



# Bathurst Uniting Church

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

Newsletter

October 2021

Physical Distance - Social Connection - Community Care

## Morning Family Worship

**3 October** Rev Alan Robinson

Holy Communion

**10 Oct** David and Sharynne  
with Rev 'Oto Faiva

**17 Oct** Rev David Wrightson

**24 Oct** Brian

**31 Oct** John

**7 November** Lynne and Tim

Holy Communion

During lockdown service is at  
10.30am on Zoom otherwise it  
will be at 9.30am in the  
church.

## 'Sunday @ 6'

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

While we are in lockdown the  
service is via Zoom.

## 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.

## Biographers of the Least

Our world overflows with stories, Jesus,  
so many lives,  
so many ways of being human.  
So why are we satisfied with so few?  
Why do we keep telling the same stories over and over,  
of the wealthy and powerful and beautiful?

Why do we so carelessly pass by the rich and unpredictable stories  
of the unseen  
who in a million magical ways,  
make a life out of nothing?

God, forgive our narrow interests,  
and our lazy entertainments;  
Make us biographers of the least,  
who listen to the untold stories of the shadow people,  
and bring them into the light.

Give us the curiosity and the restlessness  
to search out the forgotten,  
the neglected,  
the unwanted,  
the discarded,  
and the worn out,  
to learn their legends,  
and to acknowledge their place  
in the epic story of humanity.

John Van de Laar [www.sacredise.com](http://www.sacredise.com)

## **Training Workshop – Core Concepts in Working with People From Refugee Backgrounds**

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October from 9.30am – 4.30pm at the Bathurst Uniting Church Activities Hall**

The Bathurst Refugee Support Group is running a one-day introductory workshop designed to put a framework of understanding around working with refugees and asylum seekers. It focuses on understanding the link between what refugees have been through, the sorts of issues and behaviours they may present with, and how to work in a way that fosters feelings of trust, safety and control, while minimizing the risk of retraumatisation.

This workshop will be facilitated by the NSW Service for the Treatment and Rehabilitation of Torture and Trauma Survivors.

For further information or to register, please contact: Brian 0414 886 228 or [ebmowbray@outlook.com](mailto:ebmowbray@outlook.com)

### **Note the date**

**Macquarie- Darling Presbytery will hold  
an Induction Service  
for Rev Keith Hamilton  
at 3pm on Saturday 13 November at Bathurst Uniting Church.**

There will be more details closer to the date when we have a clearer idea of Covid restrictions that will apply.

### **GROCERIES FOR GOODOOGA**

As you know we joined with the Uniting churches of Orange, Canowindra, Dubbo and Gordon/Pymble when lockdowns began to deliver food supplies to the town of Goodooga as they struggled to get fresh supplies. Since then various agencies have arranged supplies .

Insights wrote about it <https://www.insights.uca.org.au/more-than-food-for-goodooga/>

And we recently received this email.

Good morning all,

I hope this email finds you well and you are staying safe during these challenging times. I would also just like to express my gratitude to the many that supported the Goodooga community. The community has since messaged me and asked for me to relay their thanks and appreciation for the support that was so generously given to them through these unprecedented challenging times. Your support was felt throughout every household in this community.

It's people like you and communities and groups you represent that make me so proud to work not only for Uniting but the Uniting Church that walks with me in the journey of supporting people that need us the most.

Sincere thanks and blessings to you all.

Kind regards

**Corrina Alchin**  
Church & Community Engagement Lead, Uniting





### **A GENEROUS DONATION.**

In early August the outgoing President of Bathurst Inner Wheel, Sandra presented a cheque for \$700 to Julie Fry, the coordinator of Bathurst Uniting Support Services (BUSS). The incoming President of Bathurst Inner Wheel, Agnes, is observing the exchange. Sandra selected this charity for the work that BUSS does with people in Bathurst who are doing it tough

### **AGM - Congregation Meeting**

Unfortunately due to the current COVID situation and the ongoing lockdown, the AGM has been postponed until we are able to meet in person again.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Brian (0414 886 228) or Deb (0423 744 757)



### **SERVICE ARRANGEMENTS DURING LOCKDOWN**

Due to the Covid restrictions which are currently in place we are unable to physically meet. As changes occur an email will be sent out to let you know worship arrangements.

This Sunday morning worship will be at 10.30am on Zoom and evening service will be at 6pm.

There is now one link for all church activities.

You can use this link for Church services, Bible Studies, meetings etc. Please save this link somewhere you can find it whenever you have a Church zoom. It will remain the same always. Do not use any of your previous links.

<https://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/6039333548>

If you are used to putting in a number use the 10 digits at the end of the link ie 603 933 3548

You can also access the zoom link to our worship services, bible studies and other meetings via the "Purple button" on the front page of our Bathurst Uniting Church website.

If you would like to join by phone the number to ring is 02 8015 6011 and then use the meeting ID which is 603 933 3548. You will only have audio.

## Have you got your vaccination proof?

There are a number of ways you can obtain proof:

- If you log onto your MyGov account at my.gov.au there are clear instructions on how to find your proof which you can then print.
- You can have the Medicare app on your smart phone and that will show your vaccination status.
- You can have a letter from your vaccination provider.
- You can contact the Australian Immunisation Register. Phone 1800 653 809, M-F, 8 a.m - 5 pm. It takes 14 days to get the document.

### Working with Children Checks

I am reviewing the WWCCs to make sure they are up to date.

Could you send your WWCC checks to me for review. I need your number, birth date and name and review date. Thankyou. Rocelyn Read.

### Mowing Roster

2 October Peter  
16 October Alan  
30 October Brian

**October is Mental Health month in Australia** - a good time to tune in to our own mental health and to the mental health of those around us especially in this time of restrictions and lockdowns.



### 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

### How to get information/stories out there

For good news stories, upcoming events or updates to be added to the church website email Allan - [allanwray@hotmail.com](mailto:allanwray@hotmail.com)

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 .