

15<sup>th</sup> November 2020

# *Elanora Uniting Church*



Welcome to  
Samantha Louks  
and her son,  
Blake Walter,  
who is to be  
baptised today.

Blessings to you  
and your support  
network, including  
Amanda,  
Blake's Godmother.



TODAY'S READINGS: Mark 10:13-16; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

LIVESTREAM LINK: <https://youtu.be/yLlt6nW2U78>

## AN INVITATION TO SERVE GOD DURING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON!



**OPEN WEEKEND** – Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2-5pm  
– Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December 10am-5pm

Volunteers to be welcoming at the church – signing in for Covid, handing out the self-guided reflection, assisting people to seats, Covid clean after people leave. We request two people be rostered on in one-hour shifts, so find a friend and contact Michele Lake to register your names.

**CAROLS ON THE GREEN** – Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December

5:00-6:30pm Pre-Carols entertainment for all the family

6:30-8:00pm Carols

(This will also be livestreamed in an event of reaching our capacity,  
wet weather or increased Covid restrictions)

The team are well and truly underway in planning. Our immediate NEED is for someone to coordinate the sourcing and packing of party bags. There will be a few organising tasks for people leading up to the day, as well as volunteers on the day.

Please register your interest and availability in volunteering with Liz Mahon.

**CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE** – 9am Friday 25<sup>th</sup> December

Are you planning to attend worship on Christmas Day? We need your help to be on the welcoming team, music and leading.

NOTE: No Covid clean required after worship.





Are you a woman who has lost her husband or partner? The Pastoral Care Team would like to invite you to an end of year social morning tea.

This is an opportunity to connect with other women over a relaxed, informal, and light-hearted morning tea.

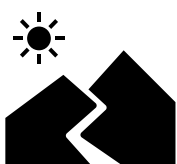
Rev Catherine Solomon will provide a short encouraging word.

If you know of someone who would also appreciate attending, please invite her, and inform Jan.

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December 9:30-11:00am at Palm Beach Surf Club  
Please RSVP to Jan Drury 5598 8005 by Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December  
Also, please let Jan know if you would like to carpool.

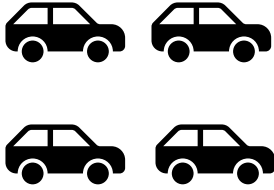
CORRECTION - LADIES CARD GROUP SCHEDULE: We meet on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the month. Mornings: May I? Afternoons: Bush Rummy. Enquiries: Val Sanford

### ***Psalm 125:2***



***'As the mountains surrounded Jerusalem,  
so the Lord surrounds his people  
both now and for evermore.'***

## TRAFFIC ALERT – PACIFIC MOTORWAY (M1) SOUTH



Motorists travelling on the M1 between the Nineteenth Avenue overpass and Tugun (Exit 94) can expect lane and shoulder closures from Sunday to Thursday nights between 8pm and 5am from now until 2023. A lower speed limit will be in operation.

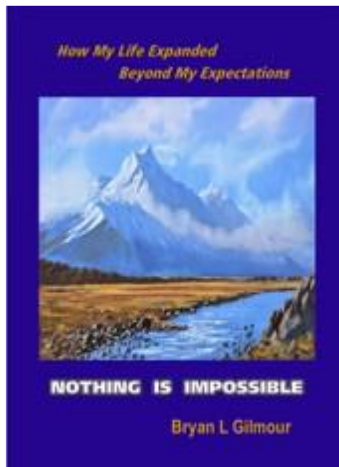
Pamphlets are available at the door of the church.

It is proposed to move Gatherings of the Gold Coast Emmaus community to Saturday afternoons, starting at about 2pm. These will be held at Burleigh Heads Church of Christ.



## REVEREND BRYAN GILMOUR BOOK LAUNCH AND BOOK SIGNING

REVEREND BRYAN GILMOUR warmly invites you to celebrate all that God has unfolded throughout his life and ministry, as he sought to live in, and share with everyone, the enduring love and empowering presence of God.



