

John Mavor – Chair of Elanora Congregation

Regretfully, I will not be at Elanora on 19th May. But I have a good excuse. I have been invited back to Imbil (near Gympie) to help celebrate the centenary of their church. I went there as a young minister 65 years ago!

Born in Brisbane, I grew up in Beaudesert when my teacher father was transferred there. As there was no High School in Beaudesert, I went to board with my grandparents in Brisbane and attended Brisbane State High School. In my first year there (1948) I made a commitment to Jesus Christ. I felt the call to overseas mission and trained as a teacher and minister to fulfil that call. Rae Reese from Manly was also a teacher in Beaudesert. We married in May 1958 and have two adult children, Miriam who lives in England and John Harry who is in Coffs Harbour.

The great passions of my life have been mission, evangelism, and Christian Education. Whilst I love parish ministry, I spent forty years heading up Church Departments. Rae and I spent six years in Papua New Guinea and three in Fiji. It was a great honour to be Moderator of the Queensland Synod in 1988-89 and President of the Assembly from 1997 to 2000.

We retired to live on the Gold Coast and when we moved to St Andrews Lutheran Aged Care in Tallebudgera we came to worship at Elanora.

Rae and I were married for over 60 years, but sadly she died of leukaemia in December 2018.

I love
Jesus,
the Uniting Church
and people.



FAMILY FUN DAY – 15th June



Volunteers at the Family Fun Day need to stand out, so we are asking you to wear a

Red Shirt

if you can. You will also be given a special name badge so that you are easy to find – you won't actually have to wear "Ask me!"

Any red shirt will do.



MEN'S BREAKFAST

Men from our church joined others from Tallebudgera and Twin Towns Uniting Churches for a combined breakfast on 11th May at Tallebudgera Surf Club.

CONGRATULATIONS

Cath Gould blitzed the field to come first in her division (70-79) of the 4km walk at the Mother's Day Classic, in a time of 35:35. Well done, Cath.



CHAPLAINCY SUNDAY provides the church with an opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate the vital ministry of chaplaincy. On Sunday 26th May, Chappy Dougie Milton will speak to us about his work at Elanora State School. Doug will also be coming to our Family Fun Day where he will be busking.

WHAT IS FAIRTRADE?



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Baptist World Aid has produced the 2019 Ethical Fashion Guide, which grades more than 400 brands on the strength of their systems to reduce the risks of slavery, child labour, exploitation, and environmental degradation in their supply chains.

If you are interested in the **Ethical Fashion Guide**, follow the link: <https://baptistworldaid.org.au/resources/2019-ethical-fashion-guide/>

There is also an app – **the End Poverty mobile app** – that you could take with you when you shop. Available on The App Store and Google Play.

PRAY and PARTICIPATE



25 May: Been Around Before: 1:30pm
26 May: Chaplaincy Sunday: 9:00am
6 June: Chaplaincy Dinner: 6:00pm
1 June: Church Council Retreat: all day
15 June: Family Fun Day: 11am-3pm



**Preacher this
Sunday**

**Kingsley
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9:00am

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