

# WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT ELANORA UNITING

## SUNDAY 27 JUNE 2021



*Reverend Catherine writes . . .*

If someone said to you, “life is dull - predictable and repetitive,” how would you respond? Would you agree or disagree? Would you try to find something to say to encourage them? What would you say or do? Last week Rev David Baker mentioned in our Q&A session over morning tea, about the need for the church to listen and be present with Christ’s light in a world that is turning away from God. . Perhaps a statement like this is an opportunity to rather than provide answers, to instead ask, “Tell me more what you mean?” or “What’s so predictable about it?” To listen without judgement but in love and compassion.

This Sunday we will hear a biography of someone who found life meaningless. Being people called to hold Christ’s Light, what does that mean for us in responding to such a statement? What is required? What is our response?

**Next Sunday we start a new Sermon Series “God Makes A Way.”** God is leading us forward in mission and so we begin to intentionally seek God’s wisdom into the next 5-10 years.

As we start this series, **I am calling our congregation to prayer every Thursday evening 7:30pm** (starting this Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July). Wherever you are, please join us to pray. Pray for Christ’s church for this place in this next season. We will be praying as a church collectively.

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There are 4 different ways you can engage with this call to prayer:

1. Meet at the church 7:30-8:00pm for onsite prayer (the Minister will guide this prayer session).
2. Pray with a neighbour/family/friend at your home/beach/park/restaurant for up to 30 minutes.
3. Pray using technology – ring someone on the phone or set up a zoom conversation to pray together for up to 30 minutes.
4. Pray wherever you are (i.e. meeting, commitment, shops, work) and pause to pray from one minute to 30 minutes. Whatever you can arrange at that time.



Each week a prayer 'item' will be suggested as a starting point (example below). Notice there is a '...' before the Amen. This is an opportunity for further prayer points specifically for our church (Minister, Church Council, leaders, members, those new to the church, our outreach ministries, family ministries, small groups, BlueCare residents/staff/volunteers, the behind the scenes ministries – i.e. caring for the property, etc) and for our wider community.

Let's get proactive – find someone to pray for the five Thursday's in July. This is an extra opportunity to pray on top of the other opportunities you have during the week. Let our spirits come together collectively to pray intentionally for our church and our local community.

**Rev. Catherine Solomon**

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## PRAY AND PARTICIPATE

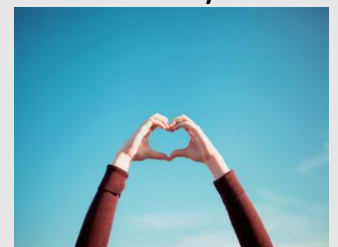
Sunday 27	Worship @ Elanora	9:00am
	Church Council Induction W/Shop	10:15am
	Fijian Congregation	3:00pm
	Currumbin Valley Worship	4:00pm
Monday 28	BlueCare exercise group	8:30am
	African Violet Club	9:30am
	BlueCare exercise group	10:00am
	Karate	4:30pm
Tuesday 29	The Carpenter's Workshop	8:00am
	Currumbin Happy Group	9:00am
	Cooinda	9:00am
	BlueCare Tai Chi	9:30am
	Pineshaven Concert	10:00am
Wednesday 30	The Carpenter's Workshop	8:00am
	Cooinda	9:00am
	KYB – Know Your Bible	9:00am
	Karate	4:30pm
JULY		
Thursday 1	Prayer Meeting	8:30am
	Life Skills Program	9:00am
	Cooinda	9:00am
	Keep Fit	9:00am
	Ladies Card Group	10:00am
	Call to Prayer	7:30pm
Friday 2	The Carpenter's Workshop	8:00am
	Cooinda – Friendship Friday	9:00am
Saturday 3	Karate	8:30am
	Elanora Women in Recovery	200pm
Sunday 4	Worship @ Elanora	9:00am

If you would like to join a Home Group/ Bible Study Group, please contact.  
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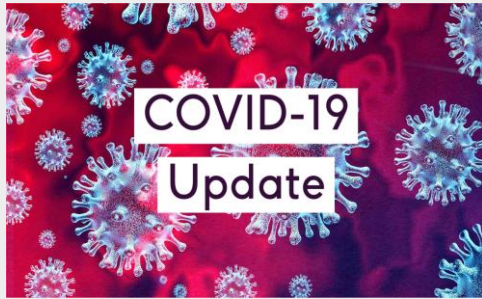
Leisuretime will be in recess during the school holidays:  
26<sup>th</sup> June -11<sup>th</sup> July

This week, please pray for Kristin Abernathy, Jim Anderson, Dulcie Annand, Avril Appo, Ros & Rob Arnold, Lynette & William Ashley.



**TODAY'S READINGS: Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8 and 1 Corinthians 2: 6 – 16**

**LIVESTREAM LINK: <https://youtu.be/3Ruav8Ax4sl>**



**Good news!**  
**We can now have more people in  
our church as restrictions ease.**

What has not changed is the "new normal" of 1.5m social distancing wherever possible when not at home. This means it is up to you to watch your social distancing at all times; it is not the facility who has to monitor this.

You will see this Sunday that all seats are down initially. As you take your place please raise 2 seats beside you if you are wanting to maintain that social distance. If you are about to sit down and the seats are already raised please respect the other person's wish to maintain social distance by leaving them up.

Confused???

Yes, very different to previous seating and it will take a while to get used to.

From 9 July all who use our facilities will need use the **Check in Qld App** including worship and all groups meeting here. If you have a smartphone please download the app if you need help, one of us can help you to do this. If you do not have a phone that can do this please let the welcomers know. We can include you on a list that we hope to set up on a phone - this can be done to meet these new requirements.

The Check in **Qld QR** code will be placed on the door of each hall this Friday. Any questions about this please ask Rhonda or Di M as your Covid Wardens.

There will be further easing of restrictions regarding collecting morning teas from serveries soon. We are just waiting on the government to put this in writing. Gloria will implement these changes when we know the details. Thank you for your patience as we continue to keep people safe in our community.

*Rhonda Coleman - Chair Church Council*