Bryan has written his story in his book **“NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE”** which will be launched at Southport Uniting Church, Corner of Scarborough and Short Streets, at 5.30 pm on Fri. 27<sup>th</sup> November.

**SEE THE FLYER ON OUR NOTICEBOARD** for full details of the Book Launch event – but please note numbers are limited and a prompt RSVP will be required because of Covid restrictions.

**RSVP: 20<sup>th</sup> November**

**PHONE 0431 961 652 or EMAIL [blg1555@bigpond.net.au](mailto:blg1555@bigpond.net.au)**

Come and hear Bryan share his amazing story especially those many steep mountainous challenges, where what seemed at first impossible, truly became possible!

## OFFERING BY DIRECT DEBIT



**BANK: ST GEORGE**



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**ENVELOPES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE**

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**ELANORA  
UNITING  
CHURCH**



As a whole church outreach at Christmas time, we are supporting two local agencies, Gold Coast Homelessness Service (Blair Athol) and Palm Beach Mental Health Continuing Care.



## WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Each agency has given us a 'Wish List' to guide our thoughts about donations. For more information, please refer to page 7 of this Newsletter or to the poster on our Noticeboard.



Boxes for donations are to be found at the main church entrance.

Regular donations for Blair Athol (food, etc) are still welcome.

## Pray & Participate

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE AND FOR ALL THE ACTIVITIES AT OUR CHURCH THIS WEEK.

Deslie Rallings, Mae & Graham Read, Anne Robertson, Jenny Ross, Val & Trevor Sanford, Margaret & John Sharp

## "The Weekly"

WORSHIP SERVICES – SUNDAY 15 & 22 November  
at Elanora, 9:00am  
PRAYER MEETING – Thursday at 8:30am

M O N	BlueCare exercise class: 8:30am – 9:30am Bible Study: 1:30pm Karate: 4:30pm – 7:30pm Home Group (video) – 7:00pm
T U E S	Cooinda: 9am – 12 noon Tai Chi: 9.30am - 11.30am Carpenter's Workshop: 8am - 12noon
W E D	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
T H U R	Cooinda: 9am – 11am Keep Fit: 9am - 10 am Life Skills Program: 9am - 11.30am Ladies Card Group: 9am – 3pm Dwell: 3:30pm – 6:30pm Kung Fu: 4:30pm – 6:00pm
F R I	Carpenter's Workshop: 8am- 12 noon Cooinda: 9am – 12 noon Karate: 6pm - 7 pm
S A T	Karate 8.30 - 9.30 Elanora Women in Recovery 2:00 – 4:00

CHRISTMAS CAKES now at COOINDA

Home made

Various sizes

Gluten free available

Great value

Christmas Cakes have arrived at COOINDA

## ANYTHING FOR THE NEWSLETTER?

Please forward any contributions/suggestions to the church office by 9am Thursday.

If you or someone you know would like to receive the Newsletter each week by email, just send an email to the church office.

RIP Ron Williamson, 1925 – 2020  
Ron's funeral will be held at this church on  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 12noon.





**When Jesus was born,  
So was our hope!**



## **Christmas Wish Lists Blair Athol & Palm Beach Mental Health**

### **BLAIR ATHOL**

On Christmas Day, Blair Athol expects to pack lunch boxes for 50-60 people. They have asked for the following things:

- Ready puddings
- Ready custard
- Ham

EVERY DOLLAR COUNTS: If you would like to contribute to the purchase of these items, please leave your donation in the box near the entrance to the church.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS: You will find a box at the entrance of the church your donations of Christmas gifts for clients of the service. (In particular, gifts for single middle-aged men would be appreciated, e.g. shaving brushes/kits, cologne, roll-on deodorant, thongs, t-shirts, board shorts, beach towels)

Please do not wrap gifts.

### **PALM BEACH MENTAL HEALTH**

#### **(Continuing Care)**

Palm Beach Mental Health aims to distribute 50-60 Christmas Gift Hampers to some of their more disadvantaged clients, whose who have no family and will not be receiving gifts from anywhere else. They have suggested.....

- Anything useful or fun for a diverse range of clientele
- Gifts for clients' pets

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