



Bathurst Uniting Church

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

Newsletter Sunday 14 February 2021

Physical Distance - Social Connection - Community Care

Family Worship at 9.30am

This week – Monday Morning
Bible Study

Transfiguration Sunday

Next week – Monday
Lunchtime Bible Study Group

First Sunday of Lent

'Sunday @ 6'

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

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.

If you have items for the
Newsletter please send them
to Ruth or to
BUCconnect@gmail.com by
9pm Wednesday.

THIS WEEK

Once again Epiphany closes with the Transfiguration of Jesus – the turning point, the final affirmation, before Jesus set his sights on Jerusalem and the coming confrontation and sacrifice. The challenge of this week is for us to learn to recognise God's glory – in Christ, but also in all people and all things. It is this capacity for glory that can make a massive change to how we live in the world, and then through us, make a change to the world itself. (John van de Laar www.sacredise.com)

READINGS:

[2 Kings 2:1-12](#) [Psalm 50:1-6:](#)

[2 Corinthians 4:3-6:](#) Jesus is the glorious image of God, and God has shone into our hearts the light of the knowledge of God's glory in Christ. It is this glorious Jesus that the Apostle preaches.

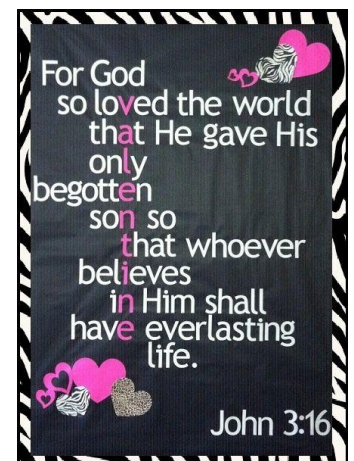
[Mark 9:2-9:](#) Jesus takes Peter, James and John up a mountain where they see Jesus transfigured into a radiant white, and Moses and Elijah appearing and talking to Jesus. Then they hear God's voice of affirmation and then all is back to normal. Then Jesus instructs them not to tell anyone until after he is raised.

THIS WEDNESDAY IS ASH WEDNESDAY, THE BEGINNING OF LENT.

FROM CHURCH COUNCIL

- ❖ **Church Council Elections**
There will be no election for the Church Council as there are no new nominations.
- ❖ **Church Noticeboard**
The Church Council has agreed to update the Noticeboard and has appointed a small Working Group to consider all options.
- ❖ **Church Website**
If anyone has news and/or information which they would like to share, please provide that information to Allan.

Today is St Valentine's Day



AN OPPORTUNITY

Have you ever wanted to run a Church service but are not quite bold enough to put your hand up for 9.30 am.? Do we have an opportunity for you!!! Church @ 6.00 is a small, informal service run in the Activities Hall at 6.00 pm each Sunday night. We are looking for volunteers to run an occasional night service to ease the workload of the existing team. You would not even be expected to regularly attend the service, although you would always be welcome. Speak to Julie, Jennie or Pete and Julie to find out more details.



World Day of Prayer AUSTRALIA

The World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome you to join in prayer and action for peace and justice. It is run under the motto "Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action," and is celebrated

annually in over 170 countries on the first Friday in March. The movement aims to bring together people of various races, cultures and traditions in a yearly common Day of Prayer, as well as in closer fellowship, understanding and action throughout the year.

This year it has been prepared by women in Vanuatu.

In Bathurst it will be held at the Presbyterian Church at 2pm on Friday 5 March.

All are welcome.

CHANGES TO THE NEWSLETTER

From March the newsletter will change to being monthly – being circulated on the first Sunday of the month. It will be sent out by email and there will be printed copies in the church foyer. It will also be available on the church website.

Last year we were able to include items about people, activities that had taken place and lots of photos as well as the usual notices of coming events and church business. Hopefully we can continue that this year as it really helps to keep us all connected. I will need everyone's help to make it work! If there is an activity – take some photos (making sure that you have permission for them to be published from anyone in them, especially children) and send them to me.

Ruth

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.

Internet transfers can still be made to

BSB: 634634

Account No: 100027964 Account Name: Bathurst City – Giving Direct