

General Notices

-Safe Ministry Training Refresher Today 22 March @ 2pm For all who hold BlueCards as volunteers, Church Council, and involved with children. Sue Mulcahy is kindly running a Face to Face session this afternoon. An update in Safe Ministry Policy requires that we undertake this refresher by 31 March

-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.

- 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.**

-Sunday 29th March, is our annual pikelet morning tea (after church), in aid of Blue Care Sunshine Coast. Pikelets for the morning tea would be welcomed. Monetary donations to assist Blue Care would also be appreciated.

-School Holidays (and Easter Break)

First Term ends Friday 3 April 2020 and school holidays continue through to Monday 20 April. Please pray for our schools and all places of public gathering during this trying time.

-a Message from GROW Group - a help with mental health GROW meets weekly from 5pm in the Library Chapel and is a caring & supportive community organisation that offers a unique program for improving and maintaining mental well-being. The meetings are anonymous and confidential and you are welcome to simply turn up. For more information call 0412 115 088 or 1800 558 268.

-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.

-Coronavirus- be sensible about good hygiene practices. 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



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22nd March 2020

**Lent 4
Sacred Light**



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

22 March 2020

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Psalms 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"

29 March 2020

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalms 130

Romans 8:6-11

John 11:1-45

Fifth Sunday in Lent

my tired old bones, can they live again

my soul waits in hope

Ah yes, we can live because of Spirit

Lazarus is dead ...

for contemplation this week - it is only in love that we truly see

Some of you may remember the story of the Velveteen Rabbit - the skin horse - - what you see with your eyes, is informed by what you see with your soul. After years of wear and tear and finally being pushed aside to the corner of the playroom, the velveteen rabbit lay lost and alone, except for ... the wisdom and the grace of the Skin Horse; " You cannot be ugly, except to those who do not understand." the Skin horse reminds us all. To see is to love and be loved.

When our eyes open for the very first time, things take a bit of getting used to.

the light, the focus, the understanding ...

but before the seeing comes the loving.

and it is in the loving that we begin to trust what we see,

and then for our sight to turn into adoring gaze.

For this man, who was born blind, whose identity was bound in his blindness, now loses his identity only to find it. This is one of the most terrifying things that can happen to us - to lose who we were in order for us to become what we will be. To be able to say with wonderment, "I was blind, but now I see."

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

Sunday 22 nd March	8:30am Worship Service	Lent 4
	11am Korean Worship Service	
Wednesday March 25 th	The Annunciation of the Lord	
Sunday 29 th March	8:30am Worship Service	Lent 5
	11am Korean Worship Service	
Sunday 5 th April	8:30 Holy Week begins	Palm/Passion Sunday
	11am Korean Worship Service	

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 has been cancelled for April
-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 local government elections, for dignity & respectful outcomes.
- for the Rev Glen Ingram as he prepares to do supply ministry during James' long service leave.
- for everyone experiencing the serious impacts of the *coronavirus* - we pray for calm, that the virus will pass
- for all congregations as they seek to manage the impact and disruption.
- for our communities becoming overwhelmed by the constancy of media messages, may we find calm in the centre, and reassurance from one another.
- we pray for Jan, Barb, Iain, Asho & June, Rita, Laurie, Daisy, Joyce.

Birthdays this week: Barbara Biggs(25th);

Anniversary: Wayne and Jan Grady (25th)