Bathurst Uniting Church

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

Newsletter Sunday,30 August

Physical Distance – Social Connection - Community Care

Virtual Morning Tea

We meet for Virtual Morning Tea (via Zoom) every **Sunday morning at 11.00am**:
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.

'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

For pastoral support, please contact your Pastoral Partner, or one of the Elders, or email BUCconnect@gmail.com and we'll put you in touch with someone.

Sunday Morning Worship: 30 August 2020

Resources for this Sunday's worship will be available by Sunday morning on the website http://www.bathurstunitingchurch.com.au/blog/ including a video to download.

Theme: Recognising Holy Ground

Bible Readings: Exodus 3:1-15

John 4: selected verses

When can we gather for services?

Synod has asked that congregations hold off gathering physically for services if they have another way of worshipping. If we did meet there would have to be social distancing, masks would have to be worn and there could be no singing. There would also be a considerable amount of paperwork

For the time being we will continue as we have been and watch services online and join together for morning tea on Zoom or join the 5pm service on Zoom.

As we are no longer able to donate food or money as we used to on Communion Sunday, our Welfare Fund has become rather depleted. If you would like to help replenish the fund, which in turn helps less well off members of our community, you may do so by depositing/transferring money to:

Reliance Bank
BSB: 882000
Account/Member No: 1125
Account Name: Council of Elders

Money in this account is used to purchase supermarket vouchers which the recipient can then use to purchase food and other basic necessities

Kaye

Reminiscing about our church's history

We hope you enjoyed Norm Sweetnam's 1960's photo of the young people at the William St Methodist Church (aka Bathurst Uniting Church) in our newsletter two weeks ago.

For this week, Norm Sweetnam has provided a photo of the William St Methodist Church Fete (~1968)

Left to right: Marine Samways, Gwen Sweetnam, Phil Ashworth, Marnie Lupp, Pam Germon. At the front: Philip Sweetnam

We plan to share more historical photos from our church in future newsletters (and possibly on our website). Please send any photos to BUCconnect@gmail.com

Meet the congregation

Each week we have been learning more about someone from the congregation. Sadly this week no-one has come forward…..please consider it for next week. Don't assume that everyone already knows all about you.

Send in your answers to these questions and a photo to BUCconnect@gmail.com so people can meet you:

1. **When did you move to Bathurst and where else have you lived?**
2. **What do you enjoy about Bathurst?**
3. **What do you enjoy about going to Bathurst Uniting Church?**
4. **What is something lots of people know about you?**
5 **What is something not many people know about you ?**

Mask Making Update

A small group of people have been mastering the art of mask making. 20 masks have been taken to Condobolin Uniting church and a batch is currently being made for people at the Methadone Clinic in Bathurst..

If anyone would like a mask please contact Lynne by phone or via BUCconnect@gmail.com or talk to your pastoral partner.

Also if you would like to help make masks contact Lynne.

Dates for your Diary

Please note that – despite the NSW Government's easing of restrictions – all 'in-person' events and groups of our Church *continue to be suspended* until further notice, following guidance from Presbytery and Synod. Our priority is not 'resuming activity', but ensuring the safety and well-being of our church family and community. (See the full-page *Notice: Update on Gatherings* on the website for more details.)

The Newsletter

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

Please contact Ruth at BUCconnect@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!

Prayer Matters

We pray together:

- For all those who are ill with conditions other than Covid but whose treatment and care is disrupted or difficult due to the various restrictions in place due to Covid.
- For the families of the many people who have lost loved ones recently .
- For all health and aged care workers.
- For each other and for your neighbour – whether known to you or unknown

Remember to contact your Pastoral Partner or one of the Elders if you'd like to pray with someone – or contact BUCconnect@gmail.com

Do you have any photos of rivers or creeks?

The Monday Morning Bible Study group is leading worship on 27 September and it is River Sunday (part of the Season of Creation). We would love to use pictures of your favourite spot on a river or by a creek or a picture of a river in drought or flood.

If you would like to share a picture please send it to Ruth at BUCconnect@gmail.com or contact Ruth if you have a picture we need to scan. We need to have the pictures by 13 September. Thank you.

'With glad and generous hearts' (Acts 2:46)

Even though we aren't 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 BUCconnect@gmail.com to obtain a DIrect Debit form to send to Uniting Financial Services