Elanora Uniting Church Newsletter 27th April 2025



This Sunday's Service Preacher: Rebekah Munn Reading Luke 24: 13-35 Road to Emmaus



AS WE BID FAREWELL....

This Sunday will be the last Sunday that Rebekah will be leading Worship in our church. As we say goodbye to Rebekah, we do so with both gratitude and heartfelt best wishes. Though her time with us has been relatively short, her impact has been significant and lasting, serving both the church family and the community, with warmth, wisdom, and a deep sense of calling.

Her contributions to our congregation have been deeply appreciated, and we are thankful for the care and dedication she has shown in all she has done. We are particularly grateful for her dedication in preaching the Word of God to assist us all to grow in faith and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

As Rebekah moves on to further her studies and continue her journey in ministry, we offer her our sincere thanks and our very best wishes for all that lies ahead. May she be blessed with joy, fulfilment, and continued guidance in all she undertakes.

Go with God, Rebekah—you leave with our prayers.

With love and blessings from The Elanora Church Congregation



Please join us for a special farewell morning tea

for Rebekah after the service.



CHUCH COUNCIL & PROPERTY NEWS

Toilet Renovation Fund

Our goal is \$20,000, and we've gratefully received \$2,785 so far. Thank you to everyone who has already contributed! If you'd still like to donate, you can do so via bank transfer (please specify "Toilet Renovation") or by cash in a clearly marked envelope.

Around the Grounds

A huge thank you to Neville and everyone who's been beautifying the Property for Rev. Je Cheol and family! Special shoutout to Alex and Ian for their hard work in scrubbing down every single chair in the church hall! We're grateful to you all for your service and enthusiasm!

Prayer Point:

Please keep Rev. Je Cheol and his family in your prayers this week as they settle into the Manse and prepare to take up their ministry in May.

Currumbin Valley Church meets on 2nd and 4 th Sunday at 5 pm.

The church is located at1330 Currumbin Creek Road <u>PLEASE NOTE: The time of the service will change to 4 pm in May.</u>



Alex and Ian hard at work!



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REFLECTION FROM THE MINISTER

Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. (John 15:13)



This week is ANZAC DAY. On April 25th, we remember the sacrifice of the ANZAC service Men and women in WW1 but also all those who have served on behalf of their Country. We come together and remember the history, and we also reflect on the stories of service and sacrifice. We do not gaze over the brutality of war, but we look for a greater hope that lays down one's life for one's friends.

This hope is ultimately found in Jesus Christ. No greater act of love is there in the act of Jesus. For God demonstrated his own love towards us, in that while we were sinners, Christ died for us (Romans 5:8).

Let us not forget the sacrifice of those around us, those who gave so much, but let it also point us to the act of love of God that leads us into love, forgiveness and peace.

God Bless. Rebekah.



The new Minster knocks on the door <mark>of one of his</mark> church members.

A little kid answers the door; he's got a bottle of whiskey in one hand and smoking a cigar with the other.

The Minster is a little taken aback and says, "Young man, are your parents' home?".

The kid smirks and replies, "What do you reckon?!"

Let's Celebrate Together...

We love to celebrate birthdays and special occasions with our church family!

If you'd like to share your special occasion, or a praise point in

the Newsletter, please feel free to send me your information so that we can celebrate with you.

Sharing this information is completely optional, but if you'd like to participate, please let me know by email at: <u>shirley.lord1@bigpond.com.au</u>

Let's rejoice together in all the blessings God brings into our lives!

Shirley Lord (Newsletter Coordinator)



NAME BADGES: It would be helpful for Rev. Je Cheol, and his family if we could all wear our Name Badges, particularly in the first few months of his new placement with us.

If you don't have one, please contact the Church office this week to place an order, the cost of which is \$5.00.



Psalm 139: 23-24

Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me and lead me in the way everlasting.

"Invite God in — He reveals, heals, and lovingly guides us."

Offerings via the offering box or EFPOS at the back of the church or direct debit to either:

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



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