



Welcome to worship Connections



This Sunday Season of Creation is WATER

School Holiday Edition

Lectionary readings

Sunday 24 September

Pent 17: Ex 16:2-15; Ps 105:1-6, 37-45; Phil 1:21-30; Mt 20:1-16

Sunday 1 October

Pent 18: Ex 17:1-7; Ps 78:1-4, 12-16; Phil 2:1-13; Mt 21:23-32

Sunday 8 October

Pent 19: Ex 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Ps 19; Phil 3:4b-14; Mt 21:33-46

In our Regional Ministry

Season of Creation: RIVER / WATER

*The symbol for 2023 is **a Mighty River** Water, a simple and essential element present in our lives, a sign of life and purification in our religious traditions. Water reminds us of our Baptism and our commitment for conversion and new life.*

Prophet Isaiah proclaims: "Listen carefully, I am about to do a new thing, now it will spring forth; will you not be aware of it? I will even put a road in the wilderness, rivers in the desert." (Isaiah 43: 19).

Biodiversity is being lost at a rate not seen since the last mass extinction. The futures of young people are threatened by the cascading impacts of the loss of biodiversity and a changing climate.

The urgency grows and we must make visible peace with Earth and on Earth, at the same time that justice calls us to repentance and a change of attitude and actions. As we join the river of justice and peace with others then hope is created instead of despair.

To explore more on the Season of Creation please use this website

<https://seasonofcreation.org/>



Operation Christmas Child

Thank you to all you have kindly taken a box to fill.

Please bring your filled box to worship this **Sunday 17 September** as Ruth would like to have them all by **Saturday 30 September** to take to the depot to be dispatched. Alternatively, you can drop them directly to Ruth at 88 Oliver Street Freshwater.

Thanks everyone for your support of this great outreach.

God's love in action



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

SUNDAY 29 OCTOBER

10:45AM @ BALGOWLAH

We will come together to hear updates on mission and celebrate the outreach of each of our three congregations as well as approve the budget and priorities for the next year (relevant documentation will be distributed two weeks prior).

Any queries please email Stephanie on comms@nbuniting.org.au

Coming up events ...

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

SATURDAY 23 & 30 SEPTEMBER

BALGOWLAH BUNNINGS

We are holding cake stalls on the above dates to raise money for Lifeline Northern Beaches.

If you are able to assist at the stall (2-hour shifts) on any of these dates above and/or bake some goodies for us to sell, please contact Bruce Vial on 0426 293 592 or brucevial3@gmail.com

Baked goodies we are looking for are cup cakes, slices, brownies, rocky road, cookies, fudge.



An Afternoon *of* Music

Come join to play or sing a piece of your choice or to listen.

All levels, genres and instruments welcome, a piano is provided. If you need to play backing tracks a basic sound system is available.

Light refreshments provided.

Saturday 21 October from 4-5pm

Balgowlah Uniting Church, 122 Condamine St

Free admission

All enquiries contact Jeremy

jeremykoay@hotmail.com

0416 015 153



Name our Mural

Don't forget to get your suggestions in by the end of September for an appropriate name for our mural.

Email your suggestions and reasons to Steph at comms@nbuniting.org.au or look for the box in the church.

Think Communion

Think Community



NORTHERN BEACHES
Women's Shelter

At our monthly Communion Service at Balgowlah, we ask people to bring food cards from Supermarkets or funds which can be used to purchase them in support of the Northern Beaches Women's Shelter. On average we are providing 10 food cards per month for the NBWS – which are gratefully received.

A NBWS Fundraising Lunch, hosted by bassike is behind held on Wednesday 25th October. Your ticket price includes a three-course meal, a generous beverage package and access to a number of exclusive auction prizes to help raise funds for the Northern Beaches Women's Shelter. Tickets include a 22.5% tax deductible donation. A receipt will automatically be provided at checkout.

<https://drct-nbws.prod.supporterhub.net/events/bassike-2023>

KALEIDOSCOPE

Fancy an afternoon of Kaleidoscope Choral?

The Hummingsong Community Choirs have their annual concerts at the Concourse Chatswood on Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th November.

There are three performances over weekend, Jane is promoting Iluka's performance on Saturday 11th November @ 1pm.

Tickets are still available if you are quick from the Concourse Website

<https://www.theconcourse.com.au/event/hummingsong-community-choirs/>

JOB OPPORTUNITY

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OFFICER

- **Immediate start**
- **Hands-on Part time**

This challenging and exciting opportunity at our Cromer site is still available. This position is being that bridge to faith and building relationships between programmes and outreach with the Cromer community.

Key aspects of the role are:

- Identifying new and fresh expressions of Christian faith that are aligned to the mission and focus of the Cromer Church community.
- Engaging with local community groups and retirement villages to establish or identify potential programmes.

For full details of this role, please email our Stephanie La Greca on comms@nbuniting.org.au

Despite the heat last Saturday our work bee was a success. We had many willing helpers and some wise enough to 'jumped the gun' and start at 7.00am.

We all enjoyed a welcome 'Tongan Brunch' including hot corn cobs and a variety of sandwiches, delicious. What a team, thanks you to all who helped out 💕💕



JOIN US FOR



CROMER UC @ 9AM FRESHWATER UC @ 9AM

BALGOWLAH UC @ 9.30AM

NBUC Preaching Roster

Sunday 24 September

Balgowlah: Rev Ben Gilmour, Director of the NSW Synod's Vital Leadership Team. Ben is focusing on the theme of RIVER / WATER.

