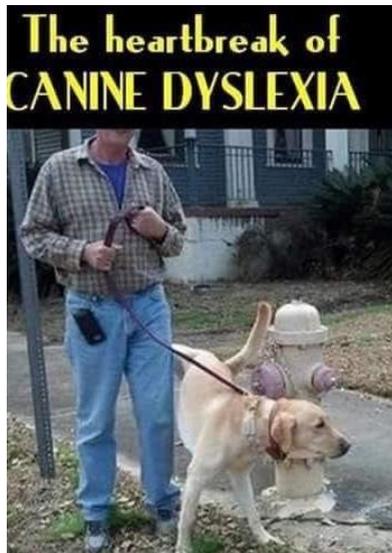


10. Rachel has 16 chocolate bars.  
Tracey takes 4 from her and asks for  
the remaining quarter.  
What would she end up with?

A slap



Raisin the quality of puns



The key is under the mat. 😊



- Limbo dancers are underachievers.
- Pollution is cirrhosis of the river
- He who hesitates has lost the parking spot
- My husband sleeps under the bed. I think he is a little potty



# The Maroochydore Herald

## Maroochydore Uniting Church



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

**Pentecost 26**  
26<sup>th</sup> November



*We seek to be a prayerful and listening church*

### Leadership Team

Chairperson: Jan Rossow  
Treasurer: Bev Lacey

Property matters: Theo Quick  
Secretary: Jan Strudwick  
Margaret Holmes

**Covid Warden:** Bev Lacey 54455279

**Keeper of the Keys:** Margaret Holmes (Office Hours Only) 54434952

### Worship Services

English Language Sundays, 8.30am

Korean Language Sundays, 11am

**Korean Leader:** Ps. Gil Park

M: 0413 836 557



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

## Bible Readings

### **Reign of Christ Nov 26**

Ez 34:11-16, 20-24 & Ps 100  
Ez 34:11-16, 20-24 & Ps 95:1-7a  
Ephesians 1:15-23  
Matthew 25:31-46

### **First Sunday of Advent - Dec 3,**

Isaiah 64:1-9  
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19  
1 Corinthians 1:3-9  
Mark 13:24-37

**Sunday Nov 26** – 8:30 am James McKenna

**Sunday Dec 3** - 8:30 am Rev Jan Rossow (Communion)

**Sunday Dec 24** - 8:30 am Rev 1 James Stevenson

**Christmas Day** - 8 am\* Rev James Stevenson  
repeat: this service is at 8am

## **Christmas Appeal**

Our Christmas Appeal this year is supporting Uniting Care and the work they are doing in our local area. If you are able to give to this appeal please place your donation in an envelope marked Uniting Care and place it in the offering plate. The appeal will be for the next two Sundays. Thanks

Date Claimer-**30<sup>th</sup> November** -Christmas Lunch at the Waterfront Hotel ...from 11:30 am  
Please let Jan Strudwick know if you intend to come

**Cheating?** 2 Corinthians 7:2 *“Defraud no man”.*

A note to the Australian Tax Office read:  
*Gentlemen, enclosed you will find a cheque for \$150. I cheated on my tax return last year, and have not been able to sleep ever since.  
If I still have trouble sleeping, I will send you the rest.  
Sincerely \_\_\_\_\_*

## **Reflection - What is in your Hand?**

Have you ever been tapped on the shoulder and found yourself with no choice other than saying YES, even though kicking and screaming, your reluctance raised more questions than answers - particularly around your inadequacies for the job?

In the book of Exodus, Moses is being called by God for a tough assignment that requires him to go back into a hostile and life-threatening environment to the very place that he has fled for the last 40 years. God gives him assurance of His faithfulness and that he will not be abandoned by giving him 3 signs. The first sign was that God instructed Moses to throw down the walking stick that was in his hand. And when he did that, the stick turned into a snake, and Moses jumped back. Then God invited him to pick the stick up by the tail. And when Moses did this, the snake turned back into a walking stick.

When I reflect on this sign, I wonder - what is in our hands that God is inviting us to throw down? This stick was not just a walking stick, it represented all that was precious to Moses. It was a tool of his trade as a Shepherd, it was his livelihood, it was everything that was familiar to him; a safe place as a refugee in a foreign country, his security, the life he had built for himself, the family business. After all... he had responsibilities.

God was inviting him to throw it all down and put his trust in him as the God who is “I AM” - before all things and beyond all things. I am also wondering - what is God inviting us to pick up? It might be as risky or have as much bite as a snake. It might be counter-logical or defy everything that we have known but be the very calling that God has on our life for the next season.

Jesus says, unless you are prepared to come with the faith and acceptance of a child, you will not experience what it means to be part of my kingdom, you will not get to share in all that I have planned for you. The very thing that we hold onto firmly, may be the thing that will get in our way or continue to be a distraction. The very thing we are afraid to pick up, may be the thing that God is offering us, and asking of us- the thing we need for what God has planned for us, for life in all its fullness.

So what is in our hands? And what is God asking us to take hold of? Let us listen for God’s guidance and act upon his invitation and his instruction with faith and hope. **Rev Bruce Moore - Moderator**