

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

Merciful God, as we travel through this Lenten journey towards the cross of Calvary, may we take the time to examine what it means to take up our cross and follow you. Amen

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

We believe it is important to come before God as a whole and pray His guidance for our future. So..... after morning tea has concluded, those who wish to (and anyone else) have decided to mooch on over to the church at 11:30 and agree in prayer over our next steps. We want to come together before God, without the pressure of having to actually pray, if we find that difficult. We all have our gifts, and some of us have the gift of agreeing in prayer, without feeling we can say prayers out loud ourselves.

The important thing is to come before God (together) with our requests.

Another suggestion has been that if we know we want to offer a prayer in the group, but don't feel confident, that we read out a prayer that we prepared earlier. Hopefully, we will then meet the next Thursday (18th) as well to pray, and see where we go from there. Baby steps.

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

Birthdays this week: Doug Jones 9th

There are still a few **jams and marmalades** on sale. Yum!



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acting with love
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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

7th March 2021

Good morning, welcome to worship at Maroochydore Uniting Church

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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>.

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

Wednesday afternoon

Bible Readings

Mar 7	Mar 14
Ex 20: 1-17	Nm 21: 4-9
Ps 19	Ps 107: 1-3, 17-21
1 Cor 1: 18-25	Eph 2: 1-10
Jn 2: 13-22	Jn 3: 14-21

Worship & Coming Events February

Sunday 7th March Lent 3
8:30 am service Holy Communion led by **Rev Kath Behan**
11 am service Korean Worship service

Sunday 14th March Lent 4
8:30 am service Hymns and Choruses
11 am service Korean Worship service

Our prayers:

- For Trish and her two sons. For their treatment and healing. One with myeloma, who is having stem cell treatment, and one with muscle weakness.
- For continued improvement and stability for Philip (Marie's son)
- for Jan Rossow's daughter-in-law, Anita, who had a hysterectomy on Tuesday.
- For Pam's brother, Ian and his recovery.
- For Mr Adsett's recovery from a stroke
- for Bev's granddaughter as she finds the new normal after Melbourne's lockdown, and also for her grandson Noah.

Good afternoon Maroochydore (+ Nat, Chris and Stuart),

There have been some good conversations about "where to next?" for the Church in Maroochydore, including some response to the sermons you've heard and perhaps to the milestone of James's 'closure' service.

This Sunday Rev. Kath Behan will bring the message, but there seems to be good support for an all-members meeting (instead of a worship service) on the 21st March. It would be good timing to achieve two key things, on the way to a discussion with Presbytery about how Maroochydore is progressing, mid-year.

There are questions emerging about how, when and the cost of calling another minister. There are also questions about repairs to your building. The former is three steps away. The latter is not the Mission Engagement Officer's

expertise, but I am confident it's in hand with the Presbytery and Synod property folk. (*I will do my best to bring you an update on that.*)

Natalie Roy and I are happy to come and work alongside you on the 21st as you handle the two matters:

1)The first is quite straight forward and without it, Maroochydore isn't able to move ahead as a local Uniting Church entity. The whole 'membership' needs to appoint a small leadership team. It's not a "church council". It is a recognised and authorised group who for **(I suggest) twelve months** continues in the basic leadership roles you are shouldering, and provides the voice of Maroochydore in discussions with Presbytery.

A chair, treasurer and secretary are the minimum, a fourth member would spread the load.

Your 'Faith Community' (as Maroochydore is now) is also welcome to a representative at Presbytery.

2)The second matter is work we can begin on the 21st, and something that must be clear to the whole church before any discussions about how to grow the church, when to call a new minister, what that costs... even your relationship with the Korean community. - Natalie and I would ask everyone a big double-barrelled question. **Why does Maroochydore (town) need a Uniting Church? Why do you (each individual) want to be a part of that?**

The question is not, "How/Why do I want this church's Sunday services to continue?" You'll cross those bridges once you have your answer to why your surrounding community needs you. Natalie and I are happy to then work with you in the months ahead. As with Uniting Churches from Nanango to Childers, you can assess what resources you have, your peoples' passions and the needs around you - to shape a new life of Worship, Community and Mission.

So, if you're open to this, let me know and we'll give Scott Guyatt the weekend at home in Brisbane .

On the 21st you'll need ballot papers and a simple minute to be recorded, appointing those leaders, to those roles, for a period. That decision would be sent to the Presbytery Secretary for Mary Burnett's records.

A white board would helpful if you have one, and I would suggest a note in the newsletter, letting members know and asking that they bring a pen and notepad.

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