



Bathurst Uniting Church

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

Newsletter

August 2021

Physical .Distance – Social Connection – Community Care

Family Worship at 9.30am

1 Aug Holy Communion

Rev David Wrightson

8 Aug Brian Mowbray

15 Aug Monday Morning

Bible Study Group

22 Aug Rev David

Wrightson

29 Aug Brian Mowbray

5 Sept Holy Communion

Rev David Wrightson

Admitting My Gifts (A prayer/reflection on our gifts)

I'm not really sure I want to admit it, God,

but I am a person with gifts.

Oh, I'm not one of those super-talented, can-do-it-all, people,

but there are things I'm good at,

things that might even be useful to You and others.

But, here's the problem – if I admit it, then I have to do something;

then there are no more excuses;

no more comfortable inadequacies to hide behind.

If I acknowledge the abilities and strengths You have placed in me

I'm going to have to actually use them;

I'm going to have to serve, and be accountable,

and maybe even make commitments...

and stick to them.

But, if I pretend that I'm not gifted at all,

I lose something of myself,

I allow myself to be less than I really am,

to experience less, to learn less,

to be less alive.

So, thank you, God, for making me a gifted person,

and thank you that my gifts can make a difference,

can, in some small way, help

to make Your dream for my world a reality.

Amen.

John Van de Laar <https://sacredise.com/admitting-my-gifts/>

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday 22nd August immediately following the 9.30am Church Service.

The business of this meeting will be to receive the 2020/2021 Financial Report and adopt the 2021/2022 Budget.

'Sunday @ 5'

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

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 .

There will be a LUNCH on 22 August following the Congregational Meeting

All are welcome

The lunch will be provided by the CWA.

It will consist of a sandwich in a box plus a piece of fruit and slice in another box.

Cost is \$15 each.

Please let Deb know by Sunday 15 August if you would like to come so she can organise the catering.

We are looking for volunteers to be BATHURST BUDDIES

Often those with Drug and Alcohol addiction find it difficult to fit into traditional community activities and learning opportunities, and even when opportunities arise, they lack the motivation. This can lead to a lack of activity and often results in significant loneliness. This project is designed to help with some of these issues by “buddying” up participants, Peer Support Workers and Volunteers in small groups which meet regularly for social contact (coffee, walking, activities etc).

We are looking for volunteers for this program. All volunteers will be provided with training and support. Our first training will be on Tues 3rd August at 7pm. If you’d like to find out more about becoming a volunteer email bathurstbuddies@gmail.com or ring Julie.

FRYING PAN CREATIONS

The Buss team has been putting together a plan to have small groups of people who have limited cooking skills, over a four week period learning to create a simple meal in an electric frypan. Each person will take the meal home for their family for that day and at the end of the four week session they will get to keep the frypan to use at home. The first group will begin on 10 August at 10:30am in the café space.



We now need some helpers

- People to be with the “cooker” for support and help if needed
- A small team to run the practical side of the program – do the shopping, organise equipment, etc (the recipes have already been prepared and printed)

If you can help contact Julie



Would anyone be interested in making some masks for the clients of the local Methadone Clinic?

Fabric and patterns are available. If you can help please contact Lynne.

SERVICE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT FEW WEEKS

We will continue meeting 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.
- Unfortunately we can't sing or have morning tea
- We all like to see our church family on Sundays but we are asking that you make sure that maintain good social distancing while you briefly chat before or after the service.
- The 5pm service will continue to meet in the Activities Hall with the same conditions.

The Covid response team (Brian, Anne Marie and Julie) are keeping an eye on the current outbreak and will make decisions about the service week by week. We'll continue to send out an email on Friday evenings to confirm or change arrangements.

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

Gideons International in Australia

BIBLES FOR THE WORLD AND MEMBERSHIP DINNER

Under the Authority of Jesus (Matt 28:18-20)

**Bathurst RSL Club,
114 Rankin Street, Bathurst**



Monday 13th September 2021

6:20pm for 6:30pm

Special speakers will be:

Bishop Mark Calder

who will share about God's Word in today's world.

and **Dr Peter Killey**

Who will encourage us to witness in today's world.

Donations to support the work in overseas countries will be taken during the dinner.

The local Gideons group is made up of business and professional men together with their wives who are members in good standing of local evangelical Churches.

They are holding a dinner and wish to invite men and their wives/partners to this special evening . They are especially keen to meet younger people (say, between 20 and 50, or recently retired), who have a good knowledge of current business practices and computer technology and love our Lord and serve Him faithfully. If you want to know more please speak with Brian Mowbray.

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.

The next edition of

With Love to the World

will be distributed either in person or by post, in early August.

Marion

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