



Bathurst Uniting Church

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

Newsletter

July 2021

Physical .Distance – Social Connection – Community Care

Family Worship at 9.30am

4 July Holy Communion

Rev David Wrightson

11 July John Hoye

18 July Julie Fry

25 July Brian Cowan

1 Aug Holy Communion

Rev David Wrightson

'Sunday @ 5'

At 5pm – contemporary,
informal, all ages worship in
the Activities Hall .

All are welcome!

Please note: There will be
no 5pm service on 4 July.

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 .

4 July Something to think about – from Insights - by Rev. Danielle Hemsworth-Smith Psalm 48 and Mark 6.1-13

It occurs to me that Jesus' instruction to 'shake off the dust that is on your feet' (Mark 6.11) as they leave is a bit backwards. Normally we shake the dust off our feet before we go into someone's house, as an act of respect and politeness, not as we leave. But of course, in this story the instruction is to shake the dust off your feet if you are not welcome into a house. i.e as you leave. What is the point of that? Aren't you just going to walk away and add more dust?

It might be a bit of a long bow to draw but I wonder if politeness and respect is half the point of this? You see if the disciple was welcomed into a house, they would shake the dust off before entering. And in doing this they would be polite and respectful to those who welcomed them. Maybe Jesus is saying that the disciples should also be equally respectful to those who do not welcome them? Truth is this is always the much more difficult thing. It is much easier to be polite to someone who is polite to you. It is much more difficult if they are not.

But it is also much more important.

Because who we are matters, and we never ever know what the dust that we leave behind does in the life of those who encounter it. Those small moments of politeness and respect may just become the first step of change.

SERVICE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THIS WEEK (4 JULY)

We will be meeting this week in the church for our 9.30am Sunday Service. This is due to the continuing need to strictly adhere to the Covid distancing regulations because of the virulent nature of the Delta strain. We would appreciate your help with the following:

- Do not come to church if you are unwell or have been in the Greater Sydney Area in the last 14 days.
- Make sure you are sitting at least 1.5m from anyone else unless they are part of your household
- Masks must be worn.
- There will be empty basket communion.
- Unfortunately we can't sing or have morning tea
- As much as we like to see our church family on Sundays we are asking that you don't congregate either before or after the service. Please leave immediately the service has finished.

The Covid response team (Judy Tyson, Anne Marie Craine and Julie Fry) are keeping an eye on the current outbreak and will make decisions about the service week by week.

We are all grateful that at least we are still able to meet and look forward to seeing you all (from a distance) on Sunday.

STAMP NEWS

Sales from The Stamp Committee for 2020 were \$18,659. (All this goes to support the work of the Uniting Church) There were some very generous private collections which were sold at auction together with bulk Australian kilos of trimmed stamps. Auction sales were \$16,399 (91% of total sales). Over the counter sales were greatly reduced as the stamp room was closed from mid March to November when some volunteers were unable to meet.



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 cover, small packets of foreign material.
European stamps from 1939 to 1945

Currently there is quite a lot of interest in commercial covers sent to/from the UK, Europe, Asia, USA and Australian to other countries during World War 2. These covers include stamps for internal mail to the nearest International Airport/Port then international surface/airmail by various routes to the country of destination. From 1939 to 1945 as countries were occupied, limited air routes were available, quality paper on which to print stamps was scarce and the rate of inflation was often quite high resulting in increased postal rates. Stamps were often surcharged with the higher postal rates when the time available to design and print new stamps was too short. The covers were postmarked in each transit country and censor postmarks applied as applicable. At the beginning of WW11, mail from China to the USA went to Hong Kong and then via the Pacific route. Later, mail went via Calcutta, Lagos to Miami. Airmail from Missionaries in China went via Hong Kong, Bangkok, Singapore to Melbourne or Sydney.

If you have any stamps they can be given to John or Sandra Judge and they will be taken to Sydney.

BUSS (See next page for a list of all the activities that we are involved in)

Another successful cooking day was held in the Holy Trinity kitchen on 15 June. The group cooked over 100 meals for the weekend café. Unfortunately the café has to stay closed temporarily while the Covid restrictions are in place as it is impossible to keep everyone safe. There will be more cooking days in the future so stay tuned.



Click on this link to read an Insights article about our activities.

<https://www.insights.uca.org.au/food-services-and-advocacy-for-bathursts-vulnerable/>





BATHURST UNITING SUPPORT SERVICES PROJECTS

Shelter Café

- Open Sat and Sun for lunch. Free hot meals, warm clothes, sleeping bags and showers.
- Cooking days are held semi-regularly with volunteers to provide the meals.

Volunteers needed to help with the cooking days.

The community and paramedic students have been very generous with their wanting to volunteer at the café.

At this stage we have enough volunteers

Advocating for a refuge in Bathurst for men and women with addictions to drugs and alcohol.

Volunteers are needed to be involved in this project to form a working party to advocate for a refuge.

Families and Food

- Nutritious cooking in electric frying pans for families

Volunteers are needed to help organise and participate in this project

- Yes you can! Project to encourage cost effect nutritious cooking in homes
- Family fun decorating ginger bread houses, Easter biscuits etc

Volunteers are needed at different times during the year e.g. at Easter and Christmas time to help with these activities.

Chifley Opioid Clinic (Methadone Clinic)

- Weekly BBQ breakfast for clients in warmer months

Supporting Mums in the Substance Use in Pregnancy and Parenting Program

- Packs for new Mums
- *Help with purchase of larger items*
- *Volunteers are needed to help provide social contact and support to the mums.*

Bathurst Buddies

Volunteers providing social support for those who need more social contact.

Volunteers are needed to act as buddies to people who are lonely and in need of social contact. Activities may be a walk, coffee, phone contact, going to the movies etc

Helping to educate the community regarding addiction issues

Volunteers are needed with media and social media skills.

Pastoral Care for clients in the Drug and Alcohol programs

Very specialised skills are needed eg CPE course, ordination etc

PRAYERS

- We pray for the family and friends of Don Crapp , whose funeral was held during the week. We pray that they will find comfort and peace.
- We pray for our leaders as they work through the issues of Covid outbreaks and work towards a path forward..
- We pray for all those whose businesses have been affected again while restrictions are in place and we pray for those who are unable to work due to lockdowns.

Do you know anyone who would appreciate receiving the newsletter by regular mail so that they can keep in touch with what is happening even if they are unable to come to church and don't have an email address?

If so please let Ruth know and that can be arranged. revaughan@bigpond.com

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 BSB 882000 Account No: 100140356
Account Name: Bathurst Uniting Church Congregation
This includes donations for the Mums program we are supporting
- **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 Number 300003447
Account Name: Bathurst Uniting Church welfare.
- If you wish to deposit electronically into the BUSS account the details are BSB:634634
Account Number:100049962

Please note there have been some changes to these details so please check if you are making deposits.

In case you missed seeing this in the Western Advocate on 12 May.

Heritage Act 1977

Notice of intention to consider listing on the State Heritage Register

The Heritage Council of NSW is considering whether to recommend the place below for listing on the State Heritage Register in acknowledgment of its heritage significance.

Bathurst City Uniting Church and Chapel (including William Davidson pipe organ) and its setting, Bathurst

Written submissions on this listing are invited from any interested person by 11 July 2021. Enquiries to Lucy Hampton on (02) 9873 8535 or lucy.hampton@environment.nsw.gov.au

Further details on the nominated place can be viewed at: heritage.nsw.gov.au/protecting-our-heritage/nominate-listing-on-the-state-heritage-register/nominations-being-considered/

Direct submissions to:
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