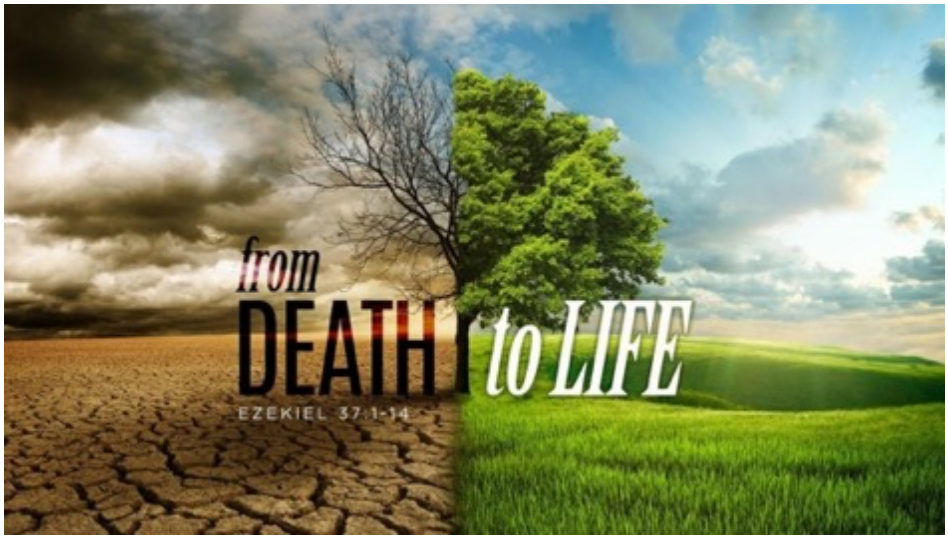
Northern Beaches uniting church

Reflecting God's Love in Community

BALGOWLAH CROMER FRESHWATER

Welcome to Worship Connections



Sunday 22 March

This week's lectionary reading

Lent 5: Ez 37:1-14; Ps 130; Rom 8:6-11; Jn 11:1-45

Next week's lectionary reading

Palm Sunday: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 118:1-2,19-29; Phil 2:5-11; Mt 21:1-11

In our Region Ministry

Rattles, Sighs, and New Life
A Meditation on Ezekiel 37:1-14

Can these bones live? that depends on whether there is the will for resurrection the will to bring together creaking, groaning, can't be bothered spirits and transform them with a whoosh of life a whoosh that is infectious that starts off as a wee rumble but gathers pace and momentum disrupting all in its wake even in the dryness there is potential sometimes visible only to the God of life the God who revives tired spirits and lifts up weary souls and brings revival when all seems lost.

By Grinling Gibbons

FUNERAL NOTICE

With heavy hearts but fond memories, we invite you to join us in celebrating the life of Barbara Easton, who touched so many lives with love, kindness, and joy.

Wednesday 25 March @ 12.30pm (followed by afternoon tea)
Freshwater Uniting Church, 16 Marmora St

We look forward to sharing this special day with family and friends.

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EASTER SERVICES

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE 2 APRIL
NBUC @ Balgowlah @ 6pm

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE 3 APRIL
NBUC @ Cromer @ 9am
NBUC @ Balgowlah @ 9.30am

EASTER SUNDAY 5 APRIL
Freshwater Sunrise Service @ McKillop Park @ 5.45am
NBUC @ Cromer Service @ 9am
NBUC @ Freshwater Service @ 9am
NBUC @ Balgowlah Service @ 9.30am

Maundy Thursday Service of Reflection

Dinner and Holy Communion
Thursday 2nd April
6pm Balgowlah Uniting Church

You are invited to share in a simple meal of soup and bread as we reflect on the servanthood of Jesus and how we are called to respond with acts of love and humility.

RSVP to Trish by 29th March. Please advise of any dietary requirements. revtrish@nbuniting.org.au or 0414 771 266

Coming up events ….

AFTERNOON OF ART

Saturday 21 March
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: 25 Apr, 23 May, 27 Jun, 25 Jul, 22 Aug, 26 Sept, 24 Oct, 28 Nov, Dec TBC

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

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Balgowlah

FOR MORE INFO
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Manly Market Stall

(outside Humphreys)
Friday 27 March
8.30am to 3.30pm
Weather permitting

Come along to our first market stall for the year. We will have lots of Easter goodies, jams, butters, pickles, chutney and relishes and all our usual goodies.

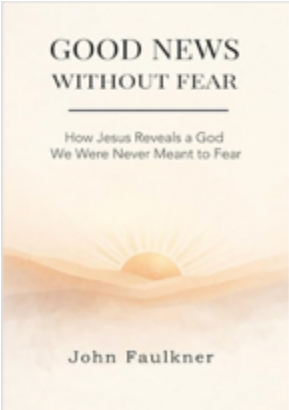
All proceeds going to the Australian Heart Lung Transplants Association

Balgowlah

We had a wonderful playgroup this week with 25 children attending and it's always so lovely to welcome new families joining us each week. The kids enjoyed lots of free play and got creative with some Easter painting, which was a big hit.

Just a reminder that we have 2 weeks of playgroup left before the school holidays, and due to Easter, the school holidays, and the ANZAC Day public holiday, there will be **no playgroup** running **during April**.

Little Footsteps



Sunday 28th March

Discussion with John Faulkner about is book during morning service. No brunch due to the Maundy Thursday service and dinner

NBUC Preaching Roster

Sunday 22 March – Lent 5

Balgowlah: Rev. Trish Rooney

Cromer: Rev. Anton Dykman

Freshwater: Mission Team

Prayer Requests

Prayers for Barbara Easton's family, church community, and friends, that they may be surrounded by comfort, strengthened in love, and find peace following her passing.

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

Prayers for the safety of the Iranian women's national soccer team.

Continued prayers for all in the Middle East who have been injured, displaced, or traumatised by current events.

Continued prayers for all the women in our lives and all they do for us.

Continue prayers for 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

Mondays

Little Footsteps Playgroup @ 9.30am @ NBUC Balgowlah

Freshwater Men's Bible Study @ 7pm @ NBUC Freshwater

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