

Birthdays this week: Loy Cassidy 3rd March

To our Dear friends

Last Sunday morning was filled with joy and gratitude and gracious understanding and Kris and I thank you so much. For your love and blessing, for your gifts and remembrance I was pleased to be lost for words. The gift of the stole is precious indeed and I will feel your presence as I wear it. I thank Kris for her love and support over the years, and this last in particular, and for her loving words to you in the service. You truly are the church in your beautiful bodies. I thank you also for your love and prayers which are life for me, and I know for one another.

May our Lord continue to guide you and keep your hearts in this love and peace.

With glad hearts, our love and God's blessing
James & Kris.

Another very big thank you to Theo and John for all the maintenance and upkeep they have done to the church and surrounds recently, especially in the humidity we have had. Those of us who have been in the kitchen send our gratitude for fixing the cupboard door which will never drop on our feet again.

This year's **World Day of Prayer** will be held on Friday, March 5th, at 11 o'clock at Immanuel Lutheran Church (off Wisers Rd). The country which has prepared the service is Vanuatu. Whilst the Lutheran Congregation will be providing morning tea, if anyone finds their pantry is overflowing a plate of food will certainly be most welcome. As last year's Day of Prayer had to be cancelled we are looking forward to this year's.

Pam has been feverishly cooking **jams and marmalades** that will be on sale after church today. She is generously donating all sales to the church. Yum!

Please join us every Monday at midday as we pray the Moderator's monthly prayer.

God of all wisdom, help us today to take the time and make the space for your voice to be heard amidst the noise of the world around us. Amen



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

28th February 2021



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

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Worship Services

English Language Sundays, 8.30am

Korean Language Sundays, 11am



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>.

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

Wednesday afternoon

Bible Readings

Feb 28 Lent 2

Gn 17:1-7, 15-16

Ps 22:23-31

Rom 4:13-25

Mk 8:31-38 or Mk 9:2-9

Mar 7 2021

Ex 20:1-17

Ps 19

1 Cor 1:18-25

Jn 2:13-22

Worship & Coming Events February

Sunday 28th February Lent 2

8:30 am service Hymns and Choruses

11 am service Korean Worship service

Sunday 7th March Lent 3

8:30 am service Holy Communion led by **Rev Kath Behan**

11 am service Korean Worship service

At the moment Korean Worship is at 11am every Sunday.

The 8:30 am Sunday services have been split into odd and even weeks.

On the odd weeks a visiting speaker has offered to minister to us. On the even weeks we will be having a more laid-back service of hymns and choruses. Occasionally, a speaker has offered to take the service on an even Sunday. Communion will be offered on the first Sunday of the month, and possibly the 5th Sunday.

Thursdays:- Next Fellowship morning tea is 10 am on March 11th (2nd Thursday of the month). Location is Harvest Café in Kon Tiki Building

Saturdays:- Trumpet fanfare!!! Indoor Bowls begins again on first Saturday in March! Yea! At 1 p.m. Thankyou Wilf and Mavis Shroeder.

Our prayers:

- for Val Wellacot to be well again.
- for comfort for Karen over the loss of her brother
- for healing for Philip (Marie's son)
- for Jan Rossow's grandson, that his anxiety be lifted. Also pray for her granddaughter, Anna
- for Bev's granddaughter as she finds the new normal after Melbourne's lockdown, and also for her grandson Noah.

Jan R challenged us to set aside 5 minutes a day this fortnight to ask God "What is Your message to our church for our future?" and to write anything down, so we can share this week (the 28th).

Thankyou Phil Smith for delivering last week's special service, and encouraging us to wonder if staying in the boat is no longer an option. Do we/should we struggle on stubbornly until we sink? Is there a better way to navigate than how we are doing this at the moment?

For Jesus the sea is a symbol for danger and chaos and Jesus is "moving over the waters". This is a glimpse into God, and this story isn't about those in the boat. It is something much bigger than us, and it will keep on going. Mark says "He intended to pass them by". They were rowing and getting nowhere (are we? And do we need to look at things a different way?). 11 disciples didn't walk on water. only 1 experienced walking in God's glory, because he got out of the boat.

Our boat (James) was only meant to take us to where we are now. What life changing ministry is ahead of us (and James) when we land? Does it look like Jesus calling us to something new?

The 3 things we need are WORSHIP, COMMUNITY and MISSION. Here we find ourselves, landed right in the middle of the Maroochydore Community. Some questions to ask about our Mission are; is that you God, steering our boat? Is this where you want us? Do we need the whole church structure and representatives that we have had in the past? Do you want us to change?

We also have a personal boat we are traveling in. Is it time to get out of the boat and walk on water?