Cromer: Rev. Bob Durbin`

Freshwater: Rev. Sisilia Tupou-Thomas (

Sunday 1 October

Balgowlah: Rev Vladimir Korotov (HC)

Cromer: Rev. Mele or Rev. Stephen Ratcliffe

Freshwater: Mission Team

Sunday 8 October

Balgowlah: Mission Team

Cromer: Rev. Sisilia Tupou-Thomas (HC)

Freshwater: Mission Team

Prayer Request

Please continue to keep Rev Sisilia Tupou-Thomas and her family, Rev. Alfred Palu, Moira and John Bennett, Heather Peterson, Warwick Ball, Marjory and Derek Gallagher, Peter, Ritchie & Barbara Stevenson, Leilani Palu, Ruth Jackson, Jean Aldren, Trish Byrne, Carolyn Thornleigh, Jim and Margaret Thwaites, Ailsa Nixon, Peggy Mathys, Barbara Easton and Margaret Huckle in your thoughts and prayers.

Prayers for a safe school holiday for all.

Prayers for all around the country being baptised.

Prayers for all who have recently lost a loved one.

Prayers for all Women's Shelter and their visitors.

Continued prayers for all who are undergoing medical treatment.

Continued prayers for all around the country with mental health issues.

Continued prayer for Mother Earth during the season of Creation.

Continued prayers for our new Minister.

Continued prayer for our sites, their activities and our members.

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 resumes on 9 October @ 9.30pm @ Balgowlah UC

Tuesdays

Cromer Craft resumes on 10 October @ 9.30pm @ Cromer UC

School for Seniors resumes on 10 October @ 9.30am @ Balgowlah UC

Crumbs Bible Study Group @ 7pm (online)

Notice

Please be advised Stephanie La Greca is on leave from Thursday 28 September to Thursday 5 (back in the office on Tuesday 10 October), please note this week's Connections will be for 3 weeks. For all pastoral matter please contact your sites Mission Team (contact listed below) and all other matters I will attend to on my return.

Jane Yabsley or Balgowlah site on yabsleys@bigpond.net.au

Barbara Williamson for Cromer site on wombat@smartchat.net.au

Kaye Lewis for Freshwater site on kayelewis59@gmail.com

Community Events ...

A promotional banner for the Handel Messiah project. The background is a deep red with faint musical notation. At the top, the title 'HANDEL Messiah' is written in a stylized font. Below the title, there are navigation links: 'Home', 'Store', 'About Us', 'Choir', 'Location', and 'Contact Us'. In the center, there is a logo for 'RADIO COMMUNITY CHEST INCORPORATED' with the text 'Established 1940' below it. The banner features several images: a classical painting of a nude figure on the left, a group of people in period costume in the center, and a photograph of a choir performing on the right. A large white treble clef with a play button icon is overlaid on the central image.

Interested in singing the Messiah?

Radio Community Chest has been performing the Messiah at Town Hall the week before Christmas for over 70 years. If you've always wanted to give it a go, registrations are now open. Your commitment is attending rehearsals every Monday evening from 7-9pm at St Stephens Church, Macquarie St commencing on Saturday 16 October.

For more information visit their website
<https://www.handelsmessiah.org.au/> or
<https://www.facebook.com/handelsmessiahsydney>



Lifeline
Northern Beaches

Giant Book Fair

27-30 September @ Forestville Memorial Hall

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

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

YOU'LL BE RIGHT *Come along for yourself, your best mate, your colleague or your partner...* **MATE!**



FREE
**Northern Beaches
Men's Breakfast**

7am – 9am
Wednesday
11 October, 2023
LONG REEF GOLF CLUB

SPEAKERS:



ANDREW WARD
Head Above Water



ANNA BROOKS
Lifeline Foundation



REGISTRATION IS ESSENTIAL
as limited seats are available.
Registration deadline: Monday 2 October

To register visit

<https://events.humanitix.com/you-ll-be-right-mate-men-s-breakfast>



www.lifelinenb.org.au

 **Lifeline**
Northern Beaches

Aged Care Volunteer Visitors Scheme

friends for residents in aged care facilities
funded by the Australian Government



Would You Like to Make a Positive Difference in Someone's Life?

Volunteer to Become a Lifeline ACVVS Visitor

As a volunteer within Lifeline's ACVVS program, you will help end loneliness by providing friendship and companionship through visiting an older person living in a local (Mosman to Collaroy) residential aged care facility.

Volunteering as a Lifeline community visitor is a rewarding and life changing experience, as just by visiting once a fortnight, you can make an amazing difference to someone's life, bringing meaning and joy to their day.

As a Lifeline ACVVS Volunteer, you will be provided with all the training and support you need and be part of a great team.

Requirements for the Role

- Happy to travel to the Mosman OR lower Northern Beaches areas
- Are able to commit to fortnightly visits for a minimum of 12-months
- Meet the residential aged care facility vaccination requirements

So, if you're ready to give back, we'd love to hear from you. You can apply to become a Lifeline CVS volunteer, by phoning our office on 9949 5522, or emailing: admin@lifelinenb.org.au and requesting the ACVVS Application Pack.

Rosanna Commisso

Community Visitors Scheme & Community Engagement Manager

Lifeline Northern Beaches

W www.lifelinenb.org.au