

ELANORA UNITING CHURCH NEWSLETTER

4th October 2020



IN THE PULPIT: Our minister Rev Catherine Solomon will be away on leave from Monday 5th to Monday 19th October. In her absence, please direct any pastoral concerns to Ps Kingsley Neale 5598 3821 and administrative issues to Mrs Rhonda Coleman (Church Council Chair) 0478 630 826.

During Catherine's absence, the following people will be preaching:

Ross Fraser-Smith - 11th October

Rev David Busch - 18th October

Ps Kingsley Neale - 25th October

TODAY'S BIBLE READINGS

Philippians 4:9-14 and Matthew 21:33-43.

How can we be good tenants so we become solid cornerstones
as the weak are made strong in Christ?

Rev Catherine Solomon & Rhonda Coleman

LIVESTREAM LINK: https://youtu.be/9_4SOw59b8g



WELCOME TEAM SESSION UPDATE

Worship with COVID regulations



From Rev
Catherine Solomon

I want to take this opportunity to thank our welcome team for serving so carefully in welcoming everyone physically to worship with a completely new process under Covid-19 regulations.

The church council adopted an industry plan for worship to occur, and it is extremely important that we follow these guidelines. Did you know that if an inspector were to attend a worship service and found someone in breach of the plan, an individual may be given an on the spot fine of \$1334 and the church \$6670 fine under the Public Health Act 2005? This plan is put in place to keep people safe and reduce the risk of community transmission. Here is some helpful information for your awareness:

1. Please REGISTER for worship - We can host 85 people seated in the church and hall. Please register your attendance (at the door or through the office) and arrive early to keep the movement at the entrance flowing.
2. Please keep 1.5m distance outside and inside the building. Please - no hugging or touching.
3. Please help the ushers by listening to their instructions, and please be aware that you will not be sitting in the same seat each week.
4. Once you are seated, please remain in that seat till worship has ended. Please do not change seats or lift or put down any seats as any seats vacated would then need to be Covid cleaned before someone else sat down.

5. After the service is over please move outside promptly. People have volunteered their time to count the offering and to clean all the seats, door handles etc. These volunteers can't complete their roles while people remain in the building. Please take advantage of space outside to talk with others.
6. ASSISTANCE needed with moving chairs – After worship, the chairs in the hall need to be packed away, after they've been cleaned. Can you help with moving chairs? Please see Norma Waller.

There is no expectation for anyone to be physically present at worship. If you are unable to receive worship online or physically come to worship, a printed copy of the sermon is available from the office during the week, 9-10:30am.

**Social distancing does not apply to God.
Draw close to Him.**

NEWSLETTER: if you would like to start receiving the Newsletter by email, please email your request to the church office. Newsletters are available on our website. Please note: Cut-off for contributions is 9am each Wednesday.



WEDDING VIDEO

Val Nugent & John Mavor

Follow this link:

<https://youtu.be/md9Zy9cLeNQ>

Baskets for **BLAIR ATHOL** are to be found near the sound desk in the church. Donations of non-perishable food and other things they need are greatly appreciated. Suggestions are listed on the pink page on the noticeboard.

SERMONS

Paper copies of our sermons are available by arrangement with the office. They are printed each Monday – so please let us know if you would like one printed for you. Enquiries to Glenda Sharp.

ADULT FELLOWSHIP MEETING

Adult fellowship meeting Monday 5th October 9.30 for 10am meeting. Jan Drury will be the speaker. Mary Flynn

DVD/DISCUSSION EVENINGS

From Monday 12th October for 5 weeks, Carol & David Bell will host a DVD/Discussion Evening around Series 1 of “Jesus The Game Changer – How the life and teaching of Jesus changed the world and why it matters”.

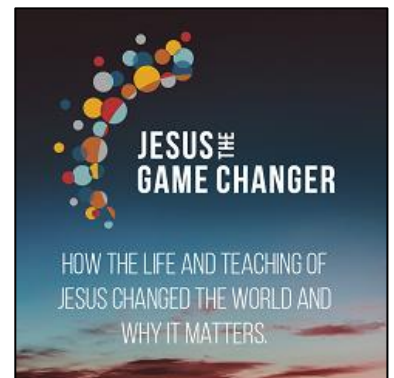
Where? At 16 Tatha Avenue, Palm Beach.

