



# Bathurst Uniting Church

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

Newsletter

March 2021

Physical Distance - Social Connection - Community Care

## Family Worship at 9.30am

This week - Rev 'Oto Faiva

Holy Communion

14 March - John Hoye

21 March - Brian Mowbray

28 March - Palm Sunday  
Tuesday Bible Study Group

Good Friday - Rev Alan  
Robinson

Easter Sunday- Rev Alan  
Robinson

At the 9.30am service we extend a warm welcome back to Rev 'Oto Faiva as he leads us in worship and Holy Communion.

There is a lunch at 11.30 but if you weren't able to secure a spot at that there will be time after the service for a cuppa and a catch up with Rev 'Oto and Bella and the family.

## SUNDAY 14TH MARCH - ROAD CLOSURE

During the Bathurst Cycling Classic on Sunday 14th March, William Street, between Russell and Keppel Streets, will be closed from 2pm Saturday 13th March until 6pm Sunday 14th March. William Street will also be closed from Keppel Street to Mount Panorama from 7am Sunday 14th March.

This means that those of us who live west of William Street will need to cross William Street either along Howick Street or Durham Street.

Very limited parking for those who have mobility issues will be available in Keppel Street on the Brooke Moore Centre Side.

## 'Sunday @ 6'

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

**There will be no 6pm service on Easter Sunday.**

## 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 at [revaughan@bigpond.com](mailto:revaughan@bigpond.com) by 9pm on the last Wednesday of the month .



## TECH SESSION

On Saturday 17 April from 1.30pm in the Activities Hall there will be a session to help with service preparation and use of the church AV system.

There will be brainstorming and ideas exchange as well as some time working through issues on the AV system.

The session is open to all who are interested in learning how to use what we have available for services.

Contact Tim for more information.

You can still do the bible studies for  . You can download them at <https://donate.unitingworld.org.au/event/lent-event/bible-study>

## The Monday Morning Bible Study Group visit Nan Hunt's old home.

Until just before her death in 2015, Nan welcomed the group into her home every Monday to share with one another and study the word of God together.

The morning was a wonderful time of reminiscing about what dear Nan Hunt meant to each one of us. She remains with us in happy memories, amazing prayers and inspirational faith. Marilyn played the piano for us to have a gentle sing along, although after many months of no singing we struggled to remember the words! The new owner of Nan's



home was a long time friend of Nan's and we enjoyed seeing the renovations and hearing her memories of Nan.

Jennie told us about the bricks Nan and Lorna got from Jennie's grandparents' house when it was being demolished and then giving one each to members of Jen's family. I told them John and I took David's two older children to Nan's the year "Whistle up the Chimney" was reprinted to look at the house from the outside. It was Christmas Day and they wanted to meet her. Not only did they meet Nan but also her older sister Jean. The kids enjoyed wandering through the back garden eating raspberries that were growing. - Sandra.

One of Nan Hunt's Prayers of The People from 21<sup>st</sup> February 2010

Lord God, Lord of All, making no distinction between peoples; your riches of grace sustain us. Your acceptance, forgiveness, and freedom through Jesus, give us strength for life's journey. Jesus, you have shown us how to deal with the subtlety of temptation to do good things for the wrong reasons or for our own gain. In our desert places where mirages entice, remind us that you are the source and meaning and goal of our living so that we say with the psalmist "You are my refuge and fortress, my God in whom I put my trust".

In this season of Lent bless all those who are studying the Lent Event material, giving them fresh insights into your word and will and new ideas for identifying with people of other lands.

Give your wisdom to those who govern countries, inspire the scientists working to save the planet, rescue those oppressed by despotic rulers, and keep alive the hope in refugees. Save us from the them/us mindset that encourages suspicion and hostility and kills the "love of neighbour" we are called to show as followers of Christ.

There are young people starting university, feeling the heady freedom of release from parental control. May they exercise common sense as well as studying the subjects of their courses. Be their guide and protector, we pray.

Our hearts go out to suffering people, those with chronic pain, others recovering from surgery or waiting to have operations, or feeling miserable as a wet hen without knowing why. May they be open to all the healing you have for them today. Give love, courage, patience, and strength to carers, those wonderful selfless people close to your heart.

Thank you for safe keeping, for answered prayer, for a saviour that took our humanity, sharing growing pains like us, but showing how we can live to glorify you, our loving Father. Amen

### HOW YOU CAN DEPOSIT MONEY

Deposits can be made in person at any branch of the Reliance or Unity Bank . They will be anonymous.

Account no: 100140356 Account Name: Council of Elders

Internet transfers can still be made to Uniting Financial

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