

ELANORA UNITING CHURCH NEWSLETTER

13 June 2021

Life can take some turns that we don't expect!

That reflects our recent 2-week holiday. On Monday 24th May we hopped on a train from Casino arriving in Melbourne on Tuesday evening. We disembarked with masks on, with COVID-19 cases recorded in the northern suburbs of Melbourne. Wednesday was a lovely day walking around the streets of the CBD (with masks on and half a bottle of sanitiser used) doing a little shopping and then Thursday morning we organised to fly home that day. The remaining 1.5 weeks were spent quietly minding our own business and laying low in the manse. Not at all what we had expected. No penguins in sight! In saying that, we shut ourselves off from the world and rested and dwelt in God's presence. It was a forced complete stop and I thank God for that opportunity.

As we move into the half year mark of 2021, we begin asking 'What does our church look like in 10 years' time?' However, before we really get stuck into considering our future, we have a guest preacher next week. Men's Health Week is June 14-20, and the anniversary of the Uniting Church in Australia is June 22.

Rev David Baker (past Moderator of the Queensland Synod), who is now the General Secretary of the Queensland Churches Together, will be preaching and offering a Q&A session over morning tea, giving us all an opportunity to ask any questions about the life of the wider church and/or his new role.

We also will have a representative from Marcus Mission, who will provide information on men's wellness opportunities here on the coast. I hope you can join us next Sunday.

Rev Catherine Solomon

Today's Sermon: 'Letting Go'
1 Samuel 15:34-16:13; Mark 4:26-34
<https://youtu.be/S1Nv7vuwCXo>
(Livestream Link)

9am @ Elanora

May 02:	63
May 09:	71
May 16:	70
May 23:	64
May 30:	89
Average:	71

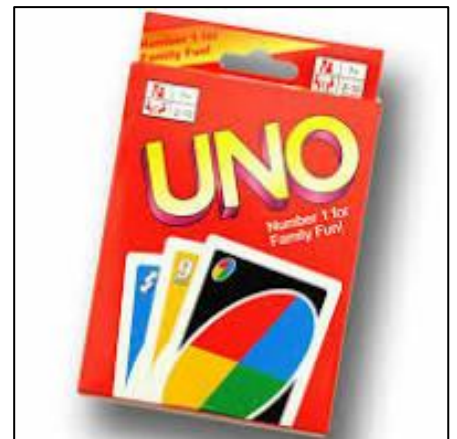
ATTENDANCE



Do you know everyone's name? Does everyone know yours? Wearing name badges is a help. If you would like one, order one at the door or contact the office.

Sunday Funday

On May 16 we held a gathering for families. We started at noon with games - giant Jenga, pool, foosball, and very competitive Uno! We then had some lunch - thanks Sheree and Sharon - before Catherine delivered the message. Kate then led a get-to-know-you activity, and this was followed with more games and conversation. It was a wonderful time of fellowship for the youth and adults present.



This week, please pray for Norma and Peter Waller, Diane Watson, Joy Webb, and Olive Weir.

The Homelessness Hub at Bilinga is still undergoing renovations. However, we are currently collecting donations of non-perishable food for individuals and families.

Sunday 13	Worship @ Elanora	9:00am
	Worship Fijian Congregation	3:00pm
	Worship @ Currumbin Valley	4:00pm
Monday 14	BlueCare exercise group	8:30am
	BlueCare exercise group	10:00am
	Karate	4:30pm
Tuesday 15	The Carpenter's Workshop	8:00am
	Currumbin Happy Group	9:00am
	Cooinda	9:00am
	BlueCare Tai Chi	9:30am
Wednesday 16	The Carpenter's Workshop	8:00am
	Leisuretime	9:00am
	Cooinda	9:00am
	KYB – Know Your Bible	9:00am
	DWELL	3:30pm
	Karate	4:30pm
Thursday 17	Prayer Meeting	8:30am
	Cooinda	9:00am
	Ladies Card Group	10:00am
	DWELL	3:30pm
Friday 18	The Carpenter's Workshop	8:00am
	Cooinda – Friendship Friday	9:00am
	Karate	6:00pm
Saturday 19	Karate	8:30am
	Elanora Women in Recovery	
Sunday 20	Worship @ Elanora	9:00am

If you would like to join a Home Group or Bible Study Group, please contact Rhonda Coleman on 0478 630 826.

Thank you for your offerings. Envelopes are available as you leave today or from the church office.
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Presbyterian Church Of Queensland

Prayers and support for the Presbyterian Church of Queensland: A response from our Presbytery.

The Presbyterian Church of Queensland has recently been placed in receivership and is seeking a sustainable way forward. Our Presbytery Minister, Rev David Busch, wrote the following to the PCQ Moderator, Rev. Dr Phil Strong, and Clerk, Mr Stuart Hoadley, assuring them that “we are sisters and brothers in Christ with a cherished shared history and a common ongoing mission in Christ” and that “we acknowledge your pain and uncertainty...We recognize the responsibilities upon you both as leaders, holding your people in the confidence of God’s faithfulness and purposes while also dealing with complex institutional and financial matters and, most likely, very difficult decisions. May you know the guidance and empowerment of God and be able to rest in His grace as you carry those responsibilities forward. With you, we look with expectancy and hope for God’s new life to emerge for the PCQ through this unsettling period, perhaps in unexpected ways. Meanwhile, if there is any way that our churches and people might support the Presbyterian Church locally or more widely, please don’t hesitate to ask.”

The Clerk has replied with gratitude: “It is deeply encouraging to know that you and our brothers and sisters in Christ in the Uniting Church are upholding us and standing with the Presbyterian Church of Qld through this difficult time. The compassionate words and offer of support from the UC Presbytery of South Moreton are very much appreciated. At this time, it is not clear how matters will unfold. But we know with confidence that our Heavenly Father is in control and that he will use this to shape his Church. We cling to the promises in Christ and keep focussed on gospel service and proclamation.”

With our shared heritage let us be united in prayer and offer support in any way the Spirit leads us.

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