



that dog looks exhausted

My friend Jack claims that he can communicate with vegetables.

Jack and the beans talk.



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

11<sup>th</sup> December 2022  
3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Members:	Gil Park
Treasurer:	Bev Lacey		Winni Yun
Secretary:	Jan Strudwick	Korean Interpreter:	Chalice An
	Margaret Holmes		
	Rev Jan Rossow		

### 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](mailto:janstrudwickart@gmail.com) by Wednesday afternoon

"Have you heard of Murphy's law?"

"Yeah."

"What is it?"

"If something can go wrong, it will go wrong."

"Right. Have you heard of Cole's Law?"

"No, what is it?"

"Thinly sliced cabbage."

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THIS WAY...



**GADS**  
BUILDERS

IF CATS COULD  
TEXT YOU  
THEY  
WOUDN'T

Big thankyou to Robert for getting our treelopping organised.

## Lectionary Bible Readings

### **December 11<sup>th</sup>**

Is 35:1-10  
Ps 146:5-10 or Lk 1:46b-55  
Jas 5:7-10  
Mt 11:2-11

### **December 18**

Isaiah 34:1,2,8-35:10;  
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19;  
Romans 1:1-7;  
Matthew 1:18-25;  
Revelation 6:1-17;

### **Sun 11<sup>th</sup> Dec**

8:30am Rev Peter Hall  
11 am Korean Service – Pastor Gil Park.

### **Tues, Wed, Thurs**

Korean Prayer meeting 6-7 am

### **Mon, Wed Fri**

Line dancing

### **Fridays**

Church working bee /cleaning 4:30 -6pm  
Korean Youth Bible Study 6-9pm  
Prayer Meeting

### **Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Dec-noon**

celebration Indonesian Christian Community Christmas

### **Sun 18<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> December at 12 noon. They would 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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*