



Reflecting God's Love in Community
BALGOWLAH CROMER FRESHWATER

Welcome to Worship Connections



Rejoice that your names are written in heaven
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Sunday 6 July

Lectionary reading

Pent 4: 2 Kgs 5:1-14; Ps 30; Gal 6:(1-6), 7-16; Lk 10:1-11, 16-20

Next week's reading

Pent 5: Am 7:7-17; Ps 82; Col 1:1-14; Lk 10: 25-37

In our Region Ministry

What a week we have had with a powerful "bomb cyclone" wreaking havoc on the east coast, with severe weather and surf conditions, including wind gusts exceeding 100 km/h, heavy rainfall leading to flash flooding, and significant power outages affecting tens of thousands of homes. In Sydney, the storm resulted in the cancellation of numerous flights and the closure of roads due to fallen trees and debris. As the system moves eastward, authorities continue to monitor its progression and potential impact on neighbouring regions, including New Zealand, prayers for all who have been affected by this system.

This week's Gospel reading from Luke 10:1–11, 16–20 reminds us of the deep joy that comes not from earthly success or recognition, but from knowing that our names are written in heaven. As Jesus sends out the seventy-two disciples to share His peace and heal in His name, He gently redirects their excitement about their accomplishments, telling them to rejoice instead in their secure place in God's eternal kingdom. This is a powerful reminder for us to anchor our identity not in what we do, but in who we are in Christ - beloved, chosen, and called. In a world that often measures worth by achievement, this verse invites us to rest in the quiet assurance of God's love and salvation.



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PLAYGROUP COORDINATOR

- **Immediate start**
- **Strong collaboration with community**
- **Hands-on part time role (10 hours/week)**

This dynamic role is still available if you are interested in working with young children & families, a great opportunity exists at the Northern Beaches Uniting Church Balgowlah Hub as we seek an experienced individual to run our growing Playgroup. Little Footsteps Playgroup was established over 10 years ago and has been a great support & outreach to young families in our community. It is held weekly on Monday mornings.

Working with a team of volunteers you will manage and conduct our growing playgroup, exploring and implementing a range of activities including craft and singing for pre-school aged children. It is a role that requires proactive engagement with parents and carers who attend, providing an important point of contact to the Church.

Applicants must be in a position to demonstrate a high level of personal integrity and a preparedness to work within the polity and ethos of the Uniting Church in Australia as described in the Basis of Union.

If this role is of interest to you or you would like the full Position Description & Job Tasks, please email comms@nbuniting.org.au before Thursday 19 June.

Coming up events

AFTERNOON OF ART

Saturday 26 July
3.30-5.30pm
Balgowlah Uniting Church, 122 Condamine St

You are welcome to join our next 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 of 'Afternoons of Art'.

This monthly creative space is for adult learners, including older teens.

2025 dates: 23 Aug, 27 Sept, 25 Oct, 22 Nov, Dec TBC



You are welcome to join us for our next music
get-together. All levels,
genres and instruments welcome
All levels, genres and instruments welcome.
Light refreshments are provided.
FREE ADMISSION

SATURDAY 16 AUGUST, 4 - 5PM
NBUC @ BALGOWLAH, 122 CONDOMINE ST

All enquiries contact Jeremy
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Church@5 ✨

Sunday 6th July

Come as you are

At our service we will listen to the witness of the returning disciples, we are invited to step beyond striving for significance and rest in the deep peace of knowing our identity is found in God's gracious choosing, calling, and sending. *Rejoice that your names are written in heaven.* Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

We will again be enjoying a potluck meal together after our service.

