



# Bathurst Uniting Church

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

**Newsletter** Sunday 21 February 2021

**Physical Distance - Social Connection - Community Care**

## Family Worship at 9.30am

This week – Monday Lunchtime  
Bible Study Group

First Sunday of Lent

Next week – Rev David  
Wrightson

## '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  
[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.

## Written by UCA President Dr Deidre Palmer

As we enter into this season of Lent, we follow Jesus to Jerusalem, travelling with him in his suffering, and to his death. This year, we are mindful of the suffering experienced by so many in our world right now. In this time of preparation and discipline, may we journey toward the transforming hope and joy of his resurrection, mindful of Jesus' steadfast and enduring love, in the midst of danger, fear and grief. As followers of Jesus, God reminds us again of God's deep and healing love for us and for all people.

## A Prayer for Lent

Compassionate Christ,  
You speak to our deepest longings for love, hope and meaning.  
You call us into communion with you.  
Draw close to us, as we take time in this season, to pray, to reflect,  
and to open our lives to the transforming presence of your Holy Spirit.

As we journey with you to Jerusalem and remember your suffering,  
we pray you will open our hearts to the suffering of the world.  
Open our eyes and ears to see the needs of our neighbours  
and hear the voices of those who are grieving and wounded.  
Strengthen our resolve to journey with you into justice, and into  
solidarity with all those who long for liberation.

As we journey with you to Easter, may you renew us in following your  
Way  
and empower us to be bearers of God's good news of love,  
compassion and hope to our world.

**Amen.**

## Lent Event 2021

There is a series of bible studies available and other information at  
<https://www.unitingworld.org.au/lent-event-is-coming/>

## A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

On Sunday 7 March the 9.30am worship will be led by Rev 'Oto Faiva.  
There will be a catered lunch held at 11.30am, after the service. More  
details will be announced on Sunday morning.



## 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.**

### 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.

This service is an activity of the Bathurst Council for Christian Education which has representatives from the Anglican, Baptist, Catholic, C3, Evangelical, Presbyterian, SDA and Uniting Churches

# CELEBRATION SERVICE FOR SRE

C3 CHURCH. MARCH 14TH. 3PM  
GUEST REV DAVID BURKE  
TEACHERS, STUDENTS AND SUPPORTERS INVITED

### 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

If you wish to deposit or transfer money into our welfare account the details are:

BSB: 882000 Account /Member No: 1125  
Account Name: Council of Elders