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Last Sunday the congregation unanimously agreed to establish a community youth hub "DWELL"*. This is a means of extending our care with Christ to a younger demographic of our community – to those young people currently connected to our church community and others from the wider community, including those at risk. We are very excited where God is leading us and what opportunities are provided in not only caring for our young people, but offering the restoring, rebuilding and revelation of Christ for their lives. It is a holistic project.

*Minutes of this Congregation Meeting are available on request at the door

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Below are some of the comments and questions which the team has received. If you have any more, please let Todd, Victoria, Liz or Catherine know (preferably in writing/email/text/messenger).

COMMENTS

- > In favour of the concept of supporting at risk young people
- Bullying at school
- > It's a wonderful thing for everyone
- > The Recovery Course could be modified for young people
- People can share in providing food
- You always remember the way you felt

QUESTIONS

How many hours/days a week? It will depend on when best suits the youth. The long-term vision - young people find safety in 'hanging out' or doing something constructive every afternoon.

What age group? Focus group - high school age, but flexibility up to 25years.

Where do the human resources come from? Church/schools/chaplains. Green cards are for you to fill in as you can, but this does not commit you. The team can then contact you with more information. We have solid relationships with our local schools who have already shown interest. Chappy Todd Chamberlain is one of the main drivers for DWELL. There are others beyond our church who have also indicated interest.

What other professional services exist in the community? There are no 'professional services' for 12 - 16 year olds on this end of the coast. Our nearest PCYC is at Tweed Heads. Thrower House at Currumbin (run by the Gold Coast City Council) offers after school and holiday programs, and PBC High School also offers after school support, however these projects do not place Christ as the foundation in what they offer. There is nothing similar for Elanora High.

Who will be the professionals and where will we get them from? We will be sourcing trained professionals to teach, equip and support young people. They will be accessed through UnitingCare, Wesley Mission and the wide range of government agencies across the Coast.

How to fund the professionals? Financial offerings from the congregation, as well as applying for Government Grants. We also have money in our reserves.

How will we encourage and manage shy kids in turmoil / anti-religion / drugs? Through the relationships already established with our Chaplains and by a new specific pastoral carers team from within our congregation — perhaps that is something you would like to consider???

What happens if not enough numbers for program? The programs will be tailored to the youth need and request. Since the needs are so great, we pray that we will have the numbers to run the appropriate program/s.

Rev Catherine Solomon

"How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord Almighty!" Psalm 84



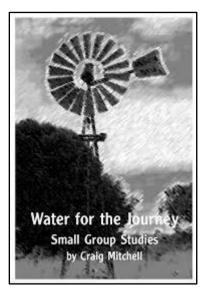


Help others live their life by becoming a volunteer today.

There is a wide variety of areas in which you might help.

With BlueCare, you could help with....

Community visiting/Helping people write their life stories/Activity Assistant/Social Support/Gardening/Admin support/Pastoral Care. Find out more on the website www.bluecare.org.au. You can enquire online or by contacting Kelly Adams at the BlueCare hub in Pines Lane. 5534 6177



LENT starts on Wednesday 26th February, and we have a great study this year called 'Water for the Journey' by Craig Mitchell. The sermons will link with the studies each week.

- ➤ Week 1: Called to Follow
- ➤ Week 2: Called to Trust
- ➤ Week 3: Called to New Life
- **➤** Week 4: Called to Serve.

If you would like to be a HOST or LEADER of a group, contact Rhonda 0478 630 826 or Carol 5534 1821 ASAP.

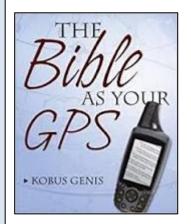
Next week we will have signup sheets for Lent groups

Groups start the first week in March. This resource is free and you are invited to participate with a group or individually.

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Canadians Tom and Lynda Williams will be with us for a few weeks while staying in North Burleigh. While here, they will be leading an 8 week Bible study written by their Pastor Kobus Genis at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Calgary. The study will be held at their 'condo'. It's called The Bible GPS www.thebiblegps.com. Tom and Lynda are flexible as to the day or evening it is held.

Please introduce yourself on Sunday if you would like to attend. Rhonda Coleman



PRAY & PARTICIPATE THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 9/2/2020

Worship Elanora 9am Fijian Congregation 3pm

MONDAY 10/2

Meditation Currumbin Valley 9:00am Bible Study Isaiah @ Roach 1:30pm

TUESDAY 11/2

Carpenter's Workshop 8am – 12 noon Cooinda 9am – 1pm Bible Study 10:30 Meeting Room Pastoral Care Meeting – 3pm

WEDNESDAY 12/2

Carpenter's Workshop 8am – 12 noon Leisuretime 9am – 12 noon Cooinda 9am – 1pm

THURSDAY 13/2

Prayer Group @ church 8:30am
Cooinda 9am – 11am,
National Apology Day at Jellurgal
9:30am – 11am, 1711 Gold Coast Hwy
Burleigh Heads. 0437 946 496

FRIDAY 14/2

Cooinda 9am – 1pm Tugun Theatre Night – 7:30pm

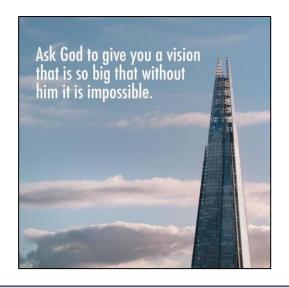
SATURDAY 15/2

The Recovery Course begins – 6pm

SUNDAY 16/2

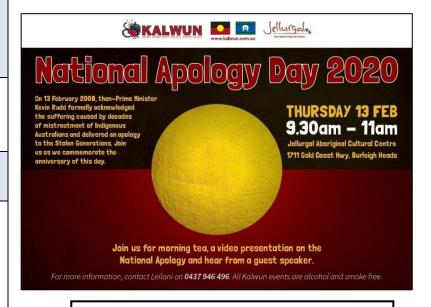
Elanora 9am, includes baptism for Cooper and Kailen Werrell Rev Dr Adam McIntosh – Voluntary Assisted Dying – the UCA's response – after morning tea

READINGS – SALT and LIGHT Matthew 5:13-20



CHURCH COUNCIL

Rev Catherine Solomon, Rhonda Coleman, Mervyn Head, Liz Mahon, Lorraine McRae, Michele Lake, Pam Ganderton, Shirley Lord, Greg Malimonenko, Victoria Kirk-Lamburd, Alan French



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