

1st November 2020

Elanora *Uniting Church*



I recently took two weeks leave to refresh, relax and renew body, mind and spirit. Andrew and I drove to Longreach and experienced central Queensland for the first time. It was hot, dry, and barren and stock was scarce on many properties. It was like the land was reflecting where my heart was at.

These last seven months have been like no other and have taken a toll on many of us. We have had to deal with ordinary life (new life, death, loss, challenges, celebrations etc) within extra ordinary circumstances. We've had to find a new way of living.

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LIVESTREAM LINK – 9am Sunday – <https://youtu.be/LAiT9xgRbiM>

READING: Matthew 23:1-12

SERMON: “Hypocrisy vs Integrity”

When we arrived home, we got news of the change that was happening throughout central Qld. I'm part of a Facebook group called 'Who got the rain?' where people share good news rain stories e.g. 26ml Vergemont Channels SW Longreach. There was a renewal across the land. Many areas are still not out of drought, but hope is there for more rain and grass to grow as feed for stock and therefore strength to carry on.

This reminds me of Ephesians 2:4-5 "But God loves us deeply. He is full of mercy. So God gave us new life because of what Christ has done." This new life in Christ means we are connected deeply to God and to each other. As we find new ways of living in 2020 for those of us who have a deep connection with God may we experience hope and strength in Christ to carry on. Be renewed, be refreshed in worship, witness and service for God's glory.

Rev Catherine Solomon



GOLD COAST HOMELESSNESS SERVICE

Blair Athol is the name of UnitingCare's crisis accommodation at Bilinga, opposite the airport, with five single rooms available for crisis accommodation for homeless men. It is staffed 24/7. The Hub at Bilinga provides 300+ meals per week onsite as part of their drop-in service. Staff have given us a WISH LIST of specific items that they appreciate and need: non-perishable food, hygiene items, disposable cutlery, etc.

Copies of the WISH LIST are available on our noticeboard, or from the office.

If you are able to donate any of these items, please leave them in the baskets near the front entrance to the church. This is an outreach activity of our church.

ADULT FELLOWSHIP - Next meeting will be Monday 2nd November; guest speaker will be our new member Elvira Barkley, speaking on "Growing up in South Africa". 9.30 for 10am Enquiries: Mary Flynn

LADIES CARD GROUP: We have resumed - 10am on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Thursdays of the month, in Robinson Hall. We play 'May I?' on the 1st, 'Bush Rummy' on the 3rd, and both on the 5th. Enquiries: Val - 0455 893 881

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CHURCH DATABASE — We are currently checking entries on our church database. As part of this process, we are asking some people to complete a DATA CAPTURE form. So, you might receive a green form from us. If you do, please complete, and return it at your earliest convenience — either to the office or to the folder at the entrance to the church.

Please direct any enquiries to one of us. Thank you,

Shirley Lord and Janine Kinnear
0409 484 991 or 0402 851 349

Administration Team
(Database & Contact Book)

EMMAUS NEWS — Gatherings have resumed! Friday 6 November at Burleigh Heads Church of Christ, 7:15pm; Saturday 14 November at Alstonville Baptist Church, 3:30pm. Details on our noticeboard. To register for the Burleigh Gathering, please email Theo (CLD) by Tuesday 3 November: galjaardtheo@gmail.com

ATTENDANCE AT ELANORA - October

October 4	69
11	72
18	73
25	60
Average	68



THIS WEEK, PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE: Joyce Mann; Catherine & David Lockie; Shirley & Ian Lord; Ella & John Luxton; Maureen & Ian MacMaster; Liz, Sarah, & Kate Mahon; Dianne & Greg Malimonenko

ARE YOU HOPING TO ATTEND WORSHIP
ON CHRISTMAS DAY?

Are you available to assist in either worship preparation or leading?
Please contact Rev Catherine ASAP to assist the worship team.





CARE ESSENTIALS PILOT COURSE



Lend a hand ... become a pastoral care volunteer.
Full training provided.



The Volunteers CARE Essentials course is a basic introduction to the general scope of Christian pastoral care. It is an eight-session course designed for use in congregations, faith communities or care facilities. The course is the beginning step on the pathway to more specialised pastoral care volunteering in various Uniting Church in Australia, Queensland Synod chaplaincy settings.

This course includes an exploration of what pastoral care entails and how we can define it, examines why we are involved in pastoral care, and introduces some foundational skills needed to get started as a pastoral carer. The course is free.

10–11 November 2020 from 9am–5pm at New Farm, Brisbane.

Rev Catherine is willing to take people in her car.

For more information, please follow this link or contact Rev Catherine.

<https://ucaqld.com.au/about-us/chaplaincy/pastoral-care-volunteers/care-essentials-pilot/>

ONLINE WEBINARS – the Grief Centre Training Services

Links for more information or to register for online training are below.

<http://www.griefcentre.org.nz/EventsTraining/Webinar.html>

SUICIDE

Bereavement by Suicide Tuesday 3rd November 11:00am – 1:00pm AEST

ANXIETY

When Anxiety Builds and Intrudes Tuesday 17th November 11:00am – 1:00pm

www.griefcentre.com.au

For more information, please contact Rev Catherine.

ANNUAL REPORT: Rhonda Coleman, as Chair of Church Council, will be updating the Annual report written earlier this year and sending it out next week. Should you like an updated copy, there will be some hardcopies available from the office.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Church Council Nominations close on 6th November, with the meeting being held on 22nd November.

OFFERING BY DIRECT DEBIT



BANK: ST GEORGE



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ENVELOPES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE

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**ELANORA
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CHURCH**




We currently have two **SMALL GROUPS** meeting.

A BIBLE STUDY on Colossians is being held in Robinson Hall each Monday at 1:30. Enquiries to Rhonda Coleman 0478 630 826.

The second group is watching a VIDEO SERIES: "Jesus The Game Changer – How the life and teaching of Jesus changed the world and why it matters". Mondays at 7:00 pm. Enquiries to David or Carol Bell 5534 1821 or 0407 151 787.

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL FOR BOTH GROUPS

SUNDAY 1 November Worship Elanora 9am	
MONDAY BlueCare exercise class: 8:30am – 9:30am Adult Fellowship Meeting: 9:30/10:00am Bible Study: 1:30pm Karate: 4:30pm – 7:30pm Home Group (video) – 7:00pm	
TUESDAY Cooina: 9am – 12 noon Tai Chi: 9.30am - 11.30am Carpenter's Workshop: 8am - 12noon	
WEDNESDAY Carpenter's Workshop: 8am- 12 noon Leisuretime: 9am – 12 noon Cooina: 9am – 12 noon Dwell: 3:30pm – 6:30pm Karate: 4.30pm - 7.30 pm	
THURSDAY Prayer meeting: 8.30am - 9.30am Cooina: 9am – 11am Keep Fit: 9am - 10 am Life Skills Program: 9am - 11.30am Ladies Card Group: 10am Dwell: 3:30pm – 6:30pm	
FRIDAY Nominations for Church Council close Carpenter's Workshop: 8am- 12 noon Cooina: 9am – 12 noon Karate: 6pm - 7 pm	
SATURDAY Karate 8.30 - 9.30	
SUNDAY 8 November Worship Elanora 9am	



PRAY & PARTICIPATE THIS WEEK

The Weekly

Here are all the things that are happening this week at our church. Please let the office know if there are any errors or omissions.



If you would like to receive the Newsletter each week by email, just email the office!

Something to contribute?

Cut-off for contributions is 9am Wednesday

