

# NEWSLETTER 29th June 2025



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## **This Sunday's Service** **Reverend Ian Lord**

**SERMON:** "Where Love Meets..."

## **Bible Readings**



**1 Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19**

**Mark 12:41-44**

## **" THIS CHURCH"... A Poem by Ann Weems**

We don't pretend to understand the mystery of what goes on in God's Church.

We just know we feel a pervading spirit of love that reaches into the niches of all of us and pulls us out into the open, free and alive and belonging.

We believe this spirit of love exists because God's spirit lives within this Church, this unity of persons trying to be the Good News.

We see this Church as a circle of persons holding hands...and dancing ... supporting each other, accepting each other, loving each other.

Each person in this dancing circle is facing outward . . . reaching into God's world, listening for the whimpering, watching for the hurting, willing to offer a cup of cold water in His name.

Sometimes they need the water; sometimes you need the water... sometimes I need the water.

Being a part of the Church means knowing that the cup is always filled...

In His name.

*Searching for Shalom, Westminster/John Knox Press, Louisville, © 1991, pg. 54.*



You are warmly invited to join us for  
morning tea in the Hall after the service.  
Everyone is welcome!



## **Celebrating 48 years since the formation of the Uniting Church in Australia.**

The Uniting Church in Australia (UCA) celebrated the 48th anniversary of its union last week. After many years of prayerful discernment, the Congregational Union in Australia, the Methodist Church of Australasia and the Presbyterian Church of Australia came together in a ceremony.



*At the Inauguration, more than 2,000 gathered to "bear Witness" to the unity of the new church!*

Our own celebration to mark the 48<sup>th</sup> Anniversary may not have drawn a crowd of two thousand - but it was a warm and happy occasion in our church. We shared fellowship and a beautiful morning tea, with a special Anniversary cake lovingly baked by Gloria Bryant. Rev. Je Cheol took part in the celebration by lending a hand in cutting the cake - making the moment a very memorable occasion!



### **PASSING OF REVEREND ALAN BAKER**

Rev. Alan Baker, a retired minister associated with our church some years ago, passed away last week.

Ordained in 1988, Alan served in various placements in Queensland before becoming a Chaplain with Blue Care on the Gold Coast. During this time, Alan and his wife Marion worshipped with us at Elanora Uniting Church.

In recent times Alan has worked as a Minister in Association at Indooroopilly Uniting Church, where his funeral will be held at 10.30 am next Monday 30th June.



## PRAYER FOR OTHERS

**Loving God,**

We lift before You all in our church family who need our prayers at this time.

For those carrying quiet burdens—unspoken yet deeply felt—surround them with Your peace. May each one know they are held in Your healing love and remembered in our prayers.

*"Cast all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you." (1 Peter 5:7)*

### Reflection

*1 Peter 5:7*: reminds us that we are never meant to carry life's burdens alone. God invites us to release our worries into His care—gently, trustingly—knowing that His love holds us, even in the unseen struggles.



## CONGRATULATIONS!

**Warm birthday wishes to Kay Josephs, who celebrates her birthday on 27th June, and to David Wright, who marked his special day on 23rd June. We send our love and prayers to you both that the year ahead brings you good health, joy, laughter, and many special moments.**

### Prayer Group

A prayer meeting is held at the church every **Thursday morning at 8.30am**. If you feel led to join us in praying for others and for our church, you are warmly welcome.

We also now gather in prayer **each Sunday morning at 8.30am**,

before the worship service. All are invited to come and share in this time of quiet reflection and prayerful preparation.



## JOKE OF THE WEEK

A man is praying to God and says, "Lord, I follow all your commandments, I don't steal, I don't lie, and I don't covet my neighbour's possessions. Could you please grant me one wish?"

"Of course I will," says God, "What would you like me to do for you?"

The man is *very* excited...  
"Can you build me a bridge from Melbourne to Tasmania and back again?"

God answers, "Well, my son, that's a **very** tall order indeed- can you give me something a bit easier?"

The man thinks about it and then says, "Okay God, can you tell me everything you know about the way a woman's mind works, and why she thinks the way she thinks".

Gods looks a little bewildered. Then He says to the man, "So... do you want a two-lane bridge -or a four-lane bridge!"

## Friendly Reminder ...

If you would like to order a new Name Badge, please add your name to the order form at the front of the church or contact the office. Cost \$15.00.



Artie Choke

## Adult Fellowship – Date Correction & Guest Speaker Announcement

Please note the next Adult Fellowship meeting, will be held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July (not the 1<sup>st</sup>, as previously stated- sorry for the mix-up!)

We are delighted to welcome Robyn Roach as our guest speaker. Robyn will be sharing a personal testimony on healing, that we're sure will inspire and encourage you.

All are warmly invited to come along and share in this special time of fellowship.

**When: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July**

**Where: Fellowship Hall**

**Morning Tea: 9.30 am**

**Meeting: 10.00 am**

**For more information please contact:  
Mary Flynn (President)**



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