

Church Directory

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ONLINE CALENDAR

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NBUC BALGOWLAH 122 Condamine Street

Sundays: Morning Worship Service @ 9.30am
4th Sunday of every month: Regional Worship Service
Mondays: Little Footsteps Playgroup from 9.30am to 11.30am
Tuesdays: School for Seniors from 9am to 2pm
Wednesdays: Healthy Living for Seniors from 9am to 2pm

ST PETER'S 16 Marmorra Street, Freshwater

Sundays: Morning Worship Service @ 9am (except for 4th Sunday of every month when Regional Worship Service is on @ NBUC Balgowlah, see above)
Fridays: Together in Craft (Support Group) from 1pm to 4pm
2nd Saturday of every month All Day Craft from 10am
3rd Saturday of every month Messy Church from 5pm to 7pm

NBUC MANLY 4 West Promenade

Tuesdays: Christian Meditation from 7pm to 8pm
Youth Worship: Untitled Worship Night monthly on Saturday @ 6pm to 9pm
(check *Youth* page for dates on our website)

NBUC CROMER 22 Carrington Avenue

Sundays: Morning Worship Service @ 9am
Tuesdays: The Craft Group @ 9.30am
Wednesdays: Fellowship Group 9am to 10:30am (prayer, bible study, gardening)

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Connections



Sunday 22 March 2020

This week's lectionary readings

Lent 4: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 23; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41

Next week's reading

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

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Church is ON

Despite the closure of Church services, events and meetings, NBUC is still ON and ACTIVE.

Your Ministry Team (Mata, John, Lani and Kaye) met this week and opened the Word at one of the readings this week: "... *In the Lord you are light. Live as children of light...*" (Eph 5: 8-14). As we met together, we felt the Lord calling us into action, not inaction (see Mata's message on the website this Sunday).

Church services etc are closing, BUT we are OPEN in a new way. This is an opportunity for our Church in 4 places to deconstruct our usual church model, and rediscover new ways to BE church at this time. It is timely to remember that it was the early Church that met in homes and small networks, and from there grew exponentially in smaller community groups – and we can be sure they didn't even have mobile phones!

We are faced with some immense change over the next few months, but NBUC has been going through lots of changes over the last few years, so in a sense, we are well placed to cope with these changes. Church, for a time will move from something we "go to" to something that has at its essence, small transformative communities that connect with each other in a heart-felt, supporting and loving way.

NBUC Online Sites

www.nbuniting.org.au

Facebook Pages, google:

Northern Beaches Uniting Church
Little Footsteps Playgroup

What are we Planning?

5+ Calls

Over the next week or two, with the help of our Church leaders, we are shaping up small fellowship groups of around 5 people. We will encourage each group to call each other once a week, that way every person in our church will get at least 4 calls from our church members EVERY WEEK.

Weekly Word

The Ministry Team will distribute resources weekly for everyone to read weekly. It will include lectionary readings, reflections and scriptural based exercises to keep us all embedded in God's Word. These can be discussion points for your phone calls, if you wish.

Daily Uplift Texts

If you have a mobile, we will send you short daily text messages that will have a brief word of encouragement.

Sunday Services

John and Mata will be working together (possibly remotely) to bring you a small weekly liturgy and sermon 9.30 am every Sunday.

Prayer Requests

A specially designated email has been established pastoralcare.nbuc@gmail.com This is a confidential place you can send prayer requests that the ministry team and designated prayers will pray for every week.

Do You Need Help

People are volunteering to help deliver food and supplies if that becomes necessary. We will coordinate this, so stay tuned.

NBUC Database Updating

To ensure we are able to keep connected at this time of change and uncertainty, please ensure we have your updated contact details please email or phone your; Name, Mobile, Telephone Number and Email address to comms.nbuc@gmail.com or 99070290.

LentEvent

Don't forget to register for LentEvent; UnitingWorld's annual fundraiser. Pledge to live simply for the 40 days of Lent 26 Feb - 9 Apr 2020. For more information please google **LentEvent**

Other News

An Encouraging Testimony from Robyn Poole

January 2019 was the start of a long road of medical procedures and with the grace of God I have reached the end of that long bumpy road.

I was diagnosed with a Fib, which I am sure many of you of a "certain age" have experienced. Medications failed to work, and my heart went into failure. I was whisked into hospital quick smart for a cardioversion and it also didn't work. The next five months saw me become a regular visitor to Westmead Private Hospital and under the care of an extremely talented Professor for a further six procedures. Today I was told by my local cardiologist that, considering all that I have been through, my heart was in pretty good nick and I can go back to life as I knew it. Thanks be to God. I would like to thank all those who prayed for me and for Rev. John's continued pastoral care. God's healing hands have been upon me.



NBUC Worship Services

Sadly, we are unable to connect in person though services will be available online www.nbuniting.org.au

Christian Meditation for Lent

on Monday's @Belrose

Lenten Retreat

on Saturday 4 April

NBUC BBQ @ Balgowlah Bunnings

on Sunday 29 March, a big thank you to everyone who kindly offered their time to assist with this BBQ.

Messy Church

for March and April. Visit their website for some great activities to do at home. www.messychurchaustralia.com.au

LifelineNB Classic

This event has been postponed until later in the year.

NBUC Regular Events

- Little Footsteps
- Group Bible Study
- Cromer Craft Group
- School for Seniors
- Christian Meditation
- Music Connection Group
- Freshwater Craft Group
- Untitled Youth Worship