



# Bathurst Uniting Church

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

Newsletter Sunday 20 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://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 [BUConnect@gmail.com](mailto:BUConnect@gmail.com) and we'll put you in touch with someone.

## Sunday Morning Worship: 20 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 the theme is "Growth in the Wilderness".



## GATHERING AT 1PM MACHATTIE PARK - 26<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

Last week's newsletter invited everyone to meet in Machattie Park next Saturday. We are still very keen to meet together but must be mindful of the requirement that **the gathering must not exceed 20 people.**

Julie, Brian and Ellie will keep an eye on numbers and ask small groups to move to other areas of the park if the group grows. They will also have a sign on sheet and sanitiser to use. Please wear masks if possible.

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT UNITING FINANCIAL SERVICES**

Due to the Banking Royal Commission, Westpac have notified Uniting Financial Services (UFS), that they will no longer be continuing their Agency agreement from October 29, 2020. UFS has approached the other Big 4 Banks and Mutual Banks with a view to instigate a new agency agreement, but this has been declined. Further negotiations have taken place and Australia Post has agreed to take on the Agency Agreement.

This means that the way we do our physical banking of cheques and cash will change, with deposits being taken at Australia Post Offices and Agencies. There will, however, be some limitations in how this is done.

The Finance Committee will be working through these limitations, and will be addressing how best we can serve the congregation in this area

There will be no changes to internet banking transactions eg: direct debits, electronic transfers, and payments

The Finance Committee will provide updates in a timely manner on this matter

Deb (Treasurer)

## **HELP VERITAS HOUSE RECEIVE A \$10000 BOOST BY VOTING (by Friday 18<sup>th</sup>)**

We have been advised that Veritas House is one of just five organisations selected as a finalist to receive a \$10,000 grant through the Westfund Community Grants program, which is very exciting, particularly in such uncertain times! The \$10,000 major grant has been created to celebrate Westfund's milestone of reaching 50,000 memberships and the winner of the grant will be determined by public vote, with the other four organisations in the running including:

- Anam Cara House (Geelong), Connect AU – The Letterbox Project (online, but based out of Dubbo)
- Sunrise Way (Toowoomba) , Need a Feed (Wollongong)

**Voting closes on 18 September via the website: <https://www.westfund.com.au/grants/> and takes just a couple of minutes to complete.**

As a past supporter of Veritas House, we would greatly appreciate it if you could assist us again by casting your vote and by sharing this news with your networks, as it would be very exciting for Veritas and the Central Western region if we were successful, particularly when competing with organisations in large communities like Wollongong and Geelong.

Many thanks in advance for your continued support of Veritas House.

## **NEWSLETTER HOLIDAY**

There will be no Newsletter for two weeks during the school holidays (Sundays 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> October) so if you have something that needs to be in it please let me know for next week so that it can be included . Thanks , Ruth

## Meet the congregation

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 [BUCconnect@gmail.com](mailto: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?**

### Meet Stacey

#### **When did you move to Bathurst and where else have you lived?**

I was born in Bathurst and went to school here. I did my exercise science degree at uni as well as teaching degree and lived on campus the entire six years. Not many people get to complete two census collections on campus. From there I moved to the share house in Bathurst I still live in.

#### **What do you enjoy about Bathurst?**

Bathurst has everything I need and want in a town and I have no desire to leave. I thought I would have to spend years at schools out of Bathurst before I could get my dream job and return to my home town. All my school friends now live in Sydney and keep wondering why I don't move too, but how can I get to know everyone in Bathurst if I no longer live here.

#### **What do you enjoy about going to Bathurst Uniting Church?**

I enjoy that everyone accepts that I cannot always get to church and they welcome me with open arms when they do see me... but don't think for one moment that just because I don't see you that I don't miss you...

#### **What is something lots of people know about you?**

I play sport .. lots of sport .. summer, winter, day and night competitions.

#### **What is something not many people know about you ?**

This question is really hard as I am pretty much an open book. I was at uni for a long time doing multiple degrees but if I had my time over I would not change a thing. I knew during my 2<sup>nd</sup> year that I wanted to do a teaching degree but decided to finish my exercise science degree first. I also would live on campus the whole time again as I loved that.



## THANK YOU

Thank you to all those who have helped make masks. We now have a large supply.

If you would like a washable mask for yourself or someone else who needs one please contact Lynne or [BUCconnect@gmail.com](mailto:BUCconnect@gmail.com)

## 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!

## A POSSIBLE OUTING

The Persian Queen, a new musical Theatre production based on the Book Of Esther In the Old Testament, will be at BMEC from October 3 -11. It stars local artists and was written by Bathurst identities Phil and Cath Snitch.

Limited tickets, due to social distancing regulations, are available now from BMEC and also online.

The Book of Esther tells the story of King Xerxes who is manipulated into agreeing to annihilate the Jewish settlers of Persia, and of his young queen who has to decide whether or not to risk death by standing up for her people.

## ‘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 (up until 29 October after that Australia Post) 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