



Bathurst Uniting Church

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

Newsletter Sunday 27 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?pwd=S3ArMXVkJMkp1UXJ2ZCtaNjMveXd6UT09>

or enter the meeting ID **980-9687-9145** in the Zoom app.

'Sunday at 6' on Zoom

Our informal evening 'Sunday @ 6' service meets via Zoom at 6.00pm 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 and we'll put you in touch with someone.

Sunday Morning Worship: 27 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 is River Sunday.



22 ¹⁻⁵ Then the Angel showed me Water-of-Life River, crystal bright. It flowed from the Throne of God and the Lamb, right down the middle of the street. The Tree of Life was planted on each side of the River, producing twelve kinds of fruit, a ripe fruit each month. The leaves of the Tree are for healing the nations. Never again will anything be cursed. The Throne of God and of the Lamb is at the center. His servants will offer God service—worshiping, they'll look on his face, their foreheads mirroring God. Never again will there be any night. No one will need lamplight or sunlight. The shining of God, the Master, is all the light anyone needs. And they will rule with him age after age after age.

Revelation 22:1-5 The Message

VIRTUAL MORNING TEA - Slight change

Julie has advised that Zoom has changed its security settings which changes the way we do things slightly. Please click on the following link to join

<https://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/98096879145?pwd=S3ArMXVkMkp1UXJ2ZCtaNmVcXkd6UT09>

If you are asked for a Passcode it will be 1234. If you don't use this passcode you will go to a waiting room and you can only join the meeting when the host allows you to.

Dear Members of our Congregation,

If anyone is feeling lonely, missing seeing one another or having a difficult time, remember that your Pastoral partner is just a telephone call away.

We are all experiencing the lack of seeing each other at Worship and the feeling of belonging

If someone comes to your mind, please give them a phone call. God may be prompting you.

God's blessings to all. Lynne



NEWSLETTER HOLIDAY

There will be no newsletter for the next two weeks. The next edition will be for Sunday, 18 October.

If you have anything urgent which needs to be circulated please contact me directly or via

BUConnect@gmail.com and I can organise an email to be sent out to all those who currently receive the newsletter by email.

UNITING SAFE SHELTER CAFÉ UPDATE

The café will continue operating four days a week until Sunday, 1 November. There are still guests coming for a meal at lunchtime. There has been a continuing need for warm clothes, sleeping bags and blankets which we have been able to make available. We have had excellent community support again this year with community volunteers and paramedic student volunteers. At this stage we are not sure what next year will look like.

GATHERING AT 1PM MACHATTIE PARK on SATURDAY - 26TH SEPTEMBER

Last week's newsletter invited everyone to meet in Machattie Park on 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.

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 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 Marilyn

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

Ray and I, together with our cat, Bronwyn Bishop, moved to Bathurst in 1996. We had lived previously in Ferntree Gully and Upwey (Victoria), Shorncliffe and Brighton (Queensland), Cooma, Dapto and Wollongong (NSW).

What do you enjoy about Bathurst?

This was the best move of all. Bathurst is truly a wonderful place to live. The climate is perfect, the community very friendly and we are blessed to have family living here as well.

What do you enjoy about going to Bathurst Uniting Church?

The church for me has always been so warm and welcoming and I love feeling included in its family.

What is something lots of people know about you?

Most folk know I am musical having been involved in church music, choirs, etc for over 65 years.

I have, in years past been happily involved with Pals, Church office, newsletter Retirement Village and prison ministry and more recently, the wonderful Uniting Safe Shelter venture.

What are some things that not everybody knows about you?

I am happily married, fat and forgetful and a tad emotional. I have eight grandies, including two already in heaven plus six greatgrandies, four quail, Millie our much-loved dog and four freeloading magpies.

God's wonderful grace and blessings have enfolded both Ray and I in recent years through testing times. I look forward to normality returning post Covid 19 so we can all be together again in family fellowship.



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 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!

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)

‘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 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