

In last week's Communicator, I explained that various people from our congregation will be invited to share how Jesus has called them and/or reveals God's goodness to them.

Did you know that Janine Kinnear prepares this announcement sheet each week?

Let's hear something of her journey with God. Rev Catherine

It's not what you know, it's who you know.....

I have been hanging around churches, on and off, for most of my life. Throughout primary and secondary school, I was a very regular attender at our local Anglican church. In fact, I remember receiving a prize for attendance at Sunday School, and I even taught a little class when I was about 13. At secondary school, I attended SCM (Student Christian Movement) meetings, and also went to Methodist camps at Southport. After school, I continued to attend church – trying out a couple of denominations. I was gaining a bit of knowledge about Christianity, but the penny hadn't really dropped. I didn't know Jesus.

In 1991, I met Damien and, as they say – life begins at 40! 2003 turned out to be a big year for us. Damien was a pilgrim on the Walk to Emmaus mid-year, while I was travelling overseas. When I returned, it was full steam ahead to get married. I went to Emmaus in November, and we married here at Elanora in December. Looking back now, that year was a turning point for me. The penny was starting to drop.

Since then, God has put various experiences and people in my life that have together shown me that the most important thing I can do is to grow closer to Jesus – to know him. One outstanding experience was when we attended Holy Trinity Brompton in 2016, and in 2017 returned to England and went to the Focus week where, surrounded by ~7000 Christians I felt so palpably the presence of the Holy Spirit. It was a touch of heaven. Locally, I have been blessed by belonging to this church and being pastored by several ministers – each of whom has contributed to my growth in different ways. I am also blessed to have a husband with whom I can start my day with Bible reading and prayer. The Janine of today is quite a different person from the Janine of earlier days!

As I look in the rear vision mirror, I can see the path God laid out for me and how I have come to where I am now. I will continue to endeavour not only to talk the talk but also to walk the walk, growing closer to Jesus as I go.

Together in Christ's service, Janine Kinnear



News from Church Council February Meeting

Great first meeting of the year
with our new minister
Rev Catherine Solomon.

- A mission statement and consignment document has been finalised and approved by Council for our outreach of Cooinda.
- Congregation AGM after worship on Sunday 24th March. Reports in by February 28.
- Fun Activity Day approved for 15th June. Coordinator Dianne Malimonenko. (More information next week)
- Qld Synod in Session to be held 17th -20th May at Alexandra Headlands Conference Centre. Our representatives are Michele Lake and Rev Catherine Solomon.
- Minister's Report – Catherine thanked the council and congregation for their kind welcome and support for her and Andrew thus far. She will take Friday as her day off and review this after Easter; a week's holiday approved for 29th April to 6th May; approval was given for Catherine to lead a small team of people to develop an intentional welcoming ministry for worship (a proposal to be presented at the July Council meeting).
- Treasurer's Report – Mervyn presented an excellent update. The net result for the year ending 31st December 2018 was a surplus of \$3255.18 compared to a budgeted surplus of \$4949; offering income for both Elanora and Currumbin Valley congregations totalled \$121,176.90 - an average of \$2330 per week.
- Next meeting Tuesday 12th March, 2019.



Music Team
Meeting
28th February

At Elanora Uniting Church, we seek for worship to be at the heart of all we do.



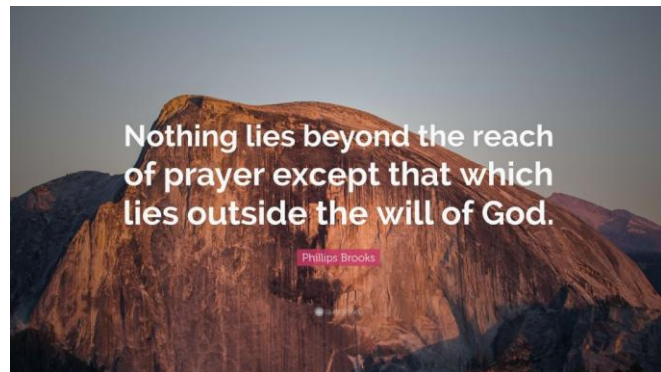
If you are a gifted musician or singer, or have skills in data or sound operation, please come along to our first Music Team Meeting on Thursday, 28th February at 7^{pm} in the church. We will hear about our purpose as a team, where we are heading, and how you can be a part of this team.

See Jo Rogers for more details:

Ph 0429 047 303 or email rogersjm@outlook.com

Looking forward to seeing you!

