



# Bathurst Uniting Church

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

**Newsletter** Sunday 7 February 2021

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

## Family Worship at 9.30am

This week – Brian Mowbray

“Source of Strength”

Isaiah 40: 21 - 31

Mark: 1: 29 - 39

Next week – Monday Morning  
Bible Study

Transfiguration Sunday

## ‘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.

## BAPTISM

At the 9.30am service this Sunday, 7 February,  
we will be celebrating the baptism  
of

Bobby Hendrix George Lawler-Grogan.

We welcome Bobby, his parents Marnie and Josh and their  
family and friends.



## CHURCH COUNCIL/ELDER NOMINATIONS FOR 2021

**TODAY** please nominate people who may wish to be members of Church Council, commencing March 2021. Nominations close **TODAY 7<sup>th</sup> February 2021**.

We ask you to prayerfully consider those members of our congregation who have gifts of ministry that can assist our church fulfil its responsibilities in ministry and mission. Nomination forms are available in the church office.

Those nominated can choose to be designated as an Elder or Church Councillor.

Those nominated can choose to serve for 1 to 5 years.

The Congregation has resolved that the Church Council consist of up to 12 elected members. As there are 9 members whose terms continue beyond the end of 2020, there are 3 vacancies to be filled.

A candidate will require at least a majority of votes to be elected. All nominees are required to be either a Confirmed Member or Member-in-Association.

Eight members of the current Council (listed below) have completed their nominated term.

They are eligible for re-election if they so desire.

**Elders** – Lynne Collett, Barbara Webb

**Councillors** – Tim Collett, Julie Greig, John Hoyer, Max McKay Peter Sackett, Robyn Wray

If you have any questions about the role of a Church Council member, please speak to either Brian or Lilian.

## LECTIONARY READINGS:

[Isaiah 40:21-31:](#)

[Psalm 147:1-11, 20c:](#)

[1 Corinthians 9:16-23:](#)

[Mark 1:29-39](#)

## 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

The **STAMP COMMITTEE SALES** for 2020 was \$18,659 for stamps sold. Auction sales raised 91% of total sales as over the counter sales were greatly reduced with the stamp room being closed from mid March to November.

Areas of philatelic interest for some of our customers include:

Stamps in stock books for Australia and other countries e.g. New Zealand, UK, Australian Territories  
Postcards especially those from 1890 to 1930  
First day covers, small packets of foreign material  
European stamps from 1939 to 1945

**There is a green box at the entrance to the church where stamps can be left** If you are trimming stamps 3 mm paper surround is the requirement. Further information from Sandra and John

## 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