

## General Notices

**Australiana Morning Tea after Worship last Sunday** -A wonderful thank you to you all for a great morning tea. Delicious and great to share together. I do hope we all enjoyed the opportunity to be together in fellowship.

## Service & Duty Rosters

Thank you to all who offer and respond to serve in the many ways you do to enable our worship and our time together. Allan is preparing the roster schedule for the next period. Please let Allan know what you would like to do and, if you are not already on the roster and would like to be, please think about what you might be able to do. Please remember there is also opportunity to help in setting up for playgroup on Tuesday mornings from 7am. Please see James or Jan for further information for playgroup.

## World Day of Prayer 6 March, 9am at Salvation Army

We will be participating in the Day of Prayer and will be looking for people to share in the leadership. The Service has been prepared by the women of Zimbabwe and the theme is **"Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk"**.

## WMQ Project Update

This week has seen some visible progress. We are finally above the ground. The first concrete slab has been poured and the preparation for the second is well underway and hopefully to be poured next Tuesday. With this, the site becomes more stable to the wet weather. We continue to pray for all the workers and the staff in anticipation.

## 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 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:** Rita Jones (3<sup>rd</sup> Feb)

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



# The Maroochydore Herald

## Maroochydore Uniting Church



The Uniting Church in Australia  
QUEENSLAND SYNOD

**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*

The Uniting Church in Australia

**2<sup>nd</sup> February 2020 - Epiphany 4**

# Holy Communion

*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

### **2 February**

Micah 6:1-8

Psalms 15

1 Cor 1:18-31

Matthew 5:1-12

### **Epiphany 4**

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

### **Presentation of the Lord**

### **9 February**

Isaiah 58:1-9a, (9b-12)

Psalms 112:1-9, (10)

1 Cor 2:1-12, (13-16)

Matthew 5:13-20

### **Epiphany 5**

A Fast for the sake of other s

Being secure in the Lord

We have the mind of Christ; let us use it.

an excessive righteousness?

### for contemplation - following Jesus will take us to unusual places

Having grabbed our hearts by the call of his presence, this week Jesus calls us to sit at his feet on the mountain as he begins those famous, familiar phrases we have come to know as the "Beatitudes."

Popularly translated as "Happy are ..." or "Blessed are ..." rather tames what are profoundly radical announcements. It is important to note that word "are" is not in the original text which makes the sentence awkward but in doing so is to give particular emphasis to the subject. One other suggestion is that the word "Honoured" reflected more clearly what Jesus is saying, particularly because he who is saying it is the Lord.

These "beatitudes" are precisely what God sees as a great contradiction to what others may see. For example we now read and hear, "How honoured the poor in spirit ..." "How honoured the meek ..." and, this honour is in the face of the dishonour of the so-called world.

As Paul would write, "God chose the things of the world that are not, and gives them honour and glory." We could say that the thread weaving its way through this honouring is the presence of kindness. It is the grand gesture of the gospel. Dare we honour what the world dis-honours; for, as Matthew is saying to us, here is the Kingdom that looks like God.

Being known by kindness is truly a sign of the presence of the kingdom of heaven. It is a declaration of what "is" as God sees.

## Worship & Coming Events January/February 2020

We share in **Holy Communion** in our worship today.

Let us remember as we are remembered and that Christ has bound us together.

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>2 February at 8:30 am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	<b>Korean Communion Service 11am</b>	(followed by lunch)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9 February at 8:30 am</b>	<b>Epiphany 5</b>
	<b>Korean Worship Service 11am</b>	(followed by lunch in the Hall)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>16 February at 8:30 am at 11 am</b>	<b>Epiphany 6</b>
	<b>Korean Worship Service 11am</b>	(followed by lunch in the Hall)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>23 February at 8:30 am at 11 am</b>	<b>Transfiguration</b>
-	<b>Korean Worship Service 11am</b>	(followed by lunch in the Hall)

### Regular Happenings Each Week

<b>Mondays:</b>	Morning prayer in the Minister's office 8.30 am. Pastoral visits to Lifeline/Uniting Care Community
<b>Tuesdays:</b>	Play Group resumes <b>January 28<sup>th</sup>, 9-11am in the Church Hall.</b> RI at Kuluin and Maroochydore State Schools ( <i>during term</i> )
<b>Thursdays:</b>	-Fellowship of Fixing ( <i>Church Working Bee from 7.30am</i> ) -Fellowship morning teas <b>13<sup>th</sup> February-VIBE on BRADMAN</b> 319 Bradman Ave @ 10am. Meet at church at 9.30 as needed. GROW Group meet from 5pm; NA group meet from 6.30pm Ladies Bible Study restarts 2pm, this Thurs (6 <sup>th</sup> ) at the church
<b>Fridays:</b>	NA Group meet: 4-5.30pm in Library Chapel.
<b>Saturdays:</b>	Indoor Bowls from 1pm in Church Hall,
<b>Sundays:</b>	AA Group meet: 5-6.30pm.

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### **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.
- the first week of school has been accomplished, with the waving and the tears, we pray for the settling in that occurs and the hopes and dreams for this full year
- for Marie's son, Philip, and Bernies' son, Colin as they undergo treatment,
- for Iain and Helen, Barb, Asho and June, Fay, Imn and Hugh
- for all the activities of our church, and in the church and hall.