



Welcome to Worship Connections

Psalm 92:12, 14

**The righteous
flourish like the palm
tree and grow like a
cedar in Lebanon. In
old age they still
produce fruit; they
are always green
and full of sap.**



**"In the Uniting Church, we believe all people
should be treated with respect and dignity.
That belief is central to how we
care for our elders."**

Sunday 6 October 2024

This week's Lectionary readings

6 Oct: Pent 20: Jb 1:1; 2:1-10; Ps 26; Heb 1:1-4; 2:5-12; Mk 10:2-16

Next week's readings

13 Oct: Pent 21: Jb 23:1-9,16-17; Ps 22:1-15; Heb 4:12-16; Mk 10:17-31

In our Region Ministry

Older Persons Sunday is “dignity and hope for all”

Just over thirty years ago the General Assembly of the United Nations declared that 1 October each year would be recognised as the International Day of Older Persons (IDOP). The day is intended as an opportunity to recognise and celebrate the enormous contributions that older people have and are making as individuals, and members of families and communities. IDOP also serves to highlight the need for changes to policies and practices which neglect or discriminate against older people, ie ageism.

Let us join together in prayer.

God of all creatures, compassionate and creative,
Thank you that we bear your image,
from infancy to old age and all points in between.
Thank you that we are valued wherever we go,
whatever we do with whomever we choose.
Thank you that we are your children,
regardless of income, skill or ability,
race or creed, gender or class.

Bless our deliberations in these moments.
Draw our attention to listen to each one,
Guide our reflection on our shared concerns,
That your kingdom might find fresh expression
In caring for older people more effectively
And valuing their experiences of a life well-lived.

Grant a special measure of your courage and capacity
to those who speak on our behalf in the corridors of Parliament
and in the public square,
That they might be powerful advocates
for our treasured elders
and passionate disciples of your gospel of grace and love.

Amen

(Pastor Chris Leech)



The Lifeline Surf Classic is coming up soon, and fundraising is about to kick off with a Cake Stall at Bunnings Balgowlah on 26 October, which will be run by the Neighbourhood Gym, an outreach of Manly UC.

If you are able to help out with baking a cake, slice, muffins, chocolate crackles, cup cakes, cookies, etc, we would appreciate it. Please include ingredients used and if you can have them in little plastic bags or disposable boxes that would be very helpful. Any and all contributions from our congregations to this special cause are very welcome!!

All queries to Bruce Vial on 0426 293 592 or brucevial3@gmail.com.

Thank you in advance, have fun and please try not to eat too much during preparation!! 😊

Coming up events ...



Manly Market Stall
(outside Humphreys)
Friday 4 October
8.30am to 3.30pm
Weather permitting

Come along to our market stall and pick up some jams, knitted and bric-a-brac goodies

All proceeds going to the Australian Heart/Lung Transplants Association (AHLTA)



An Afternoon of Music


Come along to play or sing a piece of your choice. There is a piano at the venue. For other instruments, BYO. If you plan to play backing tracks, a sound system is available.

Light refreshments is provided.

OCT 19 **Saturday**
4-5pm
Free admission

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Lifeline

Northern Beaches

Giant Book Fair

2-5 October @ Forestville Memorial Hall, Starkey St

Come along there will be lots of books, puzzles, lego, games and more.

Full details please visit their website www.lifelinenb.org.au

Balgowlah

Think Communion

Think Community



NORTHERN BEACHES
Women's Shelter

This month at Balgowlah's communion offering we are gratefully asking for food cards from supermarkets and major department stores. For any cash donations, we will use them to purchase Opal Cards.

Last week we were able to provide the Shelter with 4 Opal Cards. These give the women some independence to attend appointments and support activities while they are in the Shelter.



**SING
OUT**
WITH
HUMMINGSONG CHOIRS

Humming song Community Choirs raises \$40,000 for the Women's Community Shelter network.

A small update from Jane – the community choir she sings in was able to raise just on \$40k in their annual raffle that happens in conjunction with the major Spring Concert. Thank you to those members from our churches who attended. It was a wonderful, uplifting occasioning and singing for good.

