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Isaiah 43:19

“See, I am doing a new thing!
Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?
I am making a way in the wilderness
and streams in the wasteland.”

The Living God is stirring in this place. This past week I have perceived a great sense of anticipation and excitement springing up. God is doing a new thing here in Elanora and it is good.

At my Induction Service on Thursday night and in the 9am worship service we will be focussing on Luke 4:14-21. In this passage Jesus presents his inaugural address to the people of Nazareth. This Sunday I will present my inaugural message to the people of Elanora. Jesus shares Scripture from Isaiah which speaks of the Messiah’s ministry of preaching and healing to meet every human need. As sons and daughters of God, this passage brings great comfort and reassurance while at the same time as followers of Christ, offers a great challenge.

As we perceive God doing a new thing here, what is the Spirit saying to you? What is your hope and vision for our wider community and for our congregation this year?

I would love to hear what is stirring in your heart and mind. Please come and talk with me either in the office, over coffee or a meal. Let us journey together to discern what new thing God is doing.

Rev Catherine Solomon

BIBLE STUDY: The combined bible study group with members from Elanora, Tallebudgera, and Twin Towns is held at the Roach home 1:30 every Monday restarting 4 February. At present we are studying Acts.

If you are interested in this or the group that meets at David and Carol Bell's home on Monday evenings - or if you want a group at another time and place - please speak to Carol Bell or Rhonda Coleman.

COOINDA has reopened & is looking for volunteers – Tuesday & Wednesday, 10a^m – 1^{pm}. Drop in some time for a coffee and a browse – you might be interested in helping out there. Enquiries - Pamela Slatyer 0437 834 647

BLAIR ATHOL is the name of the Uniting Church crisis accommodation at Bilinga. Our church supports this outreach by collecting non-perishable food for use there and at other accommodation sites. Please help by leaving suitable items in the baskets at the back of the church.

OFFERING INFORMATION:

If you would like to join the growing number of members who are now making their offering by direct credit to the church bank account, the banking details are as follows:

Bank	St George
Account Name	UCA Southern Gold Coast
BSB	334 040
Account Number	553861206

If you do not use internet banking then you will need to go to your bank to arrange for the transfer to be set up. However, some banks treat this as a "teller assisted transaction" and will charge for the transfers.

Using Direct Credit enables you to keep up to date with your offering when away for a period of time.

Enquiries - Mervyn Head

REMINDERS:

8 February: "The Odd Couple", 7:30^{pm}

11 February: Church Council, 6:00^{pm}

13 February: Cooina Place AGM 1:15^{pm}
All welcome



PAPUA PIGGY MONEY BOXES

This outreach project is a simple way of supporting two wonderful Uniting World projects in Papua New Guinea and West Papua - the Clean Water Project and West Papua Women's Empowerment Sentani Island. The money boxes are for your small change each week, and every 6 months (May and November) they are collected and new ones issued. Moneys are divided 50/50 to the projects.

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