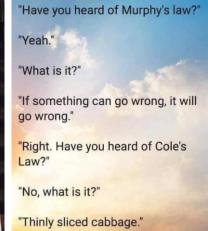


that dog looks exhausted

My friend Jack claims that he can communicate with vegetables.

Jack and the beans talk.







Big thankyou to Robert for getting our treelopping organised.



UnitinginChrist actingwithlove livingwithhope witnessinginfaith workingforjustice 11th December 2022 3rd Sunday in Advent

We seek to be a prayerful and listening church Please note the location of the Hearing Loop in the church

Leadership Team

Property: Theo Quick Korean M

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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

Lectionary Bible Readings

 December 11th
 December 18

 Is 35:1-10
 Isaiah 34:1,2,8-35:10;

 Ps 146:5-10 or Lk 1:46b-55
 Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19;

 Jas 5:7-10
 Romans 1:1-7;

 Mt 11:2-11
 Matthew 1:18-25;

 Revelation 6:1-17;

Sun 11th Dec 8:30am Rev Peter Hall

11 am Korean Service – Pastor Gil Park.

Tues, Wed, Thurs Mon, Wed Fri Korean Prayer meeting 6-7 am

Line dancing

Fridays Church working bee /cleaning 4:30 -6pm

Korean Youth Bible Study 6-9pm

Prayer Meeting

Sat 17th Dec-noon Indonesian Christian Community Christmas

celebration

Sun 18th Dec 8:30 am Rev Jan Rossow

Prayer points:

Laurie Kichler for healing Doug Jones has Covid Judith Judd has had a fall

The Indonesian Christian Community will have their Christmas celebration on Saturday 17th December at !2 noon. They wiould like to invite everyone to share in this with them. The service, beginning at 12 will include Communion, so will go for about an hour and a half, and after this there will be a genuine Indonesian lunch with 6 tables of authentic dishes. The service will be in Indonesian. Familiar hymns and Carols will be sung in both Indonesian and english at the same time. Any queries, please see Merry.

TodayL 11th December, after Church, we are having our annual **Christmas** market? Prices should be on all items. We hope you find what you are looking for.

Advent Reflection Week 2: Joseph

Have you ever had a really big decision to make, and you just wished that God would put a big sign in the sky telling you what to do? Perhaps you have had to make a decision, and just as you make up your mind something happens to send you off in a different direction. Poor Joseph had been torn apart. He was engaged to a wonderful young lady that he loved so much. He was looking forward to life together with her but received news that she was pregnant. She said it is a child from God, but that didn't make sense. Mary must have been with another man. Joseph thought long and hard, and finally decides to end the relationship, in a way that will keep Mary safe, because he really does love her.

But then Joseph was visited by an angel in a dream. The angel reassured him that what Mary told him was true, that this is a special child from God, and he should take Mary as his wife. Joseph woke up and did just that. When we read it now, it seems so easy. This amazing angel with wings turns up in the middle of a dream and tells Joseph what he must do, and he jumps up and does it. But stop and think for a minute. It's sometimes too easy for us to treat the Christmas story as a fairy tale with amazing things happening. It almost makes it like the story is set apart from us. Think about your dreams, I know that I have some strange dreams. My mind works over various things and sometimes deals with the issues I am thinking through during the day. So it would not be unusual that Joseph has a dream about this situation. Also, the Hebrew and the Greek words for angel also means just a messenger. When we think of angels we think of big winged beings. But the Bible never actually says that angels have wings. So we can't be sure what the angel looked like in the dream. Perhaps it was a big winged angel with a mighty sword giving Joseph instructions. Or maybe it was just a messenger from God, in the middle of a strange dream that talked to him. Joseph had to be brave to follow these instructions. He had to believe that what he heard was indeed a message from God. He had to trust that he was making the right choice for this situation. Joseph sometimes gets lost in the Biblical story. He is just sort of tagging along. But Joseph makes a brave decision to follow the message of God and to stick with Mary. In our lives we need to be open to listen to those messages from God, so that we can be sure of our path. As someone in ministry, I know that my call, felt when I was in year 12 at school, is so important. When I am not sure of what I am doing, or if I am the right person to be doing it, I remember back to that message which God gave me and remind myself this wasn't just my choice. It helps me to step forward.

I hope that you will remember the ways that God has talked to you. Write them down, keep a record so that they can give you confidence in the days and years ahead. God is talking with you, God is guiding you, he is just hoping that you will be listening. From this week's *Uniting News*