



The Maroochydore Herald

Maroochydore Uniting Church_

The Uniting Church in Australia



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

ANZAC Day Saturday 25th April

In uncertain times, the qualities evoked by our ANZAC spirit—ingenuity, humour, endurance, courage and mateship—are more important than ever.

RSL Queensland is encouraging everyone to light up the dawn on ANZAC Day by standing in your driveway, on your balcony or in your living room at 6am to remember all those who have served and sacrificed.



Sunday 26 April 2020
Easter 3



The Herald Announces the Court Ball

We seek to be a prayerful and listening church

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Worship Services Normally

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>.

Birthdays: **Cynthia Knight 2nd May**

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

Moderator's April Prayer

- Please join us in praying together each Monday at midday

**Lord, we bless you that our times
and seasons are in your hands;
with that confidence, may we be
the blessing you're calling us to be.**

MODERATOR REV DAVID BAKER



Lectionary Bible Readings

April 26 2020 Easter 3

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

1 Peter 1:17-23

Luke 24: 13-35

May 3 2020 Easter 4

Acts 2:42-47

Ps 23 1

Pt 2:19-25

Jn 10:1-10

Worship options around the Church

For information for live streaming options -click on this link to show the particular church and what they are doing.

<https://ucaqld.com.au/coronavirus/live-streaming-worships/>

You may have to copy the URL above, paste the whole address in your internet task bar, and then hit

This is an opportunity to see what other Uniting Churches are doing across Queensland during this time. There are a variety of ways to "connect" (given that connect is the word for the time-being. There is also Facebook, Utube, vimeo, radio links, email texting ... livestreaming ...all of which are an invitation to a new challenge).

Message from James:

Strange And Familiar Times (Read Luke 24:13-35)

The road to Emmaus is a familiar story but it is more importantly a familiar experience, if we allow ourselves to think about it. Out of this experience a whole movement within the church has emerged, it is called the Emmaus Walk. Some of you may have experienced this yourselves, or, know those that have.

But this road was different. This was in the days immediately after the death of Jesus and mixed with rumours and sorrows and hopes and disappointments. They walked along the road anyway.

It will have been a road they would have travelled often, wandering over the same old dust, passing the same old familiar people - even having a sense seeing without really seeing.

And, circumstances change how things look and feel.

Amid the vague and overwhelming sorrow there is a strange and familiar burning in their hearts. This is the burning you get when you are being reminded of something wonderful yet it is just escaping your recognition; this is the burning that makes you tremble with peculiar anticipation; this is the burning your heart is hoping for once again.

Jesus wants us to know that it is really Him, the same old Jesus they had come to love and trust, but He also wants them to know that this is not business as usual. Things are not going to be the same, nor would they want to be the same; familiar yes, the same never. Easter is about transformation, not about picking up where we left off and hoping for a different kind of immortality.

Make this your prayer for the end of each day.

Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. Amen.

Reflective practices during COVID-19

Rev Dr Jenny Tymms has written the first in her series of reflection pieces, entitled ***For a time such as this***. These pieces are designed to support ministry agents and members of the church on your spiritual and mental health journey during COVID-19.

https://ucaqld.com.au/wp-content/uploads/dlm_uploads/2020/04/For-a-time-such-as-this_week-one.pdf

General Notices

-School holidays have finished. And our students are “doing” remote learning.

Please pray for them and for discipline as they move into this new way to learn. Please pray for our educators, and for inspired lesson preparation as they now have the challenge of reaching their audiences without immediate feedback.

-Our FaceBook site: if anyone knows who created our Maroochydore Uniting Church FaceBook content could you please let Jan Strudwick know. We would like to be able to add content to it, and invite others to contribute, but unless we know who created it, and therefor has Moderator rights, we can't use it. The address is as follows:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Maroochydore-Uniting-Church/162857217063609>

Prayers for our world and our people

- 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.
- for our Playgroup Mums and children, and for the people who uphold them
- for all those who use the hall as a gathering place, and who are missing being with friends

Are there prayer points you would like to include. ?

Webinar: Navigating grief in times of crisis

It is important to learn how to care for yourself and those around you during times of loss and grief.

Rev Peter Armstrong is co-hosting a webinar with Lifeline on Thursday 30 April from 11am–12.30am and Thursday 7 May from 11am–12.30am on understanding grief and how to respond. To register, email peter.armstrong@ucareqld.com.au or call 0418 433 193.

Online course: Foundations in discipleship

[Trinity College Queensland](#) is holding a short course on foundations in discipleship from 11–13 May. This online 3 day course focuses on the biblical understanding of discipleship in both the personal and collective sense.

The course will focus on developing discipling communities. It will also look at various practices that enhance the growth of a Christian in their relationship with Christ.

For more information or to register visit the [website](#).

Keeping connected at UnitingCare

How do we reach out to lonely people, when we ourselves need to stay at home? Blue Care's new Keeping Connected program offers a beautiful opportunity to reach into the lives of those most vulnerable in this season.

Can you write letters to connect with someone lonely? Can you make or send cards to bless someone you may not even know? Can you make phone calls or video messages to chat or pray with an aged care resident?

If you have some time and a lot of love, you can reach out and help connect aged care residents with the spirit of fellowship that is valued in the Uniting Church.

To find out more or be a part of the Keeping Connected program, email missionteam@ucareqld.com.au





Lord, it's me. Can you do me a favor and close your eyes for a second while I deal with a slight problem. . .



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