



# Elanora Uniting Church Newsletter

2<sup>nd</sup> May 2021 – ‘Abide in Love’

Livestream Link: <https://youtu.be/kKJ5WxYtxQ>

Readings: 1 John 4: 7-21, John 15: 1-8



Michele Lake



Liz Mahon



Victoria Kirk-Lamburd



Rev Catherine Solomon



Rhonda Coleman



Pam Ganderton



Dianne Stanley

**CHURCH  
COUNCIL  
January  
2021**



Beverley Kirk



Linda Flaherty

**CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT – meeting 27<sup>th</sup> April 2021 – Rhonda Coleman**

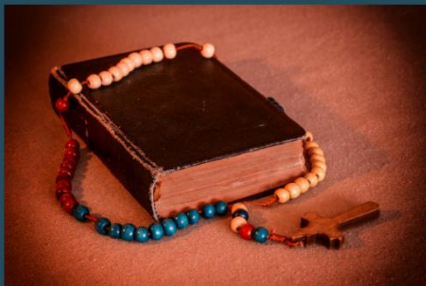
We reviewed our fire and evacuation plan and will have a fire drill in the near future. Liz Mahon has agreed to be our secretary. We are so blessed to have such a great secretary and child safe coordinator.

Pam Ganderton (our interim treasurer) presented our financial situation. We are just covering our budgeted expenses however not covering any unexpected expenses e.g., the water leak we had last Tuesday near the kitchen which cost \$800 to fix or the damage from the recent storm up at the manse that needs to be fixed so that it does not happen again. Pam is gradually transferring our accounts into Xero, an accounting program that many churches have already moved to.

Rev Catherine reported on her activities and plans for the coming months. As a council we are very aware of the large workload she is carrying and encouraged her to take leave and put self-care strategies in place. We approved her attending a retreat and her request for 2 weeks' vacation from 24 May. She is arranging supply for the two Sundays she is away. We also talked about options for seniors and youth ministry, pastoral and admin support to meet the needs of this congregation and we will present some of these options to the congregation as resources become available. We are planning on having a leadership retreat for 31 July.

The Administration and Property team are planning for future work to be done on the premises. They have a quote for refurbishing the wooden pews that are around the property so if you are interested in sponsoring a pew the cost is \$100 per pew.

The Pastoral Care, Outreach, Dwell, Discipleship, Presbytery and Child Safe reports were presented, and items discussed. You will hear more from some of these teams in weeks to come.



Ephesians 6:18 "And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people."

### *Email Prayer Chain*

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Lorraine McRae 0410 752 028 or [lorrymac38@gmail.com](mailto:lorrymac38@gmail.com)

UPDATE: We welcome Kay Josephs to the Prayer Chain Coordinating Team (joining Mary Flynn and Lorraine McRae). If you have a prayer request for yourself or for someone else, please contact one of the coordinators. Our Coordinators will only share the details of the situation with what you specifically request. The content can be as broad or as specific as is required and appropriate. For example, "Please pray for a family member" or "Please pray for (insert name) as they prepare for serious surgery." If you are asking prayer for someone else, please make sure you have their permission and the exact wording they want in the communication (via text, phone, or email). The Prayer Chain requests are to be kept confidential (unless otherwise instructed by the individual) as we uphold each other in prayer.

ADULT FELLOWSHIP: There will be a meeting for Adult Fellowship on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 9:30am



#### RECENT ATTENDANCE

58 – Good Friday  
73 – Easter Sunday  
62 – April 11  
84 – April 18  
55 – April 25

PLEASE PRAY for these people through the week:

Dianne & Greg Malimonenko, Joyce Mann,  
Shirley Marshall, Graham McHardy,  
Dolores and Anthony McLucas, Lorraine McRae

HOME GROUPS/BIBLE STUDY GROUPS: To keep everyone safe we are holding smaller bible study groups. If anyone would like to host or attend a group, please see Carol Bell or Rhonda Coleman. We are happy to arrange another group at a time to suit people's needs.

#### CURRENT GROUPS:

- 1) *Letters of John* group meets each Sunday at 5pm in various homes. Contact Rhonda Coleman for details.
- 2) Another *Letters of John* group will commence this Wednesday at 9:30 am. Contact Mary Flynn for details. There is space for two more participants.
- 3) *Jesus the Game Changer* DVD study continues on Tuesday nights at 7 pm. Contact Carol Bell.

ALPHA LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE 2021: It's online – live from London - and FREE!  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May, 8:30 pm – 10:30pm

Speakers include: Rick and Kay Warren, Dr Francis Collins who appeared in the Alpha Film Series and is key to the US response to COVID-19, Heidy Quah founder of Refuge for the Refugees and awarded the Young Leaders Award by HM Queen Elizabeth II, and Isaac Borquaye, award-winning rapper, author and broadcaster better known as Guvna B. Nicky and Pippa Gumbel will also be speaking.

<https://www.leadershipconference.org.uk/>

GOLD COAST SENIORS HEALTH AND LIFESTYLE EXPO (Palm Beach)  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May, 9 am – 1 pm at Palm Beach Share and Care, 31 Tenth Avenue.  
Contact: Warren Elwell 0409 277 430. Email: [warren.elwell@bigpond.com](mailto:warren.elwell@bigpond.com)

# Please pray for Onsite Activities this week.

<b>Sunday 2</b>	Worship @ Elanora	9:00am
<b>Monday 3</b>	<b>Labour Day public holiday</b>	
<b>Tuesday 4</b>	The Carpenter's Workshop	8:00am
	Currumbin Happy Group	9:00am
	Cooinda	9:00am
	BlueCare Tai Chi	9:30am
<b>Wednesday 5</b>	The Carpenter's Workshop	8:00am
	Leisuretime	9:00am
	Cooinda	9:00am
	DWELL	3:30pm
	Karate	4:30pm
<b>Thursday 6</b>	Prayer Meeting	8:30am
	Cooinda	9:00am
	Ladies Card Group	10:00am
	DWELL	3:30pm
<b>Friday 7</b>	The Carpenter's Workshop	8:00am
	Cooinda – Friendship Friday	9:00am
	Karate	6:00pm
<b>Saturday 8</b>	Karate	8:30am
	Bonsai Club	9:30am
	Elanora Women in Recovery	
<b>Sunday 9</b>	Worship @ Elanora MOTHERS' DAY	9:00am
	Worship @ Currumbin Valley	4:00pm

**OFFERINGS – Direct  
Debit or envelopes  
available**

**Bank: St George.  
Account: UCA  
Southern Gold Coast.**

**BSB: 334 040.  
Account 553861206**



**Do you have any news  
for the Newsletter?  
Please send to the office  
by 9am Wednesday.**

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