



Bathurst Uniting Church

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

Newsletter Sunday 8 November 2020

Physical Distance - Social Connection - Community Care

'Sunday at 6'

will also be recommending this Sunday the 8th with a get together in Machattie Park at 6pm. Bring something to sit on and your own food.

The Sunday @ 6 zoom service will no longer be operating.

Sunday Morning Worship at 9.30am

Holy Communion

Theme: Choose this day whom you will serve

Joshua 24:1-3a,14-25

Joshua challenges the people to turn from their idols and serve only God, and they commit to doing so.

Our Church will be regathering for worship, face to face from this Sunday 8th November.

We are really looking forward to seeing each other again.

This regathering will be subject to strict adherence to all the conditions relating to being COVID Safe.

At the 9.30am service' which will include communion, the following will apply:

- Wearing a mask is advised but is optional.
- Please don't attend if you are feeling unwell
- Those attending can sit in the Galleries as well as Downstairs to maintain the separation of 1.5M as required (under the guidelines the church can hold 137)
- No singing
- Communion will be celebrated in such a way that all conditions for COVID Safety are maintained
- Collection plates will be placed in the Foyer by the Stewards for offerings to be given as people leave at the end of the Service
- As it will be Communion there will be a basket in the foyer for people to leave food or money to support the welfare work of the church.
- We will be having a Covid Safe morning tea in the courtyard after church.

While we are welcoming as many people as possible on the Sunday morning we are very aware that not everyone is willing or able to join us. The service will be livestreamed at 9.30am Sunday morning. To join the live stream go to www.bathurstunitingchurch.com.au and look for the link. A copy of the service will be put up on the website but not until Monday. Anyone who would like to receive a DVD or USB of the service please let us know and we will deliver, but not until the Monday following the service.

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 or to BUConnect@gmail.com by 9pm Wednesday.

Help is needed from 9am on Sunday to set up the church to meet Covid safe requirements. If you can come early it would be much appreciated.

WITH LOVE TO THE WORLD

The daily Bible reading guide, "With Love to the World" has been ordered and should arrive soon. It will be distributed at the service on 8th November or otherwise posted out. Subscription renewal forms will be included with each copy (cost \$24 for the year). Additional forms will be available at the church for those who have not subscribed before, and wish to take out a subscription. Please note that "With Love to the World" is now available on an app. (See www.withlovetotheworld.org.au)

WE PRAY TOGETHER

- For those who are suffering mental health issues, many of which have been exacerbated by lockdowns and restrictions. We pray that all of us can be kinder to one another.
- For all Australians as restrictions gradually ease. We pray for commonsense alongside the excitement of getting out and about and travelling again.
- We thank you for the friends you give us.
- For the people of the United States as they move into the future.



CHANGES TO HOW YOU CAN DEPOSIT MONEY

The Finance Committee have been addressing the changes needed for the cessation of the Westpac Agency agreement with UFS and have arranged for the following:

If any congregation members wish to deposit cash and/or cheques for offerings, donations and miscellaneous items they can attend any branch of the Reliance or Unity Bank and deposit the funds to

Account no: 100140356 Account Name: Council of Elders

These deposits will remain anonymous

Dates for your Diary

Please note that – despite the NSW Government's easing of restrictions – most activities are not yet "back to normal". However, some groups are beginning to gather following the Covid guidelines. If you need information about what you need to do to gather safely contact the Covid Response Team at BUCCconnect@gmail.com

All electronic transactions such as EFT, Direct Debits etc will remain the same, and there is no action needed to be taken with any electronic transactions that are now in place.

Internet transfers can still be made to

BSB: 634634

Account No: 100027964

Account Name: Bathurst City – Giving Direct

Deb (Treasurer)

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

November Mowing Roster

7th Henry and James

21st Peter