

NEWSLETTER - SUNDAY 7 OCTOBER 2018

PASTOR'S POINTS:

I wonder what you think of when you hear the word Monk?

Do you think of it as someone who runs away from the world and hides.

Who contributes nothing to the world.

Perhaps you think of a group of Monks in a Monastery, in their robes.

Saying rote prayers at set times.

**I was blessed over the last few weeks to find out more about Benedict of Nursia
The founder of the Benedictine Monks.**

Did you know that the Benedictine's were the first Franchise Hotel Chain.

Open 24/7 a bed always ready, and someone to greet you warmly and protect you.

Reality is not always what we see.

Benedict wanted to create a way for his men to explore God's word more fully.

He also wanted to make sure that they stayed engaged in the world.

I wonder what the Rule of Benedict has to say to us in 2018.

It may be old but I believe that it has much to offer us.

**How can we set aside time as Paul said to the church at Thessalonica "to pray
without ceasing"**

Blessings

Neil



The film: *For the love of God* is on Wednesday, 14 November, 7 pm at North Lakes. For further information and to book, please go to the **North Pine Anglican Church** web site; hit on the heading 'go deeper' and then hit on '*For the love of God*'. This film is produced by the Centre for Public Christianity and is highly recommended.



Godly Play Australia – Core Training in Queensland

Tuesday 2nd, Wednesday 3rd & Thursday 4th October 2018
Chermside Kedron Community Church, cnr Gympie & Rds
Click [here](#)

For more information and how to register [click here](#)

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Queensland Synod – “Inspired Disciples” Festival 22 – 27 October 2018

The festival includes a range of workshops, seminars and lectures exploring different aspects of discipleship.

You can register for one or many of the available options.

Cost is extremely low, and I know we'll have some fantastic experiences over the course of the week.

More details at <https://ucaqld.com.au/inspireddisciples/> . Enquiries to emma.holmes@ucaqld.com.au

PLENTY TO THINK ABOUT

Uniting Church theologians have had a busy week, reflecting on matters of faith and the Church in the public square.

Former President Rev. Prof Andrew Dutney has posted Part 2 of his reflection on "[How do decisions get made in the Uniting Church?](#)" on his [Backyard Theology blog](#).

In [an opinion piece for the Guardian Australia](#), Rev Dr Geoff Thompson warned Australia's new PM that God doesn't take sides.

And Assembly theologian in residence Rev Dr Ji Zhang has taken a [contextual look at the 15th Assembly's decision on marriage](#).

ARE YOU GETTING ALL THE GOOD NEWS?

250 members who've signed up to Assembly Circles of Interest are now receiving monthly e-newsletters in their area. [Have you signed up yet?](#)



Trinity Unplugged - Guest Speaker : Sam Chan

"Things I wish I knew when telling my friends about Jesus",
Thursday 1st November 2018 For more information and to register [click here](#)

Theological Conversation About Marriage

Wednesday 31st October 2018, 1.30 pm – 4.30 pm
Broadwater Road Uniting Church, [481 Broadwater Rd](#), Mansfield.

Position Vacant – Samford Valley Community Church

Samford Valley Community Church is seeking a Church Administrator to assist the Lead Pastor with day to day operations by planning and managing the effective resourcing of all ministries activities across the life of the church. The successful applicant will work 45 hours per fortnight paid at Level 3 of the Clerks Private Sector Award. A position description is available on our website <http://www.svcc.org.au/wp/index.php/about/svcc-staff/> or by emailing samfordchurch@gmail.com or phone 3289 2832 during office hours: MON - FRI 9.30am to 1.30pm. Closing date for applications is Friday 28 September 2018.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY - please RSVP to Lynn 0414295002

October 8 - Bible Study

October 15 - Free night

October 22 - Bible Study

October 26 - Friday - Movie night at Lynn's - BYO DVD and plate of nibbles

All evenings start at 7p.m.

Spiritual Direction – Pastor Jeff Lawrence

Spiritual Direction:- all of us need someone to companion us as a guide and mentor on the spiritual journey, especially those of us in ministry.

Pastor Jeff Lawrence is a trained and accredited spiritual director, with experience as a mentor for pastors.

Jeff is available and can be contacted on 0421 337 431 or at

jeffrlawrence@optusnet.com.au

Want to know more click [here](#).

Open house at Albert Street Uniting Church.

Tour the 129 year-old heritage-listed church. 9 am–4 pm on 13th October.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Drought affected areas in Australia
- Matthew & Naomi and Katie & Ashley as they begin this new phase of their lives.
- The family and friends of Reverend Bruce Ross.
- Communities affected by the earthquake and tsunami in Indonesia

"Minimising your risk of dementia"

A free information session hosted by Merthyr Road Uniting Church.
23 October, 10 am at [52 Merthyr Rd, New Farm](#).

Inspired Disciples registrations are open

Inspired Disciples promises to inspire and invigorate you on your discipleship journey and [registrations are now open!](#)

With sessions led by amazing presenters from across Australia, this week-long festival of discipleship will have something for you!

Check out the program and register for the [sessions you wish to attend](#). Some sessions have limited spaces, so register today to ensure a spot!

ROSTER FOR OCTOBER 7,14 & 21.

	OCTOBER 7	OCTOBER 14	OCTOBER 21
Worship leaders	Jodie	Rebecca	Graham
Singers	Rachel	Elizabeth & Naomi	Paul
Keys	Leanne	Matthew	Coralie
Bible Reader	Jill	Chad	Barbara
Sound	Nathan	Natalie	Callum
PowerPoint	Ros	Chad	Melinda
Offering	Chris & John	Elizabeth, Alyssa & Natalie	Steve & Michelle
Communion	Julie & Graham	Chris & John	Melinda & Barbara
Kids Program	Jill & Chris	Leanne, Rachel & Barb	Tracey & Nikita
Meals	Chad, Natalie, Matthew, Naomi, Jodie & Rebecca	Barbara, Melinda, Chris, John & Elizabeth	Jill, Paul, Julie, Jenny, Nathan & Ros