

## Sermon Series Update from the Minister

In this segment, I want to pause from meeting and hearing about God encounters from our church council members and touch base on our grace series.

Our small groups and sermon series on being “Agents of Grace” is now well underway. I pray that this time has provided opportunity to listen to the Spirit of God where you are discovering how amazing this gift of grace is for all humanity. A gift for you.

**Week 1: Grace Filled World** – “The Word of God became flesh in Jesus Christ to dwell among us” John 1

**Week 2: Grace Embodied** – Jesus Christ embodies grace as followers of Christ we embody grace.

**Week 3: Grace and Forgiveness** – This Sunday we will be looking at the concept of forgiveness. What does this word really mean? A very simple understanding – Forgiveness is finding peace with past hurts.

Our sign  
this week  
reads:



As Christians we are all called to forgive one another. We can say that everything is forgivable, but what exceptions do we make? In Matthew 18, Jesus shared a story highlighting the gift of abundant forgiveness from God to humanity and our response to that forgiveness for others. It’s a sobering call on our lives as we embody grace. We have a mandate to forgive one another.

This Sunday I invite our church community to come to worship with an open heart to hear what the Spirit of God is saying to all of us. Let us learn what forgiveness is and ask:

**Where is forgiveness needed in our lives, in our church?**

**Whom do I need to forgive?**

**Christ’s grace is with you!**

In the multitude of my thoughts within me thy comforts delight my soul.  
Psalms 94:19 KJV

## LENTEN STUDY GROUPS

How is your Lenten Study group going? Here's a happy snap from the Tuesday night group.

It's not too late to join one – contact Rhonda Coleman if interested, on 0478 630 826.

Please send a photo of your group.



## FAMILY FUN DAY News

Dianne Malimonenko coordinated our first planning meeting for this year's Family Fun Day last Monday. Organisational aspects of the day and activities to be included were discussed. In the coming weeks, we will bring to you some suggestions as to how you might be involved in the lead-up to the event.

Next meeting: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April at 9 am, in the Meeting Room. Please come along if you would like to be involved in planning.

**FAMILY FUN DAY – Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June**  
11 am – 3 pm



**EMMAUS UPDATE:** Registrations for the Walks in May are going well, with the men's Walk about half full and the women's three-quarters full.

The Gold Coast House of Prayer team has organised particular locations across the city to pray on March 30<sup>th</sup>. This is an opportunity to break down divisions between the east and west of the M1. Elanora Uniting will be hosting this prayer session on March 30 9:30am for churches on both sides of the M1 in our area, where we can pray together and share in communion.

Enquiries to Rev Catherine



## 40 ITEMS FOR 40 DAYS CHALLENGE

Setting aside 40 items is the goal, but don't worry if you can't find that many things. Uniting Care has suggested some things that would be useful for them at Blair Athol or their Independent Living Units for Teenagers with Complex Needs. If you have any of these items, you could put the smaller items in your bag and set aside any larger items at home.



**Please keep ALL ITEMS at HOME until Easter.**

Suggested items for Blair Athol	Items for Teenagers
<p style="text-align: center;">Cups/mugs Glasses Cutlery Towels Books/magazines Toiletry items Toys for children Pencils/pens/crayons</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Lego Football table Air hockey table Basketball hoop Basketballs/footballs Swings Totem tennis Ping pong table Boogie boards Surfboards Art/craft items Board games</p>



PLEASE NOTE: the change of venue for the EASTER UNITED Event – 21<sup>st</sup> April. 5pm at BROADWATER PARKLANDS at Southport NOT HOTA. The parklands venue is larger (capacity of 12 000) and does not require pre-ticketing or security.

## For YOUR NOTES from SUNDAY'S SERMON


Matthew 18:  
21-35



Our CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held after worship this Sunday. If you do not have a copy of the Annual Report, you can collect one from the office or at church on Sunday. Everyone is welcome to stay for Pastoral Care's Pot Luck Luncheon.

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