

Sunday 5 April 2020

## Welcome to Worship at Glebe Road Uniting Church . . .

We are a warm and friendly community with groups and activities for all ages and stages of life. If you are new, we would appreciate the opportunity to connect with you to provide further information about the life and ministry of the church. If you are visiting we would like to acknowledge your time with us today. Please collect a Welcome Brochure from the foyer table.

## MINISTER'S MESSAGE

### CORONAVIRUS UPDATE #3

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020

Hi Everyone,

I appreciate that many of us are feeling frustrated with the increasing restrictions imposed upon us at this time. Please remember that the inconveniences we are experiencing may be saving the lives of others in our community. I will reflect on this further later in my message.

#### Church Office

The Church Office will be open 9am – 12pm Tuesday to Friday. Marilyn and I will continue to minister and serve our church family, and the wider community, within the current government guidelines for safe and healthy practices when interacting with others.

#### Sunday Worship Online

This week's video of Sunday Morning Worship at Glebe Road will be available to download from the Church's website: [www.gleberd.com.au](http://www.gleberd.com.au) from there just follow the links to Church Online.

The video will be accessible from Sunday onwards and this week will be a celebration of Palm Sunday (Matthew 21:1-11) and a Liturgy of the Passion (Matthew 26:14-32). The worship will be comprised of prayers, readings and a sermon that reflects the juxtaposition of celebration and lament.

#### Easter Services Online

The four Ministers of the Uniting Churches of Ipswich are preparing to conduct a Maundy Thursday Service, a Good Friday Service and an Easter Sunday Celebration to be posted online later this week. Please join in this special season of reflection and celebration by going to the Church website and following the links.

#### Pastoral Update

Thank you for your continuing prayers for those with particular needs. We rejoice that Marg has returned home from hospital and we give thanks that Barbara has moved to rehabilitation.

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#### Ministry Team

Every member of the Congregation is a valued member of the Team

#### Rev Peter Arnett, Lead Minister

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#### Church Council

Hannah Jackson & Daniel Francis - Co-Chairs  
David Hunter - Dep Chair  
Nyleta Bruce - Secretary  
Derek Hiron - Treasurer

Di Bos; Peter Case; Judy Jackson and Ruth Wilkins

#### Church Office

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#### Regular Sunday Services

8:15 am and 10:15 am

#### Celebration Services

TBA

## What's happening ...

Please be advised that all church services have been suspended until further notice.

All our weekly activities have also been suspended.

If you need assistance please contact  
Rev Peter Arnett on 0400 774 890

or contact the Church Office on  
3202 1700  
Tuesday to Friday  
9am—12noon

If you wish to listen to Rev Peter's weekly sermons,  
please go to our website  
[www.gleberd.com.au](http://www.gleberd.com.au)  
and follow the on-line links

## Notices ...

**SHOPPING WITH A.I.V.**—If you wish to take up shopping with A.I.V. Direct, which was advertised in last week's newsletter, please contact the office for the necessary details you will need to access the site and place your order. The details can be emailed to you or you can collect a copy from the office those who are able to leave their homes. If you have any problems logging on please contact David Murphy on 0415 503 314.

## Moderator's Musing – 27 March



In this Moderator's musing Rev David Baker shares about how he is hearing right across the life of our church that people are ready to face this challenge with confidence, faith, hope and a commitment to being the people of God together—bearing witness to the goodness and purposes of God in our life and in the life of Queensland.

For the full message, watch the [video](#).

This video is also available from our church website [www.gleberd.com.au](http://www.gleberd.com.au)—follow the links to 'Church Online'.

## Who is celebrating this week?

### Birthdays

5 April Mavis Wakefield  
Korinne Wilson  
7 April Elsie Johns



### Wedding Anniversaries

7 April Phil & Jan Bailey  
8 April Ray & Kathy Browning  
9 April Trevor & Dawn Foote  
10 April David & Anita Hunter  
11 April Lex & Margaret Drennan

You may like to have your name included on this list—please write your name on the clipboard in the foyer.



## UNITING NEWS

### "Journey" magazine

Due to the ongoing and unforeseen effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on all aspects of our society, *Journey* magazine will cease production effective immediately.

For all the contributors, designers, photographers and countless others who made *Journey* into an internationally award-winning publication, thank you for your work.

While the physical magazine will not be produced for the foreseeable future, we will continue to use [JourneyOnline](#) to provide news stories, opinion pieces and theological reflections from across the life of the church, so please visit the site regularly. As we provide more coverage on COVID-19 related stories it will be an important way to connect with news and reflections from around the life of the church as we transition our lives to respond to this pandemic.

[Ben Rogers](#)

Editor, JourneyOnline, Queensland Synod

"The 2020 Easter Theme for  
the Uniting Church in  
Queensland is

'Jesus the Light  
of the World'."

"Hear from our Moderator,  
Rev David Baker as he brings us  
this message."

<https://youtu.be/57WB5Yhpppw>



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Our deepest love and sympathy to Betty, and her family, with the passing of Bill last Saturday. I conducted Bill's funeral at Glebe Road UC yesterday. May I just say that while many of us are experiencing the frustration of all the social constraints, please spare a thought for the families of loved ones who are attending funerals limited to ten people. I understand this is a necessary rule for the wellbeing of all, but it is causing significant additional grief for family members who have to choose who can attend.

Please be thoughtful and prayerful for those who are already experiencing financial stress due to their loss of employment, or drastically reduced hours of work. Our love and prayers are extended to Mary who was informed this week that her employer, Endeavour, will be closing its doors on Friday.

