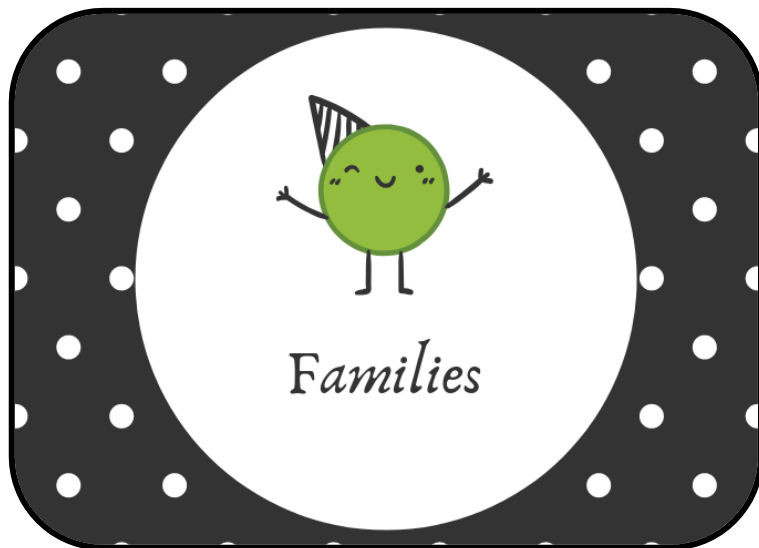


**Last Sunday our Stocktake focus was *Pastoral Care*.**

**I highlighted the importance of being a church of generosity and hospitality (based on the Good Samaritan Parable) and for us to build each other up (Romans 15:2) by not Gossiping and upholding Confidentiality.**



**I asked everyone to ask the following questions about their conversations with each other:**

- Are you speaking without the permission from the other person? Because it is their information to tell not ours.**
- Is what you're saying rumours or untruths? Have you heard it from the person themselves?**
- Are you sharing out of your own fears or insecurities? Why are you talking about this person or sharing information about this person?**
- Are you tearing another person down by what you're saying?**
- Is this causing division?**
- Are you creating distrust within the church?**

**If you answer 'yes' to any of these questions then STOP. Or if you hear others talking like this then interrupt the conversation and say something similar to any of the following:**

**“This person is not here so we need to stop this conversation now.”**

**“I don't think this conversation is helpful - let's change topic.”**

**“Remember what Catherine said, I think this is gossip; we need to stop this conversation.”**

**Thank you for those who are already changing patterns of conversations. It's making a huge impact towards building a stronger, more trusting and loving community.**

**Pastoral Care is at the heart of the witness of being  
a caring community with Christ.**

**This week our stocktake focus is *Families*. Currently our Elanora Congregation doesn't have a lot to offer for young families or youth. The Church Council has some very exciting news to share with you on Sunday about the possibility of growing our Family Ministry in an intentional and practical way.**

**So keep collecting your stocktake cards and checking where you are at personally, ready for August 18 – Stocktake Reconciliation Sunday.**

