

## General Notices

**-Play Group** Please let Jan Rossow know if you can help, especially when James is on leave. Help for the morning set up between 7-8am is really appreciated and makes a big difference.

**-Fellowship of Fixing** Every Thursday morning from 7.30am, a small group of dedicated people clean, mow, fix and share together in preparing our church and grounds. We do need more help, even if it is for one day a month to come and help it would help spread the load.

**- Lenten Bible Study *The Grace of Les Miserables - When grace and Justice meet***  
Based on the historical novel by Victor Hugo the characters represent the great themes of life, passion, grace, justice, poverty and love

**Mondays** 2-4pm March 2,9,16,23. at **41 Allora Gardens**

**Thursdays** 7-9pm March 5,12,19,26 at **98 Allora Gardens.**

The studies continue, and having met Jean Valjean, a criminal, who on being shown mercy by the local Bishop has been transformed by this Grace; we now meet Javert, a dogged policeman for whom the law is black and white and Grace is utterly confounding.

**-Thinking about WMQ** In a few months we will have new neighbours and the site will be looking markedly different from what it is now. Let us pray and think about what we might want and need to do to meet and welcome one another in the mean time.

**-Invitation- to Creative Arts Worship** March 29, 5pm Buderim UC. the service will incorporate music, dance, poetry, sculpture, art and I.T. goals are to involve creative arts in worship, build connections between congregations, increase our joy of worship, minister to each other and provide a space to bring non-Christian friends. A fellowship tea will follow.

**-James and Long Service Leave** (April-June) I have long service leave that I need to take and therefore it has been arranged to be taken from 1 April to 30 June for that period of 3 months.

**-Coronavirus- be sensible about good hygiene practices.** As we are being made aware, the *coronavirus* continues to develop. We can easily be caught up in the panic. Please be mindful of each other and of our basic needs. Practice regular hand washing, respectful greeting and food handling practices. If you have travelled, or been in contact with anyone who has travelled to/from China, Japan, South Korea, Italy, Iran; please let us know that we might care for you, and follow the medical advice for isolation and clearance.

**Local Government Elections** Saturday 28 March our local government elections will take place. Please pray for all the candidates and for responsible outcomes. 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

**15<sup>th</sup> March 2020**



**Lent 3**

*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

### 15 March 2020

Exodus 17:1-7  
Psalm 95  
Romans 5:1-11  
John 4:5-42

### Third Sunday in Lent

God's provision and protection of Israel  
an invitation to worship and praise God  
we now have peace with God  
a "well" of a tale

### 22 March 2020

1 Samuel 16:1-13  
Psalm 23  
Ephesians 5:8-14  
John 9:1-41

### Fourth Sunday in Lent

a shepherd boy anointed to be king.  
the Lord is my Shepherd  
God is light - let us also be light  
he was a man from God, but they called him a "sinner"

### for contemplation this week- John 4:5-42 a "well" of a tale

-In this "well" of a tale' John brings together the ancient source of water (Jacob's Well), a Samaritan woman, a Jewish man, and a midday meeting. That the Samaritan Woman (sadly she is not given a name, but we have come to know and remember her by a so called reputation that is probably not at all her fault -5 husbands and the current man ...) is gathering water from Jacob's Well would be scandalous enough. Jesus going there in the middle of the day knowing that this was the time of the outsiders and outcast, simply compounds the scandal. For a "well of a tale" it was going to make a "big splash." We are told that the well is also "deep."

-Now, her life is laid bare by Jesus who neither insults or shames, and in her thirst for living water, where others would scorn her exposed life, she parades it for all the world to see and calls others to this Jesus; she is the first evangelist, she did not bring one or two to Christ, she brought a whole city.

-When John then, puts the Samaritan woman and Jesus together at a well, the listener already "hears" Rebecca, Rachel, Zipporah, and the Shulamite "beloved" in the Song of Songs, as a gentle chorus behind the conversation. Some kind of irrevocable bonding will take place there.

It is the well of love, springing forth to eternal life.  
Will we let her do the same for us?

### Moderator's March Prayer

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

As we take up our Lenten journey again, Lord, may we be drawn closer to You, and be freed of that which would ensnare our faith, hope and love.

Rev David Baker

## Worship & Coming Events February 2020

<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>8:30am Worship Service</b>	<b>Lent 3</b>
	<b>11am Korean Worship Service</b>	
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	<b>8:30am Worship Service</b>	<b>Lent 4</b>
	<b>11am Korean Worship Service</b>	
<b>Wednesday March 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>The Annunciation of the Lord</b>	
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>8:30am Worship Service</b>	<b>Lent 5</b>
	<b>11am Korean Worship Service</b>	

### 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 **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 tea. Venue TBA **9<sup>th</sup> April- @ 10am.**  
Meet at church at 9.30 for a lift.  
-GROW Group from 5pm; NA group meet from 6.30pm  
- Ladies Bible Study 2pm -4pm at the church
- 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

- for our Korean community and the anxiety the **coronavirus** is raising for them. Note: the Korean congregation has decided to cancel their Lunches following worship, for the rest of March.
- for the passing of Rev Bruce Gulley, his family and the community of Karana Downs UC
- for local government elections, for dignity & respectful outcomes.
- for Asho and June, Jan Grady, Laurie, Philip, Daisy,
- for the Rev Glen Ingram as he prepares to do supply ministry during James' long service leave.

**Birthdays this week:** Graham Ashton (15<sup>th</sup>); Gil Park (17<sup>th</sup>);  
Arby Holmes (17<sup>th</sup>); Val Wellacot (18<sup>th</sup>)