

# **Bathurst Uniting Church**

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

**Newsletter** 

July, 2024

### Reflection

There is no reflection from Keith this month as he has only just returned from holiday.

I thought I would include this prayer which is from <a href="www.sacredise,com">www.sacredise,com</a> Ruth

# Worship Services

9.30am in the church.

You can join worship on Zoom by going to

http://www.bathurstunitingchurch.com.a u/ and pressing the purple button.

7 July Rev Keith Hamilton Holy Communion

14 July Rev Keith Hamilton

21 July Rev Keith Hamilton

28 July John

4 August Rev Keith Hamilton Holy Communion

'Sunday @ 5'

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

On the first Sunday of each month there will be Holy Communion and a shared meal.

## The Faith We Need.

We take so much on to our shoulders God; Sometimes it's arrogance, but sometimes it's because we just don't know what else to do.

There is so much need, so many wounded people, There are so many challenges, and so many decisions.

We don't want to fall into a magical, "Harry Potter" faith, in which we use prayers like wands, and avoid our responsibilities through childish dependence on you.

But, we also don't want to live as if what we believe is just an idea with no real impact on our lives.

And so we pray for the strength and courage to work for justice and healing for those who are forgotten and hurting in our world, and to strive to be fully engaged in our own lives;

But we also pray for the humility and wonder to seek your Spirit's strength and wisdom, and to invite others into vibrant relationship with you; because the faith we need is not just a 'religious' veneer, but a real confidence in a reality that is bigger than us. Amen

### **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

There will be a Congregational Meeting on Sunday 28th July, immediately following the 9.30am Morning Worship Service in the Church.

The main item of business will be the Budget for 2024/2025.

As part of the celebrations of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the installation of the William Davidson Organ in the Uniting Church,

William Street, Bathurst, a series of lunchtime free Recitals are being held.

Bring your lunch, a cuppa will be provided, and enjoy hearing our historic Organ.



# Recitals coming up: (put them in your diary!)

14 August Peter Siers accomplished and well known local Organist

11 September Denise Garland Music Teacher, Scots All Saints College

#### **BUSS NEWS**

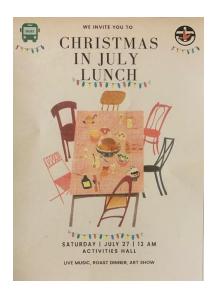
## "Christmas in July" lunch

There will be a 'Christmas in July' lunch for BUSS supporters and our cafe guests on Saturday 27th July from 12-2pm in the Activities hall of the Uniting Church in William street.

People will be able to enjoy a delicious roast chicken dinner with all the trimmings, listen to live music from our Music group and admire artwork in the Art Show.

What a wonderful way to share a meal together!!

If you are able to help with the cooking of food, please contact Marie.



### 'Annual BUSS Volunteer Training'



If you are a BUSS volunteer or interested in volunteering with one of the BUSS programs and activities, you are invited to attend a training session on either -

Sunday 4th August 2.30-3.30pm or

Tuesday 6th August 7-8pm.

The sessions will be in the BUSS rooms at the back of the Uniting Church in William st.

If you would like more information, please contact us.

### Can you help?

As the weather gets colder in Bathurst we are in need of bedding (sheets, blankets and doonas), also warm men's winter clothing.

Does anyone have any of the old Woolies/Coles plastic bags they could give us?

Each month in winter we give hamper bags to the people who dose at Chifley Clinic.

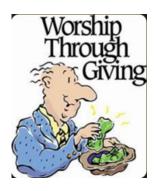
We fill these bags with food items for the people. Thank you



The BUSS kitchen now has a stove installed which means there are a lot more cooking options for the various activities. The Frypan Warriors tested it this week by making roast chicken with vegetables and fritters. Yum...a great addition.







# Many Ways to Give:

There is now a Tap and Go facility in the church foyer where you can give to various options with your card.

To pay invoices issued, to donate to the work of the Church, donations to the Organ Fund, etc:

For electronic remittances only @ UFS:

**BSB**: 634634 **Account No**: 100019125

**Account Name**: Bathurst City - Working Account **Narration**: Please indicate why the funds are for.

For cash or cheque deposits @ Reliance Bank BSB: 882000 Account No: 300003447

**Account Name:** Bathurst Uniting Church

Narration: Please indicate what the funds are for by asking the teller to enter it into the Bank system.

#### For Giving Direct and Offertories:

Please see Deb if you wish to set up a regular Direct Debit or Periodical Payment.

BSB: 634634 Account No: 100027964 Account Name: Bathurst City - Giving Direct

Narration: None is required as these deposits are completely anonymous

#### **Bathurst Uniting Support Services (BUSS)**

For the work of BUSS as a General Donation or for a Specific Program being run by BUSS

**BSB:** 634634 **Account No:** 100049962

Account Name: Bathurst City - BUSS

Narration: Please indicate what the funds are for, or if you wish to make an anonymous donation a narration is

not required.

#### **Mowing Roster**

July Alan

**August Henry and James** 

#### **PLEASE NOTE**

The newsletter email address is bathurstucanews@gmail.com. Please send items by 9pm on the last Wednesday of the month

Please send news or information for the website to <u>allanwray@hotmail.com</u>

# Staying Connected

For pastoral support, please contact your Pastoral Partner, or one of the Elders, or email <a href="mailto:BUCconnect@gmail.com">BUCconnect@gmail.com</a> and we'll put you in touch with someone.

You can also contact our minister, Rev Keith Hamilton on 0417487446 or email

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