

16th June 2024

NEWSLETTER



WORSHIP

Sunday Service Elanora 9am Preacher: Rev Dr Peter Lockhart

Bible Readings – Psalm 127 Mark 4:35-41

Facebook, Website & YouTube for online access.

You tube link for Sunday <https://youtube.com/live/ieiEJZL-MXk?feature=share>

Currumbin Valley Service 4pm on the second and fourth Sunday each month

Welcome to all who are visiting us today for this special service to formally conclude Rev Catherines ministry here at Elanora. We thank God for the ministry both she and Andrew have had with us and for the blessing that has been. We are pleased to know that Andrew will be with us for a bit longer. We look forward to the ongoing connection with Catherine in her new role as Presbytery Minister.

We are pleased to know that Rebekah will be continuing her ministry here until September.

All are invited to join us for morning tea after the service this morning.

Have you checked out the Community Pantry lately? Now that we have a new fridge and freezer (thanks to a grant), you may find frozen meals and bread as well as a good range of non-perishable food items at very reasonable prices. Gift vouchers are also available. For those who are helping to fill the Blair Athol food basket, this could be a good place to start. New stock is collected from Brisbane on a regular basis, and we thank the two families who make the trip to collect the stock and then replenish the shelves. Thanks also to those who man the Pantry Tuesday Wednesday and Thursday morning. If you would like to be part of this team, see Andrew and Kerri Kozanowski, or Nev and Myra Bowers.



Blue Care Grief, Loss and Dementia Program.

The unique experience of caring for someone who has dementia, is that feelings of grief and loss may be experienced while the person is still with you. This grief, however, can change over time.

This is referred to as ambiguous loss. Carers also experience something called disenfranchised grief, a grief experience that is not recognised, or understood by self or others.

Aim of the program

- To provide carers with an understanding of dementia, and the grief and loss relating to dementia.
- Validate feelings within that process and promote self-care and resilience strategies.
- Suitable for family members/primary carers/support person of a person living with dementia.

The Group

The group meets regularly, with trained facilitators, to provide emotional, social and practical support for group members. This is a structured program of 2.5 hours per week over 5 weeks. Participants really benefit from sharing their experiences in the safety of a small group.

There is also another Grief and Loss 8-week program starting at Robina New Life on July 22, which might be of interest to those who have experienced the loss of a loved one.

Both courses are free.

Contact for information: 0417 555 826; email GriefandLossProgram@bluecare.org.au;
Confidentiality is respected at all times.

PRAYER How each one of us can be involved in this vital ministry

1. A small group meets for prayer each Thursday morning at 8.30am in the church. you are welcome to participate.
2. As most of you are aware, we also have a prayer chain coordinated by Mary Flynn. If you would like those on the Prayer chain to pray for you or for someone known to you, contact Mary who will pass the request on to the members of the chain to pray.
3. In our own quiet times at home we can pray for our church family by following the names through our church contact book. This week please especially pray for Glenda Smart, Catherine & Andrew Solomon, Di & Kevin Stanley, Sandy Thomas, Penny Thorpe, Rhonda & John Tonkin, Lisa Twin, Lynn & Ray Twin, June Varty.

We are called to be good stewards of all the resources God has given us. Our time, our energy, our possessions. Financially, our offerings are used to both maintain our property, a full-time minister, and to fulfil our legal and financial responsibilities, as well as maintaining support for chaplaincy in school and our obligation to contribute our share to Synod Mission Support and the redress scheme. If you would like more details, speak to our Treasurer Debbie Freeman

Offerings may be made via the offering box or square terminal at the back of the church or by direct debit to either of the following:

UCA Southern Gold Coast
BSB: 334-040
Sunday offerings:
A/C 553 861 206

General Working Account
A/C 553 861 193
Or cash in the box or
EFTPOS as you leave.

Dwell Hub
BSB 034 604
Taxable A/C 426 972
Donation A/C 426 980

