



# Bathurst Uniting Church

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

**Newsletter** Sunday 13 September 2020

**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://ucanswact.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 [BUConnect@gmail.com](mailto:BUConnect@gmail.com) and we'll put you in touch with someone.

## Sunday Morning Worship: 13 September 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.

## September is the Season of Creation

**This Sunday, we celebrate Land Sunday.**

To reflect on our land and to prepare for our service, please play this beautiful video clip of John Rutter's version of "All Things Bright and Beautiful" sung by The Tabernacle

Choir (2019) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qY9G00WWUVI>

During our service, we remember how our church in Bathurst and Perthville have celebrated Harvest Sunday over many years. Here are a few photographs shared by Janet, Norm, Anne Marie, and Brian, the oldest is from 1931!

The service includes liturgy written by Rev. Claire that she has used in previous Harvest Festival services in Perthville, Blaney and other churches across the Central West.

Our service also includes photographs from the gardens and cameras of Jennie, Anne Marie, Jennifer Janet, Peter and Julie, John, Margaret, and others.

We thank God for our land and the members of our church who have helped us worship together today.



## Harvest Festivals from the past



Left: 1931  
Right:  
1952



### **Machattie Park - 1–2pm Saturday 26th September**

Some members of the church will be in Machattie Park from 1–2pm on Saturday 26th September. According to the current government rules, we are restricted to 20 people. If you would like to drop by, please respect the 20 people ruling and we encourage people to remain 1.5 meters apart, wear a mask and use hand sanitiser and enjoy each others' company!

### **Do you like cooking cakes?**

I have been providing pastoral support to the Smart Recovery Group that meets in our hall each week and I would like to be able to offer some extra hospitality in the form of cakes for their morning tea - but this is not part of my skill set!

So I'm asking for people to help. Anne Marie has offered to coordinate the cakes so if you'd like to go on the roster please contact her. Obviously as we are in a time of Covid, everyone helping will need to have very strict hygiene in the food preparation and cooking.

I look forward to yummy cake each week 😊. With many thanks, Julie

## From the Chairperson of the Macquarie Darling Presbytery

Hello everyone,  
Christ be with you.

It is a while since I have written to you about COVID activity. While the situation is currently stable, we have seen how quickly it can change, and I am sure you are praying for all those in Melbourne who have been isolated for such an extended period of time, and watching closely as Sydney has more hotspots. While our communities remain, for the most part, free of the virus, it only takes one visitor to change that. We need to remain careful and diligent in our cleaning, social distancing and routines...

Here is the link to the COVID guideline summary from the Synod: <https://nswact.uca.org.au/media/9182/covid19-guidance-note-16-summary-of-current-safe-requirements.pdf> so that you can look further.

...The new normal that we live in is not easy. We are all working to understand the challenge of living in very different ways, if not for us then for our communities and our people. We are all creating new ways of worshipping, of pastoral care, of carrying on the things dear to our hearts while not always being able to do what we want to do. As God's people, we need to remember the selfless way of Jesus - reaching out, loving everyone, offering peace and comfort to those in distress. As God's people we must live out the gospel, bringing the word to our communities and walking the walk, gently and slowly. We need to love.

I hope you are finding peace and joy as you navigate the different requirements for meeting and worshipping. Christ is with us.

Grace and peace  
Denise

## Meet the congregation will be back next week!

Each week we have been learning more about someone from the congregation. Please consider being part of this. Don't assume that everyone already knows all about you and never think that you have nothing interesting to say.

Send in your answers to these questions and a photo to [BUConnect@gmail.com](mailto:BUConnect@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?**

### WE GIVE THANKS

I wish to send a thank you to Ron from The Woodies for making the Pastoral Care team several hand crosses for use when visiting the age care homes and our congregation. The crosses are used for prayer and are beautifully shaped and polished. Even though Ron knew that our Church would pay for them, he said that because they are being put to good use he would not accept payment.

If anyone would like a cross please call me and I will show you the beautiful work that Ron has done for us and you can choose one or more for yourself.

Wendy

## 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 [BUConnect@gmail.com](mailto: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!

## Your empty bottles and cans

Do you have some empty bottles and cans at your place that could be used for our welfare work? Below is a bar code that you can use at the recycle machines so the money will go into an account that the Welfare Team uses to help local families. Or you can take them to the Bulk recycle centre at 51 Upfold St, and they will give you cash that you can put into the Welfare Account BSB: 882000, Account/Member No: 1125



## ‘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 [BUConnect@gmail.com](mailto:BUConnect@gmail.com) to obtain a Direct Debit form to send to Uniting Financial Services

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