



Bathurst Uniting Church

Sharing God's love by connecting people to God;
people to people; and people to community.

Newsletter

Sunday, 26 April 2020

Physical Distance - Social Connection - Community Care

Sunday Worship: 26 April 2020

Resources for this Sunday's worship will be available by Sunday morning on the website

bathurstunitingchurch.com.au

including a printed liturgy and video to download.

ANZAC DAY 2020

We will be incorporating a special Anzac remembrance in our Sunday service.

'Sunday at 5' on Zoom

Our informal evening 'Sunday @ 5' service meets via Zoom at 5.00pm each Sunday evening. If you'd like to join us, click on this link

<https://zoom.us/j/640626609> or

enter the Meeting ID

640 626 609 in the Zoom app. All welcome!

Staying Connected

Minister of the Word
Rev Claire Wright

For pastoral matters Sunday to Friday contact 6331 1306 (Manse) or 0490 678 593 or email rev.claire.wright@gmail.com

Coronavirus Response Team:

BUConnect@gmail.com

Pastoral Response Group:

David or Ellie at

BUConnect@gmail.com

Welfare Response Group:

Julie at BUConnect@gmail.com

26 April 2020

Easter 3A

'The Emmaus Road is a compelling story. It is a curious way for Jesus to reveal himself to these two disciples, but it is also a moment that called them to a response. It is all too easy for faith to become an academic exercise or a "thing we do" on Sundays which has little connection with life. But if the resurrection is to be known and lived, we cannot just have ideas about it. We must respond to it – not just once, as to a once-off event, but in every moment, as to something that is a constant reality in the universe. It is this challenge that makes this week of the Easter Season both meaningful and pregnant with possibility.

'May our worship this week lead us to encounter life such that we cannot avoid offering ourselves to life in response!'

John van de Laar, www.sacredise.com

VIRTUAL MORNING TEA

We'll be meeting for Virtual Morning Tea (via Zoom) on Sunday morning after the service: everyone welcome to join us! Simply click on this link <https://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/98096879145>

or enter the meeting ID 980-9687-9145 in the Zoom app. You can also join in by phone (if you prefer) by ringing (02) 8015 6011 and entering the Meeting ID: 980 9687 9145.

If you haven't used Zoom before but would like to give it a go, email BUConnect@gmail.com and Julie will help you get started.

This week, we read together:

Acts 2:14a, 36-41 ("God has made [Jesus] both Lord and Messiah')

Psalms 116: 1-4, 12-19 ('Then I called on the name of the Lord')

1 Peter 1:17-23 ('Your faith and hope are set on God')

Luke 24:13-35 ('Jesus himself came near and went with them')

The Coronavirus Response Team loves meeting by Zoom!



THANKS AND APPRECIATION

Thank you to Rev Claire and the team for putting so much effort into keeping us all connected and creating such special worship resources for all of us.

Geoff and Julie have expressed this for all of us in a letter....

16th April 20

“To Rev Claire and our Church Family

Thank you so very much for our special Easter card.....

.....our DVDs we have been given are so comforting, we replay them many times and really appreciate the special efforts that have gone into producing such devotional messages. Thanks to you all and Claire.

From Geoff and Julie.”



All in this together (with God)

David plays the Last Post at 6.00am in Centennial Park on Anzac Day

Olive



Barbara in her lovely garden

Pam and Roger



Helping the BUC family stay in touch: a new members-only FACEBOOK GROUP

We're setting up a private Facebook Group, as a virtual 'meeting place' or 'notice board' for BUC members to share stories and news, prayers and prayer requests.

Email BUConnect@gmail.com if you are interested.

The next edition of *With Love to the World* will arrive shortly. Due to coronavirus, I will be posting these out to everyone on the list. If you wish to make another arrangement, please contact Marion at BUConnect@gmail.com

Are you looking for a puzzle to do?

The Judges have been given some jigsaw puzzles to distribute to those who like doing puzzles. There are 3 with 1,000 pieces, 4 with 550 pieces. If you would like one contact Sandra and John directly or through BUConnect@gmail.com and we will get one to you.

Dates for your Diary

All 'in-person' events and groups have been suspended until further notice.

Photos for the Bathurst Uniting Church webpage, social media and newsletter

If you are happy for photos of you to be included on the Bathurst Uniting Church webpage, social media and in the newsletter, please email YES to BUConnect@gmail.com. Most of the photos have been taken by Sharynne and she will only include ones where you look good!

The Newsletter

The Newsletter will continue to be sent out (and posted on the Website) weekly with updates and resources.

Please contact Ruth at BUConnect@gmail.com if you wish to be added to the e-mailing list – or to submit prayer requests or good news stories of how you are staying connected and active!

Getting Connected - Using the technology

It has been an absolute delight to see the enthusiasm with which people have taken to the technology to keep in touch with their church family and others. Would you like to learn more about the technology and explore other things that you can do easily from home? I will be holding a virtual class to show people some of the other things that you can do with your ipad, tablet, phone and computer. We will use the church Zoom account and meet next Wed 29th at 5.30 pm. We'll have a bit of fun and explore a few different things like Whatsapp, Google duo and skype, as well as a few tricks to using Zoom. If you'd like to join me just send an email to BUConnect@gmail.com If you are not sure about how to use Zoom to get to the class give me a ring on 0429 344 456 and we'll get you connected.

Julie

Prayer Matters

We pray together:

- For all affected by coronavirus, or impacted by fear and social isolation
- For 'front-line' medical staff, teachers and other 'heroes' of the pandemic
- For residents and staff in Aged Care facilities, and their loved ones
- For the homeless, refugees in detention and other vulnerable populations
- For those out of work and facing hardship and uncertainty
- For Year 12 students
- For each other and for your neighbour – whether known to you or unknown
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Remember to email BUCconnect or call Rev. Claire if you'd like to pray with someone.

Maintaining our offerings

Even though we won't be physically attending worship, please remember that we rely heavily on your generosity in making regular financial offerings, to enable us to continue to minister to you, and our networks and neighbours - *especially* in a time of widespread distress.

Money can be deposited by calling into any branch of the Westpac Bank and depositing to

BSB: 634634

Account No: 100027964

Account Name: Bathurst City – Giving Direct

Internet transfers can also be processed to this account. Alternatively contact BUConnect@gmail.com to obtain a Direct Debit form to send to Uniting Financial Services