

A message from Rev Catherine Solomon

Do you remember the days of milk and newspaper delivery? My brother Evan worked as a milk boy and my other brother Andrew delivered junk mail while both were at school. When we were in India recently, I saw no one delivering fresh milk or junk mail, but I did see people working to clear drains and sewers by hand, cutting grass with a knife on the side of roads, cooking and serving food to 1000's of train passengers, people who collect rocks on the side of roads to take to quarries...

In June 2019, Mohandas Pai the former CFO of Infosys (multinational corporation for business and IT) said, "India does not face a job problem, but one of wages." Indians generally want to work. With 30 million people living in Amritsar alone, people are very creative in finding work but getting a wage to feed themselves and/or their family is the challenge. There will be people who starve and die today because they have no food to eat.

I came across this quote recently,

***"The world's hunger is getting ridiculous;
there is more fruit in rich man's shampoo than in a poor man's plate."***

A sobering message for us who have a variety of food to choose from for breakfast, lunch and dinner, and while many might not have a job and wage now they do have some degree of hope for employment into the future. I would think one group of people who can relate to our Indian neighbours the best are those living in drought. Wanting to work but are not receiving a wage to feed themselves and/or family.

**What can we do as people living beside the sea
in comfortable Australia?**

- Saturday a week ago we hosted the Fair Trade Fair where we can choose to buy ethical and sustainable products that give people a fair go and a fair wage.**

- We can continue to be informed with what is going on beyond our country keeping a realistic perspective of our lives.
- We can pray for the Good News in Christ to transform people and communities and to pray that people from all faiths will live in peace and unity for the common good.
- To share our resources.

Can you add to this list? What can you do?



PAPUA PIGGY COLLECTION

Do you have a Papua Piggy at Home?

Please empty out your money box & bring the money to church during November. Plastic bags are available today to take home. Next week, there will be a collection box near the church door.

One-off donations also welcome.

If you do not wish to keep your money box, please return it for re-issuing.

Our church is not participating in Operation Christmas Child this year. If you have a box to drop off, please go to Lifestyle First Realty, 47 Guineas Creek Road or to Burleigh Heads Church of Christ, 174 West Burleigh Road.

Collections close on Thursday 31 October.



CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS: Rev Catherine Solomon, Rhonda Coleman (Chair), Mervyn Head (Treasurer), Liz Mahon (Secretary), Lorraine McRae, Michele Lake, Victoria Kirk-Lamburd, Pam Ganderton, Greg Malimonenko, Shirley Lord, Alan French (Currumbin Valley).

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Come to Currumbin Valley Community Church's



Christian Meditation Group

Mondays, 9 am - 10 am

No cost. Enquiries to Rev Catherine

What to bring:

A cushion (or a couple) that you can be comfortable to sit on for an extended period of time, a blanket, a water bottle

What to expect:

Classes will include simple breathing techniques, a guided meditation in bringing your mind and body into stillness, a period of time in complete stillness shared with the power of being in a group.

Quote from WCCMAustralia (World Community for Christian Meditation)

Meditation is a universal spiritual wisdom and a practice found at the core of all the great religious traditions, leading from the mind to the heart. It is a way of simplicity, silence and stillness. It can be practised by anyone, wherever you are on your life's journey.

Sarah James, who leads the group, is a Christian mystic who works as a craniosacral therapist and has been running mediation classes and groups for the past ten years. Meditation has been a significant part of her life and her spiritual journey for over twenty years. She is passionate about sharing the skill of meditation to empower others to find their own inner peace.

The following statements for Currumbin Valley Community Church were approved at the September meeting of our Church Council:

VISION: A place where everyone is welcome, and the individual's journey with God is revered.

MISSION: To connect with God by providing a space for conversation, teaching, encouragement, meditation and common unity.

VALUES: Inclusion, acceptance, respect and equality.



Currumbin Valley Community Church now has a Facebook page.
Elanora Uniting Church also has a Facebook page.

PARTICIPATE AND PRAY

Monday 28/10

Cooinda open, 9-1

Meditation at Currumbin Valley 9
New Bible Study* 1:30 see below

Tuesday 29/10

Carpenter's Workshop 8-12;
Cooinda 9-1;
Galleon Way Service 9-9:30

Wednesday 30/10

Cooinda 9-1;
Carpenter's Workshop 8-12;
Leisuretime 9-12

Thursday 1/11

Prayer Group 8:30;
Cooinda 9-11
Ladies Card Group 10

Friday 2/11

Cooinda 9-1;
Carpenter's Workshop 8-12
Pineshaven Service 2-2:30

Saturday 3/11

Cooinda 10-2;
Garden Club 1:30 for 2

Sunday 4/11

Worship at Elanora, 9am

COOINDA PLACE



**IT'S NOT TOO EARLY
TO DO SOME
CHRISTMAS
SHOPPING**

**COOINDA HAS A
GREAT RANGE OF
LOCALLY MADE
HANDCRAFT AT
GOOD PRICES!**

**OPEN 9-1 WEEKDAYS
(EXCEPT THURSDAY,
CLOSES AT 11)**

**PAMELA:
0477 773 126**

**Cooinda is also open this
Saturday, 10-2**

***The Bible Study Group that meets at Roach's will be beginning a study of Isaiah on Monday at 1:30. Please contact Rhonda Coleman for details.**

PRAYER POINTS – School Chaplaincy – please pray for....

- Students and teachers going into exam blocks and finishing assignments,
- Students with high anxiety levels,
- Students with truancy issues missing half of their week's classes.