



# Bathurst Uniting Church

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

**Newsletter** Sunday 22 November 2020

Physical Distance - Social Connection - Community Care

## 'Sunday @ 6'

At 6pm – contemporary, informal, all ages worship in the Activities Hall with Covid Safe conditions.

## Sunday Morning Worship at 9.30am

### Christ the King

### The Story and Message of the Prayer Blanket



### Lectionary Readings

Psalm 100; Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24;  
Eph 1: 15-23; Matt 25:31-48

## 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.

If you have items for the Newsletter please send them to Ruth or to [BUConnect@gmail.com](mailto:BUConnect@gmail.com) by 9pm Wednesday.

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING/AGM

A Congregational Meeting will be held following the Morning Service next Sunday 29th November.

Business will include accepting of the 2020/2021 Budget and the size of Church Council.

If you would like to please bring your lunch and join with others for lunch in Machattie Park following the Meeting.

This week marks the end of Year A in the three year Lectionary cycle. Of course, as usual, the year ends with an encounter with Christ as King, and each year gives us a different, surprising view of Christ's reign. This year, as we finish our journey with Matthew, is no different. The Parable of the Sheep and the Goats can do nothing but shift our perceptions of what it means for Jesus to be the monarch of our lives and of the world – and the picture it offers us is one of a realm of radical inclusion, welcome, grace and mutual service. May we have the courage and the humility to embrace this reign and begin to live as its citizens, and may our worship this week help us to do so. John van de Laar [www.sacredise.com](http://www.sacredise.com)

## KEEPING A REGISTER OF ALL WHO ATTEND CHURCH ACTIVITIES AT THE CHURCH BUILDINGS.

One of the requirements of the NSW Government is that a list of everyone who attends a function must be kept for 28 days after the function.

Churches are no exception and if you have been to Church in the last few weeks you will have needed to sign on or we also have a QR code. The QR codes are in the foyer of the church and also in the Activities Hall. You can EITHER use the QR code OR you can sign the piece of paper.

Someone in each group will need to take responsibility for keeping the sign-on sheets for 28 days in case we are contacted by the Health Department.

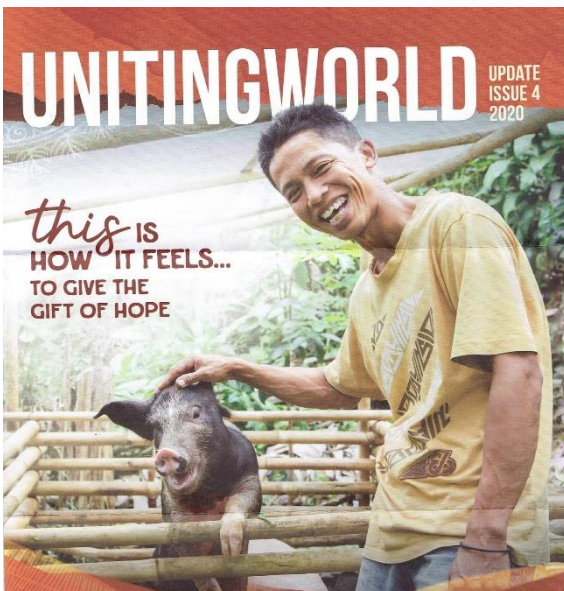
Any questions contact us at [BUCCconnect@gmail.com](mailto:BUCCconnect@gmail.com) or give one of us a ring.

Thanks for your help with this. Julie (for the Corona Response Team).

**Christmas is fast approaching. A great gift to give is one from UnitingWorld.**

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**<https://everythingincommon.com.au/>  
to explore the options.**



### LET US PRAY TOGETHER

- For all those in South Australia as they are locked down .
- For all those in countries around the world which have huge numbers of cases of Covid 19 in their communities. We especially pray for their healthcare workers.
- For people who are facing the Christmas period without work.
- For those who are facing the Christmas period distanced from their families and friends.

### CHANGES TO HOW YOU CAN DEPOSIT MONEY

The Finance Committee have been addressing the changes needed for the cessation of the Westpac Agency agreement with UFS and have arranged for the following:

If any congregation members wish to deposit cash and/or cheques for offerings, donations and miscellaneous items they can attend any branch of the Reliance or Unity Bank and deposit the funds to Account no:

100140356 Account Name: Council of Elders

These deposits will remain anonymous

All electronic transactions such as EFT, Direct Debits etc will remain the same, and there is no action needed to be taken with any electronic transactions that are now in place.

Internet transfers can still be made to

BSB: 634634

Account No: 100027964

Account Name: Bathurst City – Giving Direct

Deb (Treasurer)