



Welcome to Worship Connections



Sunday 27 April 2025

This week's lectionary reading

Easter 2: Acts 5:27-32; Ps 118:14-29, or Ps 150; Rev 1:4-18; Jn 20:19-31

Next week's reading

Easter 3: Acts 9:1-6, (7-20); Ps 30; Rev 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19

In our Region Ministry

POPE FRANCIS

Pope Francis, was the first pope from Argentina. He significantly impacted the Catholic Church and global society through his focus on compassion, social justice, and environmental stewardship. Emphasising a pastoral approach, he has sought to engage with marginalised communities and promote dialogue among diverse faiths. Pope Francis has been a vocal advocate for the poor, often highlighting issues related to economic inequality and urging systemic change to address poverty. His encyclical "Laudato Si'" calls for urgent action against climate change and emphasises humanity's responsibility to care for the earth. Additionally, he has championed reform within the Church, addressing issues of clerical abuse and promoting a greater role for women in church life. Through his warm demeanor and commitment to humility, Pope Francis inspired many around the world to live out the principles of love and solidarity.

Please use this link to view Uniting Church President, Rev Charissa Suli condolences and tribute to the spiritual leader.



Our Balgowlah Mission Team have invited Rev. Dr Graham Hill to preach on Sunday 4 May. Graham will preach on mission and how as a church we can enhance our mission. Everyone from Cromer and Freshwater are welcome to join us, please see below background on Dr Graham Hill.

Rev. Dr Graham Joseph Hill serves as Mission Catalyst for Church Planting and Missional Renewal. He has a PhD in missiology and intercultural theology. Previously, he was the principal and associate professor of World Christianity at Stirling College (University of Divinity) and Vice Principal of Morling College. He has extensive experience in pastoring, church planting, and innovation. Graham is a Research Associate at the Center for the Study of Global Christianity at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. Graham is the author of fifteen books, including Healing Our Broken Humanity (co-authored with Grace Ji-Sun Kim).

Rev Trish Rooney



Coming up events

AFTERNOON OF ART

Saturday 26 April

3.30-5.30pm

Balgowlah Uniting Church, 122 Condamine St

You are welcome to join us this Saturday for our next creative art catch up. This class is for older teens and adults of any ability. No rsvp needed, just rock up. All enquiries please email comms@nbuniting.org.au

Balgowlah

THANK YOU

A very big thank you to all who made our Maundy Thursday service and dinner a very special and sacred occasion. For those who provided the delicious meal, helped with the set up and pack up, thank you.

The service was well attended, and we have six visitors from St Matthew's, sharing in fellowship around a table in the way that Jesus did was quite a scared way to lead us into Easter.

Church@5 ✨

Evening Service

First Sunday of every month

5 PM

Northern Beaches
Uniting Church @Balgowlah

122 Condamine St
Balgowlah



NORTHERN BEACHES
Women's Shelter

Think Communion
Think Community

Mother's Day Initiative for NB Women's Shelter

Our collection this week will go towards our special initiative for the women over Mother's Day. The women don't get to have little luxury items/experiences so we are using the funds to purchase vouchers for a facial/manicure/pedicure/foot massage, a lunch at a café so they can go somewhere for a special meal in either Manly or Mona Vale areas.

So far, we have collected over \$650, so incredibly generous. We have approached a couple of beauty salons in Manly who are very supportive and working with us to put something together, as well as Moreish at Balgowlah Village.

Anne Cohen will be assisting in the coordination of this as I will be away until after Mother's Day this year. At Balgowlah, any financial offerings at our Communion Services in April & May will be used to purchase some of the suggested items. Please contact Anne on annecohen14@gmail.com if you are able to assist in approaching businesses for a donation. *Many thanks Jane*

Join us at one of our BMTs



AUSTRALIA'S
Biggest Morning Tea

Cromer Craft are hosting their a biggest morning tea again this year with special guest Shawn Richardson, Firefighter.

Come along and bring your husband, a friend and a donation ☺

Tuesday 6 May @ 10.30am
Cromer Uniting Church
20 Carrington Ave



Australia's
Biggest Morning Tea

School for Seniors are hosting a morning tea with all proceeds going to cancer research, come along there will be lucky door prizes and or course morning tea.

When: Tuesday 27 May from 10.20am
Where: Balgowlah Uniting Church,
122 Condamine St
Cost: \$5



Please join Anne Cohen for
AUSTRALIA'S
Biggest Morning Tea

Lots of food & raffles

Saturday 31 May @ 2pm
42 Ocean Grove, Collaroy

Please rsvp by 27 May to Anne on annecohen14@gmail.com

 **Cancer Council**



NBUC Preaching Roster

Friday 25 April Anzac Service

Harbord Diggers @ 8am Rev. Trish Rooney is leading prayers

Sunday 27 April

Balgowlah: Rev. Trish Rooney

Cromer: Rev. Anton Dykman

Freshwater: Rev Alfred Palu

Prayer Requests

Prayers for the family and friends of those who recently drowned in NSW over the Easter long weekend.

Prayers for our Catholic brothers and sisters following the passing of Pope Francis and during the papal conclave process.

Please continue to keep Paul Rooney, Derek Gallagher, Barbara Easton, the Palu Family, Ted West, Peter Stevenson, Win Garland, Margaret Rees, Jean Aldren, Ian Lovelace, John Bennett, Heather Peterson, Trish Byrne, Ailsa Nixon and Peggy Mathys in your thoughts and prayers.

Prayers for all our service men, women and animals both past and present.

Prayers for a safe and happy school holidays for all.

Continued prayers for all in our community affected by living costs.

Continued prayers for our NBUC community.

NBUC Activities

You are welcome to join us at any of our activities below, for more information on any activity please email comms@nbuniting.org.au

Mondays

Little Footsteps Playgroup is on a break

Life Group (fortnightly) @ 10-11.15am @ NBUC Cromer next one 28 April

Tuesdays

Cromer Craft @ 9.30pm @ NBUC Cromer (returning on 29 April)

School for seniors @ 9.30am @ NBUC Balgowlah (returning on 29 April)

Crumbs Small Group @ 7pm (online)

Fridays

Cromer Gentle Exercises @ 9.30am @ NBUC Cromer (returning on 2 May)

Youth Group @ 4pm @ Freshwater (fortnightly) (returning on 2 May)