The Humming song Choirs have raised over \$280K since they commenced thirteen years ago and support women and children fleeing domestic violence. It is great to be able to support these services, but always sad that so many of them are needed, to find out more about the causes they support, please use this link <https://www.womenscommunityshelters.org.au/>

AFTERNOON OF ART

Saturday 26 October

3.30-5.30pm

Balgowlah Uniting Church, 122 Condamine St

Join our new creative activity for the community providing an experience that intertwines creative expression with inner reflection, inspiration and useful creative skills which help participants become confident with continuing their own creative spiritual journaling practice outside the 'Afternoons of Art'.

This creative space is for adult learners, including older teens and will be meeting on a monthly basis.

Please use the booking look to secure your place or visit our website nbunitng.org.au

<https://www.trybooking.com/CUROM>

For More Info comms@nbunitng.org.au

Cromer

Last Sunday at Cromer we welcomed back Marilyn and Robert Goff from Nova Scotia, it is great to have them back, and we are now farewelling the Merrit and Vea family for their trip to Florida for the wedding of Noel and Aloi's daughter, Kimmie! Fortunately, the hurricane has not affected their Wedding plans.

Freshwater

Our Youth Group and congregation families came together last Friday to pack our boxes with Christmas gifts generously donated by our church and the wider church. All boxes are ready to go to the distribution centre!!

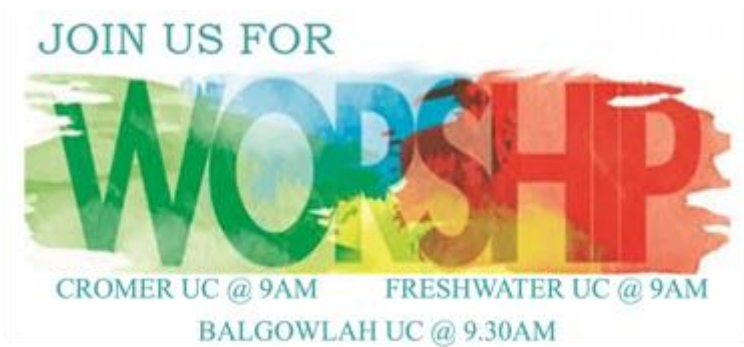
We also had a wonderful first 'cafe style church' on Sunday, we are looking forward to the next one!

Blessings 🍷🙏



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For many years members of Freshwater Uniting Church have been sponsoring a child. Our current child is Mohamed Koto who lives in Golbo in Kenya, she is 11 years old and is in primary school. Our Youth Group recently sent her a birthday card 🍷



NBUC Preaching Roster

Balgowlah @ 9.30am: Rev. Trish Rooney (HC)

Cromer @ 9am: Michaela Antill-Cassie (HC)

Freshwater @ 9am: Rev. Sisilia Tupou-Thomas (HC)

Prayer Requests

Please continue to keep Peter Grogan, Ron Cooper, Jean Aldren, Ian Lovelace, John Bennett, Heather Peterson, Marjory and Derek Gallagher, Ruth Jackson, Trish Byrne, Ailsa Nixon, Peggy Mathys and Barbara Easton in your thoughts and prayers.

Prayers for the elderly in our lives and community.

Prayers for the family and friends of those killed in the car crash near Dubbo that took four lives.

Prayers for all effected by Hurricane Helene in Florida.

Prayers for a safe and happy school holidays for all.

Continued prayers for all Year 12 students for their upcoming HSC exams.

Continued prayers for all in our community with health issues and undergoing medical treatment.

Continued prayers for all in our NBUC community, our sites and our mission, ministry and activities.

NBUC Activities

Mondays

Little Footsteps Playgroup @ 9.30am @ Balgowlah – on break resumes on 14 October

Tuesdays

Cromer Craft @ 9.30am @ Cromer – on break resumes on 15 October

School for seniors @ 9.30am @ Balgowlah – on break resumes on 15 October

Crumbs Small Group @ 7pm (online)

Fridays

Youth Group @ 4pm @ Freshwater (fortnightly) – on break resumes on 18 October