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122 Condamine St



**Little
Footsteps**

- As you are aware we are continuing to advertise for a Playgroup Coordinator; the team is keen to **recommence our playgroup from Monday 28th July.**
- We will be having a shorter format **9:30 to 11am** and will still include morning tea for the parents, grandparents & carers as well as picnic time for the children.
- The jumping castle will be in action and the special goodbye time with the parachute.
- If you are able to assist with pack up time from 10:45am on a Monday please let Jane, Trish, Kim, Pam or Helen know.
- The team will be setting up after church on Sundays.
- We are looking forward to the special sounds and energy returning on Monday mornings 💕



NORTHERN BEACHES
Women's Shelter

Think Communion

Think Community

This Sunday at Balgowlah as we celebrate Communion we bring our donations to the Northern Beaches Women's Shelter. NBWS currently operates the Manly Shelter, Crisis accommodation for 12 residents; Pittwater Shelter, Crisis accommodation for 8 residents and Narrabeen House, Transitional/Low-Cost accommodation for 90 independent studios/1-bedroom units.

As with last year, we will run a winter long focus aiming to purchase some items on the Shelter's Wish List, which are items that assist the women as they move from the Shelter such as a mini fridge (\$300), oil heater, fan (\$250) microwave and cash donations will be directed to purchase some of these items. Food cards can still be donated.

Many thanks for your assistance with this worthy cause, Jane

Freshwater



Manly Market Stall
(outside Humphreys)
Friday 18 August
8.30am to 3.30pm
Weather permitting

Come along to our winter market stall
we have lots of jams, knitted and
bric-a-brac goodies, something for
everyone.

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





Update Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Boxes

This year we have decided to fill our OCC boxes differently
this year, each month we will purchase a specific type of gift
and come November we will be ready to fill our boxes.

Suggested gifts for each month:


- July - clothes
- August – toys
- September – school / craft supplies
- October -personal care

We will collect each month's gifts at St Peters, Freshwater on the first
Sunday of the month, and ready for packing in November.

Members of Freshwater congregation are aware of the new process,
Cromer and Balgowlah are welcome to do the same or collect a box
and filling it. There are 30 shoeboxes to be filled, please email me
on rpaustin@optusnet.com.au to arrange collection.

Let's all keep this wonderful tradition going strong, Ruth

Community Event



Giant Book Fair

10-13 July @ St Augustine's College, Brookvale
Come along there will be lots of books, puzzles, lego,
games and more.
Full details please visit their website www.lifelinenb.org.au



NBUC Preaching Roster

Sunday 6 July

Balgowlah: 9.30am Rev. Trish Rooney (HC) & 5pm Rev. Trish Rooney (HC)

Cromer: Mission Team

Freshwater: Rev. Sisilia Tupou-Thomas (HC)

Prayer Requests

Please continue to keep Peter Grogan, Ruth Austin, Derek Gallagher, Barbara Easton, the Palu Family, Ted West, Peter Stevenson, Win Garland, Margaret Rees, Jean Aldren, John Bennett, Heather Peterson, Trish Byrne, Ailsa Nixon and Peggy Mathys.

Prayers for all homeless youth; they find shelter, hope, & the unwavering support they deserve.

Prayers for all Women's shelters and their clients.

Prayers for safe and wonderful school holidays for all.

Continued prayers for P E A C E on earth.

Continued prayers for all in our community undergoing medical treatment.

Continued prayers for all in aged care.

Continued prayers for our NBUC community, sites and activities.

NBUC Weekly 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 @ 9.30am @ NBUC Balgowlah **on break resumes on 28 July**

Life Group (fortnightly) @ 10-11.15am @ NBUC Cromer **next one 14 July**

Tuesdays

Cromer Craft @ 9.30pm @ NBUC Cromer **on break resumes on 22 July**

School for seniors @ 9.30am @ NBUC Balgowlah **on break resumes on 22 July**

Crumbs Small Group @ 7pm (online)

Fridays

Cromer Gentle Exercises @ 9.30am @ NBUC Cromer **on break resumes on 25 July**

Youth Group @ 4pm @ Freshwater (fortnightly) **on a break**

Notice

Please be advised Diane is on leave from Monday 30 June to Wednesday 6 August, back in the office on Monday 11 August. In Di's absence please contact Max Blacker for all payment queries via email treasurer@nbuniting.org.au and Stephanie La Greca for any hall hiring queries on comms@nbuniting.org.au

Please also be advised next week Stephanie will be working Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday.