



Bathurst Uniting Church

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

Newsletter

May 2021

Physical Distance - Social Connection - Community Care

Family Worship at 9.30am

2 May Rev David Wrightson
– Communion

9 May Monday Morning
Bible Study group

16 May John Hoye

23 May Rev Alan Robinson
– Pentecost

30 May Brian Cowan

'Sunday @ 5'

At 5pm – contemporary,
informal, all ages worship in
the Activities Hall with Covid
Safe conditions.

All are welcome!

Staying Connected

For pastoral support, please
contact your Pastoral
Partner, or one of the Elders,
or email

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 by
9pm on the last Wednesday
of the month .

A Reflective Prayer

Love so Easy and so Hard

Can it be that easy, Jesus?

Can it be that hard?

That what You want for us is just to love
and be loved?



Is it possible that even those who have tried the hardest,
signed on the dotted line, sat for years in classes
and strained their eyes from reading,
dressed in all the most appropriate garments,
and spoken with only the most measured words...
that these can miss You?

How can it be when those who have hardly tried at all,
who have damaged themselves and others so much,
that in the end they have no where else to turn
but to throw themselves on Your grace...
that these are the ones You search out?

How do we make sense of this, Jesus?
How do we love so scandalously, so inclusively?
How do we allow ourselves to be loved enough,
that all our hard and sharp edges
grow soft and round?

Help us to find the humility and courage,
the boldness and grace, that in our loving and being loved,
we may somehow ignite our world with a compassion so fierce
that violence and abuse, rejection and condemnation,
neglect and greed become unthinkable. Amen.

John Van de Laar <https://sacredise.com/love-so-easy-and-so-hard/>

Pentecost Luncheon

On Sunday 23rd May we are having a luncheon in the Activities Hall following the morning service. This will be an opportunity for a social gathering and also enable us to raise money for Supporting Our Local Mums. (see below)

We will be catering for this luncheon so if you would like to come could you give your names to Ellie Mowbray or Janet Drengenberg with \$15 by **Sunday 16th May**.

We hope you can come and enjoy this special time together.

In case you missed the Western Advocate article about the afternoon tea which was held to hear about the SUPP program which is run at Bathurst Hospital....

The afternoon was very successful and inspiring. Angela Thornhill who is a Parenting Clinician RN at Bathurst Hospital and is responsible for the Substance Use in Pregnancy & Parenting Program spoke as well as Hayley, one of the Mums who is being supported. Just over \$500 was raised to help buy vitamins for the mums to use during their pregnancy. Thank you to everyone who attended! Your support is much appreciated. You can donate directly to BSB: 882000 Account Number: 100140356 Label: Vitamins.



BUSS Café is opening soon

The café will be open on Saturdays and Sundays from 12-2pm and will offer a free hot meal to anyone who needs one. Guests will also be able to get warm sleeping bags and clothes if required. If you would be interested in volunteering at the café there will be a one hour training session at 7pm on Thursday 6 May in the Activities Hall. If you would like to attend please email BUSS2975@gmail.com or speak to Julie Fry.

To keep up to date with all the BUSS activities please see our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/BathurstUnitingSS>

KUCA News

KUCA which stands for Kids of the Uniting Church of Australia started back this term for the full two hours every second Friday from 5pm to 7pm.

We did meet during Term One from 5pm to 6.30pm but now we are able to serve dinner to the children.

KUCA is for Primary School children aged 6 years to 12 years old. Our program has four parts. We start with games, then have dinner, stories about Jesus, prayer circle and finish with craft.

Last Friday we had a great time with lots of children and four leaders. If you know any children who would love to come to KUCA we would love to welcome them.

Just let Ellie, Sandra, Gwynne or Sharynne know and we can give them a phone call.

Men's Breakfast Club

After the long Covid break we have resumed our monthly gathering. Over a hearty breakfast on the third Saturday of the month at Porters we enjoy great fellowship together and always sort out all of the world's problems!

As part of our faith journey together we also sponsor the education of two children at the Mwandi Mission in Uganda. Currently, and for the last four or five years, we have been sponsoring Kwenda, an eleven year old boy in Grade 7 and Musonda, a fifteen year old girl in Grade 11. In her own words in her last letter to us Musonda wrote of her life's situation and of her gratitude to us for sponsoring her education. John Hoye

If you would like to know more about the Men's Breakfast talk to John .



12th february, 2020.

Dear friend,

How are you by this lovely year? As for me am okay. I just want to say thank you, I really appreciate for what you have done for me, I'm a girl child aged 15 years, I'm vulnerable child I have nothing to give you for what you are doing in my life, I'm from the poor family, my family have nothing they can not even manage to sponsor me, may your God, My God, our God provide good things in your life, may the angels of our lord covers and protect you so that you keep helping those who don't have sponsorship like did to me, and I'm still asking for help to continue until I finish school. I will remember you even I finish school.

Am in grade 10 at mwandi day secondary school I will ^{remember} you even when I complete my education, Pass my regards to your family

Yours in friendship
AMIS MUSONDA.



ALLEGRI
SINGERS

present

Music for a While

Bathurst's Allegri Singers,
directed by **William Moxey**,
present two concerts
featuring choral music both
ancient and modern.

From heartbreaking, to
hauntingly beautiful, to
triumphant.

Be uplifted.

Come and join us, in some
Music, for a While

Sat 22nd May, 2pm
St Raphael's Church, **Cowra**

Sun 23rd May, 2pm
All Saints' Cathedral, **Bathurst**

Tickets: \$30 Adult
\$25 Concession
Child/Student free

Tickets from **trybooking.com**
or cash only at BooksPlus (Bathurst
concert only) or at the door



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ALLEGRI SINGERS



MANY WAYS TO GIVE:

- In the collection plate on Sundays
- You can set up a regular direct debit to the church account (see Deb Mina to do this)
- Deposits to general church funds 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
- **OR** Internet transfers can be made to BSB: 634634 Account No: 100027964
Account Name:
Bathurst City – Giving Direct
- If you wish to deposit money into our welfare account the details are:
BSB: 882000 Account /Member No: 1125 Account Name: Council of Elders
- If you wish to deposit into the BUSS account the details are BSB:634634 Account Number:100049962

A prayer for Mother's Day

Lord, we remember the mothers
who have gone before us.
**For their love, sacrifice, struggle
and joy, we thank you.**

Lord, we remember the mothers of
Scripture who are a part of our story
as we are a part of your story.
**For their courage, faith, love and
fierceness, we thank you.**

Lord, we remember those who have not
given birth to us, but are mothers to us.
**For their gift of themselves that they
have given, we thank you.**

For the women who struggle with
fertility, for those women whom
society labels as less in their childlessness,
for those women who have lost children.
**For their tears, for their strength,
for their wisdom, for their lives,
we thank you.**

In your name we pray. Amen.

by Claire Schoepp

