

6 June 2021



Rev Ian Lord

**Welcome to worship at
ELANORA UNITING CHURCH**

Today's Livestream Link:

<https://youtu.be/wNi5eM0Tlc0>

**I HAVE CALLED YOU
FRIENDS**

“Greater love has no one than this, than the laying down of one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do as I command”

Jesus of Nazareth (John 15)

When real friends meet, it’s like coming home. Genuine friendship offers each person a place of rest and comfort, a place where it’s safe to risk self-disclosure. Real friends remain, even after they have glimpsed the brokenness and the hollowness of shattered hopes and fractured dreams. Acquaintances help us to celebrate our ‘successes’, but genuine friends are there beside us through the ‘failures’ as well.

Jesus offered real and genuine friendship constantly and consistently. He was known as the ‘friend of sinners’, even he friend of hated tax collectors. He was known to be a dear and close friend of Mary, Martha and their brother at a time when rabbis did not boast friendships with unmarried women. Jesus called those early disciples into friendship, and was clearly surrounded and supported by an even wider circle of women and men he valued and regarded as friends. We can be assured that our discipleship today includes friendship with our elder brother Jesus, just as that larger group of early disciples was assured of his friendship and love for them.

When asked what was the greatest commandment of all, Jesus singled out a threefold friendship – love of God, love of self, and love of neighbours. As we travel

we can experience the amazing joy of such a threefold friendship entwined through every fibre of life. Without such inter-connected relationships, life itself would become lifeless. We can, therefore, journey on without the fear of being alienated from God, or locked into inner isolation, or separated through hostility from fellow travellers. We travel together in safety, rest and comfort so that the dangerous, tiring and uncomfortable realities of our journey do not overpower us. We keep going then, knowing we are enfolded in God's unfailing threefold love, all the way. All the way home.

Rowland Croucher from *Rivers in the Desert*



Look familiar?
You'll find these in the office.

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ADULT FELLOWSHIP
MEETING
Monday 7th June,
9:30 for 10 am start.

Today's Readings

Colossians 3:12-17; Matthew 10:40-42

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

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Rev Catherine Solomon will return on 7th June.

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Thank you for your offerings. Envelopes are available as you leave today or from the office.

The following account is for **OFFERINGS** only:
St George Bank; A/C Name: UCA Southern Gold Coast,
BSB 334040, Account # 5538 61206

ALL OTHER TRANSACTIONS

should be through the following account:
St George Bank; A/C Name: UCA Southern Gold Coast,
BSB: 334 040, Account # 5538 61193



When: Tuesday 15 June
10.00am - 12.00pm

Where: Tugun Village
Community Centre
414 Coolangatta Road

Places are limited to meet
COVID-safe
requirements.

Free seniors safety session

Topics will include personal safety, home and vehicle security, scams, and cyber safety. Presenters will include a representative from the Queensland Police Service, and the Office of Fair Trading.

Registrations: visit www.goldcoast.qld.gov.au/cityconnect or phone Safe & Liveable Communities, City of Gold Coast on (07) 5581 6642.

After holding "Australia's Biggest Morning Tea" recently, COOINDA was able to donate \$1000 to the Queensland Cancer Council.



A few of our
66 guests!

"A fantastic effort by all our volunteers - a wonderful day - hard work and exhausting, but well worth it. It was so rewarding to see our guests enjoying themselves." Faye



Some of our
dedicated volunteers

Sunday 6	Worship @ Elanora	9:00am
Monday 7	BlueCare exercise group	8:30am
	Adult Fellowship Meeting	9:30am
	BlueCare exercise group	10:00am
	Karate	4:30pm
Tuesday 8	The Carpenter's Workshop	8:00am
	Currumbin Happy Group	9:00am
	Cooinda	9:00am
	BlueCare Tai Chi	9:30am
Wednesday 9	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 10	Prayer Meeting	8:30am
	Cooinda	9:00am
	Sewing and Knitting Group	10:00am
	DWELL	3:30pm
Friday 11	The Carpenter's Workshop	8:00am
	Cooinda – Friendship Friday	9:00am
	Karate	6:00pm
Saturday 12	Karate	8:30am
	Elanora Women in Recovery	
Sunday 13	Worship @ Elanora	9:00am
	Worship Fijian Congregation	3:00pm
	Worship @ Currumbin Valley	4:00pm

ONSITE ACTIVITIES

This week, please pray for
Dianne & Kevin Stanley,
Penny Thorpe,
Rhonda & John Tonkin,
Lisa Twin,
Lyn & Ray Twin

Is your Contact Book out of date?

To order a new one, write your name on the order form near the church entrance or contact the office.