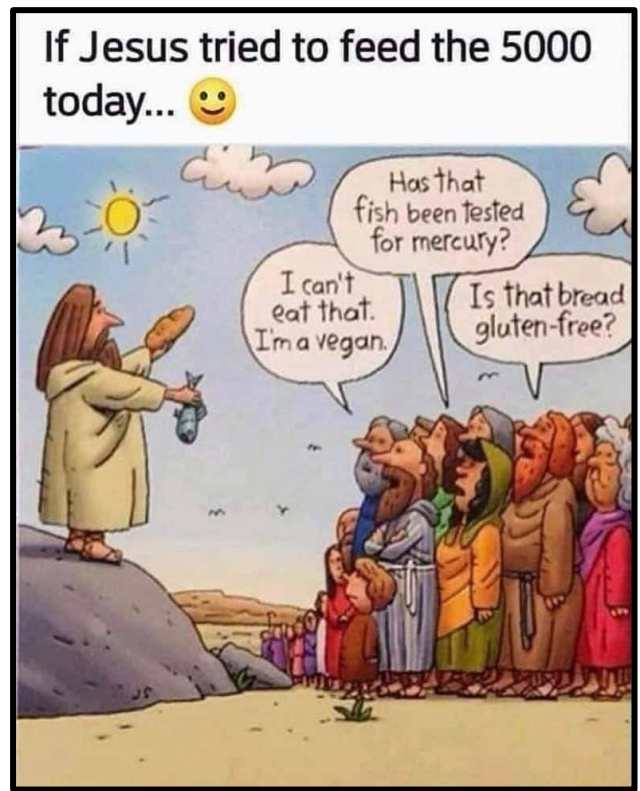
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<p><b>UNITE – a Young Adult Retreat for people 17-30 years. A great opportunity to engage, share fellowship &amp; grow in discipleship with other young adults in the UCA. Cost: \$190, includes cost of event, all meals, and accommodation. August 2-4 at Alexandra Headlands.</b></p>	<p><b>KIDS CAMP OUT – KCO - an overnight camp for kids 7-12 years. Parents are also invited to attend – join in the fun or sit and relax with other parents. Organised by South Moreton Presbytery. Beth Nicholls has more information: 0407 170 573 August 24-25</b></p>
<p><b>29<sup>th</sup> DISCOVERIES CAMP – 2020 for children completing years 3-6 in 2019. Pre-register by 27 September. Beth Nicholls has more information: 0407 170 573 <a href="mailto:mission@southmoreton.org.au">mission@southmoreton.org.au</a> January 12-16 at Bornhoffen PCYC Natural Bridge.</b></p>	<p><b>LEADERSHIP in a SECULAR AGE For pastors, leaders, or volunteers involved with youth/young adults. Dr Andrew Root -scholar/author \$49 per day or \$90 for both days. Friday 16<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August at St Stephen's Anglican Church, Coorparoo, Brisbane.</b></p>

**Contact Rev Catherine if you would like more information.**

**\*\*\* Kate Mahon \*\*\***

I have been very fortunate to have been attending Elanora Uniting Church since I was a baby. I first started learning about God through Bible stories at Sunday School. My favourite would be where Jesus fed the crowd of people from the loaves and the fish that were brought by a boy. I find it amazing that he could provide so much.

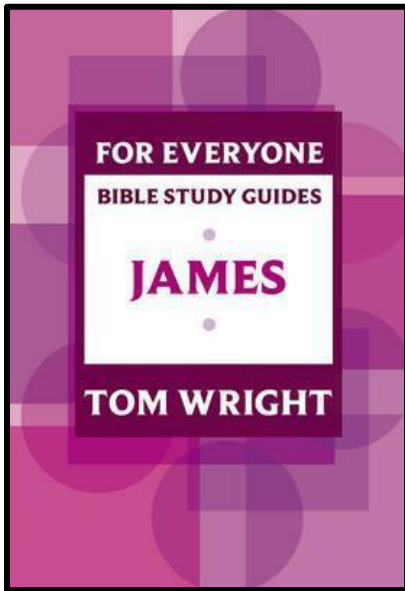


One of the ways I have been able to learn more about God is through music. I still enjoy listening to Colin Buchanan at times. One of his songs is called "You can tell the Lord that you love Him" and I like the lines "Thank him for his love and care, shoot him up an arrow prayer, you can tell the Lord that you love him anytime". I know that I should pray more often but I know that He is always listening to my heart.



I have been blessed to have great friends at school and some attend a youth group with me. The most positive message that I got there is that God is always with me and I am never alone. I am trying to grow closer to God with my understanding.

I enjoy being able to attend church each week so I can worship God. I really enjoy the music staying in church allows me to hear Catherine's sermons which are helping me to learn more about Jesus and all that he has done and will keep doing in my life.



Are you interested in a study on the book of James? Rhonda Coleman and Steve Roach are leading this study, and everyone is welcome. Please let Rhonda know today so that study books can be ordered. 0478 630 826.

The group will meet at Steve and Robyn's home:  
1/28 Murlong Crescent, Palm Beach  
Starting Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July  
1:30pm

**LOST PROPERTY** is mounting up in the office! Are any of these things yours?



Currumbin Valley service this afternoon at 4:00pm  
Church Council meeting Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 7:00pm  
ARTICO Concert Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2pm – 5598 8733

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