRADMAN**

319 Bradman Ave @ 10am. Meet at church at 9.30 as needed.

GROW Group meet from 5pm; NA group meet from 6.30pm

Fridays:

NA Group meet: 4-5.30pm in Library Chapel.

Saturdays:

Indoor Bowls from 1pm in Church Hall,

Sundays:

AA Group meet: 5-6.30pm.

Prayers for our world and our people

-we continue to pray for the wise and patient and timely distribution of recovery resources to those in fire, drought and flood affected areas

-we pray for those beginning school this week, for mums and tears, for teachers and challenges, and the grace and the skills to hold it all together

-we pray for Philip, Iain and Helen, Judith, Fay, Barb, Asho and June,

-we pray for all the activities of our church, and in the church and hall. May they be known as blessed