

9th June 2024

NEWSLETTER



Sunday Service Elanora 9am Preacher: Rebekah Munn

Bible Readings – 1 Samuel 3

Facebook, Website & YouTube for online access.

You tube link for Sunday <https://youtube.com/live/PVgLC6KuGCw?feature=share>

Currumbin Valley Service 4pm today

Welcome to any who may be visiting us today. Please join us for morning tea in Wollemi Hall after the service.

Next Sunday, June 16th, will be a special service to formally conclude Rev Catherines ministry here at Elanora. While we are sad to see her go, thankfully Andrew will be with us a bit longer. We thank God for the ministry both she and Andrew have had with us and for the blessing that has been. Morning tea after the service to which everyone is welcome, will be a celebration of that time.

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 Grace Pickering, anita Preece, Sue Ravening, Mae & Graham Read, Rebecca Reid, Anne Robertson, Jenny Ross, Val & Trevor Sanford, Ann Schoettler, Lavinia Schofield, Margaret Sharp.

FRONTIER SERVICES

This is a vital arm of the Uniting church who need our help to provide practical, physical and spiritual help to our people in the outback. There are currently 15 Bush Chaplains across Australia.

On an average day, our Bush Chaplains drive a combined 3,103 kilometres – that's almost the equivalent of Melbourne to Perth.

They travel to check-up on people, find out what sort of help is needed, offer that help with **unconditional love**. They drive, they listen, they reassure, they organise, they coordinate services, they make countless cups of tea, and they never stop caring. As one recipient of Frontier Services care said "If the Frontier Services Bush Chaplain wasn't here, it would have been too much, and I wouldn't be here"

But keeping a vehicle running in the outback costs money. The fuel, the vehicle repairs, the new tyres, they all add up.

Rob Floyd, National Director is appealing for \$500,00 by June 30th to equip the Bush Chaplains for the year ahead. If you can contribute, the details are as follows: -

Bank Account Details

Bank: **Westpac**

BSB: **032-014**

Account: **116430**

Account Name: **Frontier Services**

Reference: **Your full name**

Donating via Cheque

If you'd like to donate using a cheque simply address the cheque to "**Frontier Services**" and pop it in an envelope to **PO Box 3424, Parramatta NSW 2124**.

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 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

