

## Week 2: Pastoral Care



## It's STOCKTAKE TIME!

We are into Week 2 of our stocktake and I hope you've had the opportunity to take stock of the three main questions asked during worship last Sunday.

*Why am I here at church?*

*How passionate and sincere am I about being here?*

*How am I building up the church?*

*This week we are doing a stocktake of Pastoral Care. What does this mean and what are the expressions of this ministry?*

*You might first think of a counselling session or something that the minister does, or maybe it's a term you are unfamiliar with.*

*A simple definition: Pastoral Care is a practical expression of care and nurture to those who are in need.*

*However, I believe as Christian there is more. Pastoral Care is the love that the body of Christ shows to one another. It may be formal (as in pastoral counselling, or visits by the minister/pastoral team/elders) or informal (through friendships, over a meal or bumping into someone at the shops). At its heart, Pastoral Care is always modelled on the life of Jesus Christ, and the love he showed to both friends and strangers. As such, Pastoral Care is not just for the good of the Church, but for the whole world.*

*Elanora Uniting Church has many ways we pastorally care for people within our Christian community and those who feel on the edges. This Sunday we will consider how we celebrate Christ's grace, compassion and care through the life of our church. I will be preaching on how we can do Pastoral Care better as we develop a culture of trust with a spirit of generosity.*

*Our slogan 'we are a caring community with Christ' is lived out in how we pastorally care for one another. As followers of Christ we all have a role to play in this ministry.*

*Rev Catherine Solomon*

If you weren't at church last Sunday to receive a copy of the WORSHIP SERVING AREAS CHECKLIST and the small folder, you can pick both up this Sunday or from the office. You will receive another checklist this Sunday for PASTORAL CARE. Take the time to fill out the sheet each week and keep them all in your folder. Remember to bring your folder to church on SUNDAY 18<sup>th</sup> AUGUST for our STOCKTAKE RECONCILIATION.

*I come from country New South Wales and early days my mother with her 5 children would drive our horse and sulky through farm paddocks to her aunt's home where all the families from neighbouring farms would meet once a month for a Presbyterian service. One of my brothers and I did home correspondence Sunday school supervised by an elder sister. Narrabri Presbyterian Church was where I was baptised confirmed and married.*

*At seventeen I left home & went to Sydney to train as a nurse. I attended Macquarie St. now Uniting and gained strength & support from God's word and the beautiful music to help me through my work and studies.*

*In 1977 Peter & I moved from Walgett, western NSW with our 4 children to the Gold Coast first to Palm Beach and then Currumbin.*

*Coming to Elanora Uniting has been a wonderful blessing for me and I have been pleased to serve in various positions and to be part of the little group that goes to Galleon Gardens and Pineshaven, I also treasure the times with Tom on Thursday am - prayer group. Through Adult Fellowship I have been privileged to lead a small group of dedicated workers and we have been able to financially support School Chaplains and other ministries.*

*Sometimes my faith has been fragile but God is a faithful God and has blessed me with a Christian inheritance and friends who have helped me through these times.*

*I keep this verse with me: "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God."*

*Ephesians 2:8 NIV*



Mary Flynn



## Men's Breakfast

Men from six different local Christian churches attended the recent Men's breakfast. Keep Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September free for the next one!



## CONTACT DETAILS

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Here's some space for your notes.....

**ARTICO ENSEMBLE at  
Elanora Uniting Church  
Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July - 2:00pm**



Paul Kopetz  
Bass Clarinet

Judit Monar  
Soprano

Rianne Wilshut  
Clarinet

## “Think of Me”

A wonderful afternoon concert of beautiful Chamber Music, followed by a delicious High Tea – all for \$25. Funds raised will be given to the Flying Padre based in Cloncurry, Qld.

Items include works from F. Schubert, F. Mendelssohn, L. Spohr, M. Arnold, and J. Horowitz plus Hits from Stage and Screen, all performed by members of Artico Ensemble.

Tickets will be available at the door, but bookings are appreciated:  
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