

Elanora Uniting Church

Newsletter
11th April
2021



Christ is
Risen!
He is Risen
Indeed!
This changes
everything!

The power of God raised Jesus from the grave. As Jesus met with the disciples in a locked room he said, *'Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.'* And with that he breathed on them... John 20:21-22. The power of God's peace is breathed on them. The power of God's miracle is upon them. What does this mean to receive God's peace? What does it mean to witness the resurrection miracle? This Sunday we have a guest preacher who is going to share his resurrection story.

On March 22 last year, Rev Cecil Schloss (my Dad) was going to share his resurrection miracle story with us. He had shared his story with many people and a number of congregations. He died a week before he was due to speak at Elanora Uniting last year. So, this Sunday we are invited to hear Cec's resurrection miracle story via a video which was recorded by Chermiside Kedron Community Uniting Church in 2015.

It's his story about the rollercoaster of a terminal cancer diagnosis alongside the questions & challenges of belief, faith, prayer and what it means to live. It's a pleasure to be able to finally share his story with you.

Peace be with you,
Rev Catherine Solomon



LIVESTREAM LINK: https://youtu.be/Sxz3AE7K_is

READING: John 20:19-31

If you would like to receive the Newsletter by email each week, just email the office. If you have a contribution for the Newsletter, please make sure it is received no later than 9 am TUESDAY next week. Thanks for your help.

CONFIRMATION – SUNDAY 18 APRIL, 9 AM

We were preparing to hold a Confirmation Service celebrating with Holy Communion on Easter Sunday. However, Church Council felt that with the COVID situation at the time there was a high risk of community transmission. The service has been postponed to Sunday 18th April (all going to COVID plans). We are excited to confirm the baptisms of the following people:

Kevin Stanley, Lavinia Schofield, Victoria Kirk-Lamburd and Kate Mahon

Through our Foundations Course, a number of people wanted to reaffirm their faith in God and recommit publicly to following Christ. We will reaffirm Beverley Kirk, Dianne Stanley, Michele Lake, and Pam Ganderton.

We are receiving through transfer of membership Debra Freeman.

“You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession that you may declare the praises of the one who called you out of darkness into God’s wonderful light.” 1 Peter 2:9

REV HELEN DICK who has been our Hospital Chaplain here on the Gold Coast for many years is concluding this placement with a worship service on Sunday 18th April at Southport Uniting. Helen has ministered to many members in our congregation who have visited the hospitals from minor to major procedures. On behalf of the congregation, thank you for your care, words of wisdom, listening ear and heart for Christ. Our prayers go with you.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Rev Catherine Solomon, Rhonda Coleman, Liz Mahon,
Pam Ganderton, Victoria Kirk-Lamburd, Michele Lake,
Dianne Stanley, Beverley Kirk, and Linda Flaherty.

NEXT MEETING

6:30 pm
Tuesday
27th April

7 DAYS OF SOLIDARITY

18-25
APRIL

7 Days of Solidarity is our chance to learn more about what is going on with our Uniting World partners, to pray for their challenges and actively play our part. Every day for the week we will be invited to participate. There are about 30 booklets available from the tables as you leave, and every day we will share the information through social media.

Please visit www.sevendaysofsolidarity.com.au to learn more and you might like to make a gift to stand in solidarity with our global neighbours and Uniting World's shared work in building God's kingdom.

This is an opportunity to make a difference beyond ourselves.

Date Claimer – ANZAC DAY SERVICE
at Pineshaven - Sunday 25th April 9am led by
Kingsley Neale, assisted by David Lockie.

For up-to-date information, please check with the
office 5534 5819, Facebook, or our website

<https://elanorauniting.com.au>



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WORKING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE TRAINING (LIFELINE COURSE)



When: Thursday 15th April 9am-5pm

Where: Elanora Uniting

Cost: FREE

RSVP: Monday 12th April

If you are interested in working with our young people at DWELL (Mentor, hospitality, other) then please choose to attend this quality training offered by Lifeline. This is being offered as a one-off course for FREE to anyone interested in supporting DWELL (youth in our community). The course will be offered into the future, but we can't guarantee the cost (usually \$200 per person). By attending this day training, you might be able to discern if this is what God is calling you to do. We can host up to 20 people, so please prayerfully consider registering.

Please see Sheree Chamberlain 0435 180 997
by Monday 12th April so we can book you in.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE PEOPLE THIS WEEK:

Jean Higham, Shirley Johnston, Kay & Alex Josephs,
Janine & Damien Kinnear, Beverley & Jim Kirk



COOINDA – HAPPY MEETING PLACE

PLANTS: Coinda is a great place to buy plants at reasonable prices; if you have a green thumb perhaps you would like to pot up some plants and sell them there. Coinda takes a small commission. Faye: 0400 648 381

LETTERS OF JOHN study begins on 18th April.
SCHOOL Term 2 begins on 19th April.
JESUS the Game Changer resumes on 20th April.
LEISURETIME resumes on 21st April.