

Dad just asked if Egyptians who spoke both Greek and Coptic were called Helle-Copters and now I don't feel too well

Rocky waiting patiently at the gate, I haven't the heart to tell him there's no fencing up at the moment 😊



## The Maroochydore Herald



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

July 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Pentecost 5

*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
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Secretary:	Jan Strudwick		
	Margaret Holmes		Rev Jan Rossow

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

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Qld Synod Information - <https://ucaqld.com.au/>  
For links and information to Synod Resources and Activities.  
National Assembly News - <https://assembly.uca.org>.

**Items and notifications for inclusion in the Herald are gratefully received.**

Please send any notices for the 'Herald' to [janstrudwickart@gmail.com](mailto:janstrudwickart@gmail.com) by Wednesday afternoon

## Lectionary Bible Readings

<b>July 2 Pentecost 5</b> Gn 22:1-14 Ps 13 Rom 6:12-23 Mt 10:40-42	<b>July 9 Pentecost 6</b> Gn 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 Ps 45:10-17 or Song of Sol 2:8-13 Rom 7:15-25a Mt 11:16-19, 25-30
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**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July** 8.30 am Rev Jan Rossow (Holy Communion)

**2<sup>nd</sup> July to 9<sup>th</sup> July** NAIDOC Week (National Aboriginals and Islanders Day Observance Committee)

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July** Indoor bowls

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July** Rev Keith Turpin

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July** Fellowship morning tea at Em Jays 10 am

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July** 11 am. Indonesian Worship followed by fellowship lunch

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July** 8.30 am Rev Jan Rossow

From My Utmost for His Highest by Oswald Chambers June 26<sup>th</sup>

*“Having nothing....”* Never reserve anything. Pour out the best you have, and always be poor. Never be diplomatic about the treasure God gives. This is poverty triumphant.

Please stay and enjoy a cuppa with us after the service



## Ruth and Naomi: A Story of Survival, Friendship, and Hope in

### Women's Lives in Opinion 27/06/2023 By Reverend Janet Staines

The book of Ruth is a woman's story. It holds the many tensions that are familiar to women's stories: barrenness and fruitfulness, old age and youth, isolation and community, tradition and creativity, with the movement from emptiness to fullness. It is a story of a relationship between two women within whom resides the means of hope for themselves and the preservation of a family. And the centre point of the whole story is between chapters two and three, where Boaz is recognised as a hopeful solution to the women's problem.

Women's stories often include surviving wars, grief, hardship, epidemics, migration, rebuilding, and technological, economic, political and social change. And yet many women are reticent to tell their stories. *Who would want to hear my story?* The cultural modesty and humility expected of women deny them the opportunity to celebrate their achievements that often come about through their relationships.

Ruth and Naomi's story is one of friendship and intimacy intertwined with struggle and loss. They find agency in and through their relationship and create a space for honest, authentic relating. They are united by their desperation to endure and to find a way through. While the writer interprets and justifies their desperation as the means through which Israelite and a foreign culture meet and create blessings for future generations, their story is simply a story of survival.

An erosive sense of scarcity can create a dark side of competition in relationships. Intimacy and vulnerability can be used as a weapon, and we enviously see another's gain as our loss. But in their survival, Naomi and Ruth learn to rejoice in each other's joys, they develop a deep trust in knowing it is safe to be vulnerable, they grow a healthy balance of reciprocity, and they inspire a regenerative, collaborative and creative relationship. These are the cornerstones of covenant relating.