When? Each Monday from 12th October at 7 P.M.

The five topics to be covered are: 1 Jesus; 2 Equality; 3 Forgiveness; 4 Women & Children; 5 Democracy.

Bookings are essential.

To book-in, please contact Carol/David on 0407 151 787 or 55 341 821.



BIBLE STUDY

The following is regarding the group who *used to* meet at the Roach's place. Rhonda Coleman and Steve Roach will be leading a 10-week bible study on Colossians and Philemon on a Monday at 1:30 pm *at the church*. We are just working out a start date. This group has people from various Uniting Churches in the area - everyone is welcome.

If you would like to join us see or call Rhonda Coleman (0478 630 826) so we order sufficient study books (\$10.99 each).



SEPTEMBER	ATTENDANCE	LIVESTREAM
6	51	92
13	62	89
20	77	83
27	55 (+1)	71
AVERAGE	61.5	84

LIVE WORSHIP - 9am, Elanora

If you have not already registered to attend worship on Sundays, please do so by contacting the office by phone or email.

OFFERING BY DIRECT DEBIT



BANK: ST GEORGE

A/C: UCA SOUTHERN GOLD COAST

BSB: 334 040 A/C: 553861206

ENVELOPES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE



This week, please pray for: Christine & Ian Hague, Helen Hall, Amanda Harmsworth, Ann & Byron Harmsworth, Mary Harris, and Heather Hart

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CHURCH COUNCIL NEWS – Rhonda Coleman

- Church council is working on a draft strategic plan to bring to the congregation
- The Congregation Annual meeting was due on the last Sunday in March, but COVID had other ideas. It has been rescheduled to 18th November. The good news is we already have all the reports done.
- The main prayer point is the two vacant positions. If you or someone you think is being led to be on church council please talk to Rev Catherine. Nomination forms will be out in late October for voting at the meeting.
- Dwell has started and some other groups are looking at recommencing, so please try to keep halls uncluttered so we present a good face to our community.
- The Christmas mural on the cupboards in the hall is looking tired, so we have photographed it for the record and a local artist is going to work with the Dwell youth to paint a new uplifting mural there.
- Pam Ganderton has taken on some of the financial responsibilities until we can find a treasurer, while Mervyn is still helping us out by keeping the MYOB computer documentation and reporting going for the moment.
- Our incoming finances are down \$12,000 in the first eight months of this year from what was budgeted; however, our expenses are also down meaning we are managing at the moment. We have been advised that it is unlikely we will continue to receive job keeper for our minister after September.
- COVID updates are communicated to church council each week and we would like to thank everyone for taking this seriously. This is helping us to gradually recommence our activities on site.
- If you access the church during the week, remember to clean everything you touched. We also ask that people do not congregate in the building after the service as the cleaners need to have the space cleared so they can clean immediately after the service.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Rev Catherine Solomon, Rhonda Coleman, Shirley Lord, Pam Ganderton, Michele Lake, Victoria Kirk-Lamburd, Liz Mahon, Greg Malimonenko


<p>SUNDAY 4 October Worship Elanora 9am</p>
<p>MONDAY – Queen’s Birthday holiday BlueCare exercise class: 8:30am – 9:30am Adult Fellowship: 9:30am for 10:00am Karate: 4:30pm – 7:30pm</p>
<p>TUESDAY – Term 4 starts Cooinda: 9am – 12 noon BlueCare Tai Chi: 9.30am - 11.30am Carpenter's Workshop: 8am - 12noon Dwell: 3:30pm – 6:30pm</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY Carpenter's Workshop: 8am- 12 noon Leisuretime: 9am – 12 noon Cooinda: 9am – 12 noon Dwell: 3:30pm – 6:30pm Karate: 4.30pm - 7.30 pm</p>
<p>THURSDAY Prayer meeting: 8.30am - 9.30am Cooinda: 9am – 11am Keep Fit: 9am - 10 am Life Skills Program: 9am - 11.30am</p>
<p>FRIDAY Carpenter's Workshop: 8am- 12 noon Cooinda: 9am – 12 noon Karate: 6pm - 7 pm</p>
<p>SATURDAY Karate 8.30 - 9.30</p>
<p>SUNDAY 11 October Worship Elanora 9am Ross Fraser-Smith preaching</p>



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.



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“The Church in the Pines”