Prayer
Chain



The Prayer chain is an email way of being able to join one another in prayer to our Beloved Heavenly Father through the blessed name of Jesus. Our prayers are for anyone in need whether they be ill, in hospital or at home, undergoing treatment for any reason, having been involved in an accident, in distress for any reason, perhaps grieving or many other situations, and indeed in praise to God for prayers answered

Some years ago now God led Lorraine to begin the prayer chain and there are now in excess of 40 friends who regularly receive the emails and join others in prayer.

To become a Friend on the Prayer chain, speak to Lorraine or email her at lorrymac38@gmail.com. You will be very welcome to join this vital ministry of our church life.

Our Contact Book & Our Database

The names and contact details of people included in our Contact Book come from our database. On the Data Capture form, people give permission for their details to be available only to members of our congregation. Therefore, only people whose names are included in the database may avail themselves of a copy. So, please do not give copies of this book to anyone else.

Our Gate

Office staff will lock our side gate and the toilets when they close the office at 12 noon, unless circumstances do not permit this.



World Day of Prayer 1st March

World Day of Prayer for 2019 has been prepared by the Women of Slovenia.

The service for the Southern Gold Coast will be held at the Living Temple Church Tugun 24 Toolona Street, at 9.30^{am} on Friday 1st March.

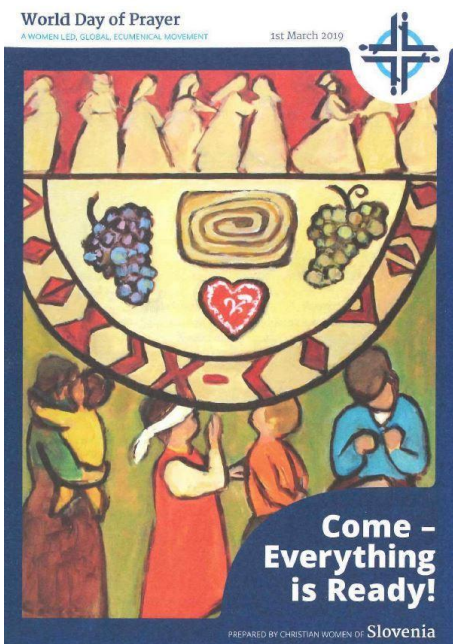
‘Come-Everything Is Ready’.

The service will be led by Pastor Jess Quack.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Morning Tea will be served.

Information supplied by: Mary Flynn
Committee member World Day of Prayer
Southern Gold Coast.



Lenten Study
“Agents of Grace”

Sign-up sheets will be at church on
Sunday, or contact
Carol Bell or Rhonda Coleman.

Groups start in the week beginning 10th March.

Costs will be kept to a minimum.

Groups are as follows:

MONDAY 1.30 p.m. @ Robyn & Steve Roach’s House,
(1/28 Murlong Crescent, Palm Beach);

MONDAY 6.45 p.m. @ Rob Boyd’s House
(8 Cannon Drive, Currumbin Waters);

TUESDAY 7 p.m. @ Damien Kinnear’s House
(88 Third Avenue, Palm Beach);

WEDNESDAY 9:30 am @ Mary Flynn's House
(6 Jutland Place, Currumbin);

THURSDAY 10 a.m. @ Church led by Lorraine McRae;

SUNDAY 5 p.m. @ Church in Robinson Hall led by Rhonda
Coleman

Congregational Annual
Meeting Sunday 24th March

Annual reports for all groups including financial statements
need to be received by 28th February. Detailed information
will be emailed to those responsible for writing reports.

Nominations for congregation chair and secretary need to
be in the office 2 weeks before the meeting - nomination
forms will be available next Sunday.

Missed a Sermon?



Every week our sermons are recorded, so you are able to order a CD copy from the office. If you'd like a CD – either every week or occasionally - please let Glenda Smart or one of the admin team know by Monday morning. There is no cost involved.

Called to...

February 3 – Called to Love (1 Cor 13:1-13)
February 10 – Called to Obey (Luke 5:1-11)
THIS WEEK – Called to Joy. What does it mean to 'leap for joy'? (Luke 6:23).

This week's reading:
Luke 6:17-26



The Gold Coast Emmaus Community is looking for pilgrims to attend their Walks in May. Numerous members of this church have taken part in Walks, both as pilgrims and as team members. If you have been on a Walk and would be prepared to talk about it to anyone who might be interested in attending, could you please let me know? It would not automatically mean a commitment to sponsoring. As Theo Galjaardt, the new Community Lay Director, pointed out at the February Gathering, pilgrims can be sponsored by a couple or small group. Email to: janine.storr@optusnet.com.au please.

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