Sadly, there are members of our church family who have already lost a friend to the Coronavirus. When I see the number of deaths being reported from around the world my heart breaks for their families and their communities. The destruction this virus is causing to human life is devastating and somewhat incomprehensible. Let us continue to pray for an end to this pandemic.

### **Financial Update**

The Church Council is meeting via Skype on Monday evening. A part of our discussion will focus on the financial situation of the Congregation and how we can continue to reduce expenditure during this season of isolation.

We are so grateful to everyone who has maintained their giving over these past few weeks. Thank you to those who direct debit and to all who have taken the time to deliver their offering envelopes and cash to the Church Office. If you are wanting to ensure that the Church receives your tithes and offerings during this season of absence from worship, please contact me and we can make suitable arrangements.

The Church Council is very understanding of changes you may need to make, to your level of giving, due to circumstances of reduced income. Be assured that however great or small our financial contribution to the Church may be we are all loved and valued for who we are.

### **Caring for Yourself and Others**

Please act responsibly to care for yourself and others during this difficult time. Ensure that you only leave the confines of your home when absolutely necessary: to go to work; to purchase groceries; to visit loved ones in hospital or nursing care. At all times please adhere to the prescribed practices of social distancing and hygiene.

### **Eggs for Sale**

From Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April cartons of our bantam eggs will be available for sale through the Church Office. All proceeds from the sale of the eggs will go towards the Glebe Road UC Emergency Relief Fund to assist those in financial need. Please place your orders directly with me, or with Marilyn at the Church Office. The price is \$2.50 / dozen.

### **Continuing to Pray**

Please join with me in:

- ◆ Giving thanks for the financial relief being provided by the Commonwealth and State Governments.
- ◆ Giving thanks for the initial signs that the national infection curve is flattening.
- ◆ Giving thanks for the precious gift of our families and loved ones.
- ◆ Giving thanks for those of our church family who are reaching out to us by phone, email and cards.
- ◆ Praying for members of our church family who are in palliative care at home and in aged care facilities.
- ◆ Praying for members of our church family who are in hospital.
- ◆ Praying for peace for each other, our community and the world.
- ◆ Praying for comfort for those grieving the loss of loved ones at this time
- ◆ Praying for healing for those who have contracted the virus.
- ◆ Praying for the effective deployment and capacity of medical resources to limit the impact of the virus.
- ◆ Praying for individuals and communities to follow the medical advice regarding personal hygiene and social isolation.
- ◆ Praying for the wellbeing of health care professionals caring for Covid-19 patients.
- ◆ Praying for those who serve on the front line of our community providing essential services.
- ◆ Praying for those impacted economically by the virus.
- ◆ Praying for our Commonwealth and State Governments to continue making wise decisions.
- ◆ Praying for the new Ipswich City Council Mayor and elected Councillors.

Grace and Peace,  
Pete.

## WHEN A CRISIS HITS, THE POOR ARE HIT HARDEST

Visit the following link to see how UnitingWorld is responding to COVID-19 and their partners worldwide.

<https://www.unitingworld.org.au/keeping-hope-alive/>

This poem PANDEMIC was included in the UnitingWorld *Bread for the Road* email reflections this week:

### PANDEMIC

What if you thought of it  
as the Jews consider the Sabbath-  
the most sacred of times?  
Cease from travel.  
Cease from buying and selling.  
Give up, just for now  
on trying to make the world  
different than it is.  
Sing. Pray. Touch only those  
to whom you commit your life.  
Centre down,  
And when your body has become still,  
reach out with your heart.  
Know that we are connected in ways  
that are terrifying and beautiful  
(You could hardly deny it now)  
Know that our lives  
are in one another's hands.  
(Surely, that has come clear.)  
Do not reach out your hands  
Reach out your heart.  
Reach out your words.  
Reach out all the tendrils  
of compassion that move, invisibly,  
where we cannot touch.  
Promise this world your love -  
for better or for worse,  
in sickness and in health  
so long as we all shall live.  
- Lynn Ungar,  
San Francisco, March 2020

### KEEPING CONNECTED BANNER

I have an idea about making a banner to be displayed in the church, and wish to invite anyone interested to join in this collaborative project which may help us to keep connected during this time of Staying@Home.

The idea is that people would sew a block with a cross sewn into it. I will collect them and sew them together to make a banner to hang in the church. I have some instructions and examples which I can email or post to you. I really don't know what the finished product will look like and I expect that it will be just as much about the process of making as the end product. It would be made in shades of green (for the Liturgical Ordinary Time).



You will need:

A sewing machine

100% cotton fabric in any shade of green

- If you don't sew, you may be able to connect with a friend who does.
- This could be a good opportunity to teach your children how to use a sewing machine.
- If you have a fabric stash it's a good opportunity to share some with others.
- As you make this block you could consider what the cross means to you, and add word e.g. forgiveness, love.
- When we finally are back together we will have a visual reminder of these times and how we worked together to make it.

I would love to hear from you if you want to join this project. Please phone 3288 3568, 0402029907 or email [noelarthery@gmail.com](mailto:noelarthery@gmail.com).

Noela Rothery.

### PLEASE NOTE:

Please be aware that information contained in the Church Notices is available on the Church Website which can be found at [www.gleberd.com.au](http://www.gleberd.com.au).

### ONLINE GIVING

**Tithes and offerings:**

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UNITING CHURCH;

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A/c No.: 387151291

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