



# *Welcome to Worship*

## *Connections*



## **Sunday 1 March**

### **This week's lectionary reading**

Lent 2: Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 121; Rom 4:1-5, 13-17 Jn 3:1-17 or Mt 17: 1-9

### **Next week's lectionary reading**

Lent 3: Ex 17:1-7; Ps 95; Rom 5:1-11; Jn 4:5-42

# In our Region Ministry



The season of Lent invites us to bring our whole selves our grief, our longing, and even our unsteady faith into God's presence, where sorrow and hope are held together. Faith often begins with a call that unsettles what feels safe. Like Abram, we're asked to step away from the familiar and trust a promise still hidden from view. Like Nicodemus, we come with our questions, only to find that God's Spirit is already moving ahead of us.

As we journey through this week, we walk within that sacred tension, trusting what we cannot yet see and believing that grace meets us with every step.

What tender leaving might God be whispering to you now - an old weight, a worn-out certainty, a familiar shore you're being asked to release?

When the path has blurred or dimmed, where have you caught even the faintest shimmer of God's guiding light?

How might your grief—quiet, heavy, honest—become not a detour from faith, but a doorway deeper into your faith?

## Congregational Meeting Sunday 1 March @ 11am NBUC@Balgowlah

As you are aware, our next Congregational meeting will be held this Sunday. The purpose of the meeting is to elect a new Church Council and approve the budget for the current financial year. We look forward to welcoming you.



We had 13 beautiful children running around this week, playing with all the toys, bouncing on the jumping castle, and getting creative with some painting. We enjoyed morning tea together before reading a book and then another one by popular demand from the kids!

We can't wait to see everyone again next week. ❤️

 Little  
Footsteps

Mondays from 9.30am  
Balgowlah Uniting Church  
122 Condamine St

## Coming up events ....



# AFTERNOON OF ART

**Saturday 28 February**  
**3.30-5.30pm**  
**NBUC @ Balgowlah**  
**122 Condamine Street**

You are welcome to join our creative activity for the community, providing an experience that intertwines creative expression with inner reflection, inspiration and useful creative skills. This activity is for adult and older teens of any ability and to help participants become confident with their own creative spiritual journey.

2026 dates: 28 Mar, 25 Apr, 23 May, 27 Jun, 25 Jul, 22 Aug, 26 Sept, 24 Oct, 28 Nov, Dec TBC



## World Day of Prayer AUSTRALIA

**Friday 6 March @ 10am**  
**Manly Catholic Church**  
**6 Raglan Street**

You are welcome to join local churches in our area as we come together for this service (morning tea to follow service)

All enquiries to Moya 0409 442 070

This year's theme is "I Will Give You Rest: Come," based on Matthew 11:28-30, exploring divine rest through God's grace and community, inviting people to find solace in faith and transformation in God amidst life's burdens.

<https://www.worlddayofprayeraustralia.org/>



# An Afternoon of Music

Come along to your neighbourhood open mic. You are welcome to use the piano at the venue. For other instruments, BYO.

**MAR 28** Saturday 4-5pm  
Free admission

6 Jun, 8 Aug, 17 Oct, 5 Dec

Northern Beaches Uniting Church  
122 Condamine Street  
Balgowlah

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JOIN US FOR



**CROMER UC @ 9AM    FRESHWATER UC @ 9AM**

**BALGOWLAH UC @ 9.30AM**

## **NBUC Preaching Roster**

### **Sunday 1 March – Lent 2**

Balgowlah: Rev. Trish Rooney (HC)

Cromer: Marilyn Goff

Freshwater: Rev. Sisilia Tupou-Thomas (HC)

## **Prayer Requests**

Please continue to keep the Stevenson Family, Carolyn and David Benn's nephew, Doug Martin, Helen Hocking, Mary Carroll, Carol Richardson, Barbara Easton, Peter, Win Garland, Margaret Rees, Heather Peterson, Trish Byrne, Ailsa Nixon and Peggy Mathys in your thoughts and prayers.

Prayers for World Day of Prayer services around the globe and Women in service.

Prayers for our Congregational Meeting this weekend.

Continue prayers for the start of Lent.

Continued prayers for those who are sick, grieving, or facing challenges.

Continued prayers for our volunteers, ministry and church leaders.

Continued prayers for P E A C E in areas of conflict.

## **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](mailto:comms@nbuniting.org.au)

### **Mondays**

**Little Footsteps Playgroup @ 9.30am @ NBUC Balgowlah**

### **Tuesdays**

**Cromer Craft @ 9.30pm @ NBUC Cromer**

**School for seniors @ 9.30am @ NBUC Balgowlah**

**Crumbs Small Group @ 7pm (online)**

### **Fridays**

**Cromer Gentle Exercises @ 9.30am @ NBUC Cromer**