



Keeping connected — between members of Gloucester Uniting Church on a weekly basis

Covid-19 crisis *Messenger*

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Happy Mother’s Day to all our worthy mothers, including Johanna, of Kimbarra Lodge. She is a special person but couldn’t come out for a visit on Mother’s Day. However, a basket of flowers brightened up her weekend. Johanna says she would welcome your emails (johanna.heyink@bigpond.com) or phone calls 6558 2845.

Happy Mother’s Day to all our mothers out there!!

Presbytery Newsletter

There's more news about what's happening in the Presbytery on our website where you'll find Rev John Thornton's weekly newsletter.

Our church member Daphne Croker enjoyed the best of Mother’s days on Sunday with visits from both her son and daughter: Ian of Forster and Louise (Biles) of Newcastle.



Sunday’s reflections will be sent as a separate email to all on the Messenger list

Church morning tea remotely

Because we do not have a resident minister, the Zoom interactive meeting is for the morning tea only. Church services are available at various remote sites, including the Presbytery one, Hilary’s son in Newcastle, various Uniting Church sites around the country, and Gloucester’s own Anglican Church.

For those that do not have internet there is a phone option for our remote Uniting Church morning tea. All you do is dial the number listed below, enter the Meeting ID and follow the prompts. While there were 14 church members showing their happy faces on-line last Sunday, Ray Creek used the phone and dialled in to be part of the morning tea, although we couldn’t see him we could hear him (and several of his jokes).

Topic: Church Morning Tea

Time: May 17, 2020 10:30 AM Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney
Join Zoom Meeting

<https://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/93949445759>

Meeting ID: 939 4944 5759

Dial by telephone Ph : 8015 6011

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GLOUCESTER UNITING CHURCH

Ministers: Every member of the congregation
Phone Secretary Kerry Chisholm 6558 4206

Project Reconnect

The sermons from Project Reconnect are now available free of charge on their Facebook page or website each week. Just go to projectreconnect.uca.org.au and click on “Sunday Messages for the COVID 19 Emergency” and you can view them.



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Corona poem

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*Now, Frank, when he drank, drank Corona
And he took on a different persona
As when, time to time he couldn't get lime
He had to use substituitona.**

*With watermelon it was a blaster
made Frank's tummy make gas a lot faster.
He was bloated with air and he floated with flair –
Till he hit the fan – what a disaster!*

*When Frank tried Corona with kale
He felt sure that the mix could not fail.
He was so full of vim; thought "I'll jog and get trim"--
Broke the speed limit and landed in gaol.*

*Mandarin in the mix tasted mellow
And he thought himself such a smart fellow.
Frank just didn't think while enjoying the drink
That he'd turn out a bright shade of yellow.*

*When Frank tried Corona with quince
He thought it would go well with mince;
But he got that one wrong and the mix made him pong
And he hasn't had any friends since.*

*To the doctor --- now feeling unwell --
Bloated, yellow and boy, did he smell!
The worst case they'd seen of COVID 19
Now Frank drinks Corona in the live animal mar-
ket in Wuhan.*

*Substituitona = Ancient rarely seen form Plural of Substitute

Some snippets of news

Congratulations to Elaine Maslen who has been blessed with the safe arrival of Louis Oliver, first child for David and Sandra Maslen, of Currabubula, the new baby is the grandson of Robert and is Elaine's 10th great-grandchild.

Sue Thomas has a list of Fellowship birthdays. If you would like to add

yours, or dob someone else in, please let her know.

Several people are available to run errands, do shopping, change light bulbs, etc. as needed. Just let Sue Thomas know and she can arrange for it to happen. Ring 6558 4132

Lectionary readings for May 17: Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20 1 Peter 3:13-22; and John 14:15-21.

Thank you from the church council

The Church Council would like to thank all members of the Congregation for the wonderful, caring support that they have provided each other during this challenging time.

The Christian love and pastoral support shown to not only our own congregation but the general community is heart-warming.

The Church Council would like to thank Hilary and the various preachers for providing encouragement and teaching via the Reflections and other links.

Also your continued financial support to our Church has enabled the Church Council to maintain our support to the wider church and our local community.

'CAFÉ CALLING'

As we mentioned last week, our church has decided that it would be good to catch up with members and friends in isolation who may appreciate a knock on the door and a "how are you going?"

We thought we'd like to take some delicious home-made biscuits with us.

So we have contacted our members and those who come to Cafe on Cowper.

We will be visiting about 22 people this Thursday 14 May while making sure we abide by social distancing rules.

We have had an enthusiastic response from the vast majority of those we have contacted which is great.

We were thinking that we would bake once a fortnight but now think that we can only manage once every 4 weeks based on the number of people who have offered to help with baking or delivering.

We're still looking for more volunteers, so if you would like to help with baking please contact Barbara Reichert on 0407 936 515 or if you would like to help deliver please contact Jeff Kite on 6558 7436.

