

**Prayer group.** Everyone is invited to join this group each Thursday morning at 8.30 am in the church to have a short devotional, to pray and to share communion. See Tom Boyd or Kingsley Neale for more information.

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### Diary Dates



August 18 Currumbin Valley church and pot luck dinner 4 pm  
August 21 Leisuretime 8.30—12 noon  
August 28 Leisuretime 8.30—12 noon  
August 25 Fijian Congregation meet in the church 3 pm—6 pm  
August 29 Card Group 9 am—3 pm in Robinson hall  
August 31 Fashion parade—St Cuthbert's Tweed Heads  
Sept 2 Adult Fellowship meeting 9.30 am Fellowship hall  
Sept 5 & 19 Card group 9 am—3 pm in Robinson hall  
Sept 8 & 29 Fijian Congregation 3 pm—6 pm  
Sept 14 Spring Fair and Flower Show

# Elanora Uniting Church

## Newsletter

18th August 2019

“It’s Stocktake Time” Sermon Series – Week 7

### RECONCILIATION SUNDAY

This Sunday is ‘Reconciliation Sunday’ our finale to our series “It’s Stocktake Time”. In accounting, reconciliation is the process of ensuring that two sets of records (usually the balances of two accounts) are in agreement. In spiritual and practical terms we at Elanora will be ensuring that the two entities of God and Church (that is us) are in agreement and balanced. In recent weeks we have reflected how we are currently engaging with God’s mission through our 6 ministry teams. Week 1 Worship Week 2 Pastoral Care Week 3 Families Week 4 Discipleship Week 5 Outreach Week 6 Finance, Administration and Property It’s now time to reconcile (put in balance) all that we do with God’s mission. Preparing for ‘what is yet to be.’ I encourage you to please spend time discerning the following: • Join a Prayer Cheer Squad – commit to pray for ONE of our ministry teams as listed above. This is a critical aspect of serving in the life of the church as Arthur Hopkins said, “Our prayer and God’s mercy are like two buckets in a well; while one ascends, the other descends.”

- **Join a Ministry Team** – These are people who are passionate about moving forward and have skills in any of the following - planning, organising, strategizing, visioning, encouraging, networking, communicating etc. If after one particular Sunday of the stocktake series you found yourself ticking many boxes of current involvement or future interest, then I ask that you carefully consider joining that ministry team.
- **Commit 1 or 2 Areas of Serving.** Please refer to the personal stocktake cards to commit to one or two areas to serve. Some of us might be involved in a number of ways, however, this is placing 1 or 2 areas as a priority.

- **Withdraw from a Role** – do you hear the Holy Spirit prompting you to step down or reduce time spent? There should be NO guilt in making this decision, as there are seasons for everything. If you have been in a role longer than 5 years I ask you to prayerfully ask ‘is God calling me to move on into serving in a different way or in a different context?’
- **Baptism** – Have you been baptised? Have you committed yourself wholeheartedly to following Christ? In baptism we are claimed by God and we officially become part of God’s family. Through Baptism the Holy Spirit equips us to grow God’s kingdom. All that we have been talking about starts with Baptism and our faith in God. If you want more information about any role or ministry please contact the Ministry Team Council Rep or the Minister! So brothers and sisters in Christ, you will have the opportunity to respond this Sunday and in coming Sunday’s, how you will participate in the life of the church to grow God’s kingdom. This is about serving in any way that your gifts, skills, interests, time, energies and capacities allow you to serve into the future. The best is yet to come and this is your invitation to be part of renewing and strengthening our Caring Community with Christ.

Rev. Catherine

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### **RESPONDING TO DOMESTIC ABUSE Half Day Training Event**

organised by the Joint Churches Domestic Violence Prevention Project, a program of Queensland Churches Together. It is designed for Clergy, Pastoral Carers, Church Leaders, Youth Leaders, Students and Lay Workers to be held at

#### **Southport Churches of Christ on September 7th. Cost \$30**

Sessions include: What is Domestic and Family Abuse; Understanding perpetrators; Taking Action -What the Church is doing; Theological implications; Lots of take-home resources to help you understand how to respond to Domestic Abuse

To book for the workshop go to

<https://dfvsouthport0919.eventbrite.com.au>

### **CHURCH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS—CONGREGATION MEETING**

Nominations are sought for positions on our Church Council. Nominations will close at 12 noon on Friday 23rd August 2019.

A secret ballot will be held at a Congregation Meeting on Sunday 15th September, following morning worship.

Enquiries to Rhonda Coleman, Chair of Church Council or Rev Catherine

### **An invitation from Currumbin Valley Church**

**This Sunday we will be meeting as a church at 4pm** winter time.

Our little community is full of locals who have all different faiths and everyone is welcome as we learn and share about God.

Afterwards we will be eating at the French home across the road from the church. Please come and enjoy a potluck dinner with community and bring a plate to share with everyone.

This Friday, Mrs.Kemeri Lievano is to be commissioned as Chaplain to Blue Care, Pines Haven and Tally Haven . We look forward to meeting Kemeri when she will be preaching here at Elanora on Sunday 25th August.

The ladies of St.Cuthbert’s Anglican Church have invited us to their **Annual Fashion Parade** to be held at the church hall on the Cnr of Powell and Florence Streets, Tweed Heads on August 31st at 1.30 pm

Clothes displayed will be by “Black Pepper”  
Cost of \$10 includes a delicious afternoon tea.