

## **NEWSLETTER - SUNDAY 9 DECEMBER 2018**

### **PASTOR'S POINTS:**

Firstly let me say thank you to those who shared with me last weekend for my Ordination

This year we will be looking at Advent through the eyes of St Francis. St Francis was credited with the first outdoor Nativity.

When do look at the nativity what do you see?

I encourage you in the spirit of Advent to slow down take some time out and reflect on what the nativity means to you in your faith journey.

Speaking of time out Tracey and Myself are going to do just that. We are sailing off into the sunset for a week from December 14.

May the adventure of advent begin in quite reflection.

Blessings

Neil

### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

**DECEMBER 23 -**

**Service of Closure for Neil; Commissioning of Paul as a Lay preacher.**

**Presentation of Children's Gifts      Please bring a plate to share**

**DECEMBER 25 -**

**Christmas Service at Bullocky's Rest at 8.00a.m. Please bring a chair or rug.**

## **HELP OUR YOUNG ADULTS TAKE THE LEAD**

Make a donation to help a young adult attend NYALC to provide an enriching experience and empower the young leaders of the Uniting Church.

## **GROWING IN FAITH WITH REV ANN PERRIN**

Rev Ann Perrin talks about the stories and thinking that will shape our Church in the 21st century and make the new Growing in Faith Circle hum.

## **AUSTRALIA-PACIFIC ENGAGEMENT - A STEP UP OR STEP BACK?**

UnitingWorld National Director Dr Sureka Goringe responds to Prime Minister's recent pledge of \$3 billion for infrastructure in the Pacific.

## **Time to Stand Together**

President Dr Deidre Palmer has called on the nation's politicians to show leadership and [unite Australians following the Bourke Street attack](#).

"It is important to remember at times like this, we are stronger when we stand beside one another and remain steadfast in our commitment to work together for a peaceful and inclusive community," said Dr Palmer.

## **Nominations for Presbytery Property Convenor (urgent)**

The Resourcing Committee is currently looking for a Property Convenor. This position involves attending 5 committee meetings during the year as well as some involvement with presbytery property management. If you could like to nominate please click [here](#)

## **National Young Adults (18+ years) Leaders Conference 17 – 20 January 2019, Adelaide**

For more information and registration click here If your congregation would like to sponsor a Young Adult please contact Fa Matangi on 33660236 or email [youthworker@moretonriverpresbytery.org.au](mailto:youthworker@moretonriverpresbytery.org.au)

## **2019 FIRST AID TRAINING**

Saturday 9th February 2019, Chermshire Kedron Community Church Cnr Rode & Gympie Roads (Carpark entry via Henry St) 9am – 11 am (CRP refresher \$55.00 per person) 9 am – 3.00pm (Full First Aid including CPR \$100.00 per person) For more information and online registration click here

## **LEARNING FOR LIVING 2019**

Express Your Interest Now ! Commencing February 2019 – Semester 1 – "Talking about God 1" If you are interested in enrolling in Semester 1 please contact Jill Bow at the Presbytery Office on Ph: (07) 3366 0236 or email: [adminsupport@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au](mailto:adminsupport@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au)

## **Art Exhibition – Saint Andrew's Uniting Church**

26 November 2018 – 4 January 2019, 11.00 am – 2.00 pm weekdays (except Public Holidays) Blessings and Grace is the theme of this exhibition by members of Visionaries, in the Vera Wade Gallery at Saint Andrew's Uniting Church Ann and Creek Streets Brisbane City. For more information: click here

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## Everything in Common Gift Store – Uniting World

Don't forget to visit the "Everything in Common" Gift Stores for some fantastic Christmas gifts! Look out for congregations who are having stores, come and visit our store at the Presbytery Office ([22 Ashgrove Av, Ashgrove](https://www.unitingworld.org.au)) or shop online at: [www.unitingworld.org.au](http://www.unitingworld.org.au)



### **BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE WCC**

Emily Evans takes us behind the scenes at the World Council of Churches Executive Committee meetings in Uppsalla, Sweden.



6-8 April 2019 Chermide Kedron Community Church For more information and to register: click [here](#)

### **HOW WE ARE SEEKING COMMON GROUND TOGETHER**

If you seek to know others and to know each other, then the Seeking Common Ground Circle is for you, says Emily Evans.

### **A MODERN SLAVERY ACT**

The President of the Uniting Church in Australia Dr Deidre Palmer has [welcomed the passing of Australia's first Modern Slavery Act](#).

Under the new Act, businesses and not-for-profits operating in Australia with a global revenue of more than \$100 million must report what they are doing to stamp out slavery in their supply chains.

It's hoped the reporting requirement will bring greater scrutiny and accountability around the human cost of our consumption

### **SHAPING OUR VISION FOR A JUST AUSTRALIA**

Uniting Church justice staff came together in Sydney to begin shaping our just vision for Australia, where everyone is called to have a voice for justice.

### **THURSDAYS IN BLACK - TOOLKIT FOR CONGREGATIONS**

Join the World Council of Churches campaign by participating in 16 days of Activism against gender-based violence.

### **HELP BRING HOPE TO THE BUSH THIS CHRISTMAS**

Frontier Services shares the story of Alison and Rhett - and how Outback Links and their Bush Chaplains can help change lives in a time of need.

### **TAKE ACTION TO GET KIDS OFF NAURU**

Help us send a message to Prime Minister Scott Morrison and Opposition Leader Bill Shorten - free the children trapped on Nauru.

### **ROSTER FOR DECEMBER & JANUARY**

	<b>JANUARY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 16</b>	<b>DECEMBER 30</b>
Worship Leader	Please contact Chris or Paul if you cannot do your normal roster times in January.	Graham	Neil
Singer/s		Paul	Rebecca
Keys		Coralie	Coralie
Bible Reader		Barbara	Tracey
Sound		TBA	David
Powerpoint		Melinda	Melinda
Offering		Melinda/Barbara	Tristan/Tracey
Kids Program	General activities - paper, chalk, playdough etc.	TBA	All in Service
Meals	PLEASE BRING A PLATE OF FOOD TO SHARE IN JANUARY	Jill. Paul, Julie, Jenny.	December 30 David, Leanne, Rachel & Coralie
		PLEASE BRING A PLATE IN JANUARY	

