



Welcome to worship Connections



January 2022 Edition

Jan 1: Num 6: 22-27; Ps 8; Gal 4: 4-7 or Lk 2:15-21; Wof Jesus Phil 2:5-11

Jan 2: Christmas 2: Jeremiah 31:7-14; Ps 147:12-20; Ephesians 1:3-14; John 1: 10-18

Jan 6: Epiphany: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-7, 10-14; Eph 3:1-12; Mt 2:1-12

Jan 9: Baptism of Jesus: Is 43:1-7; Ps 29; Acts 8:14-17; Lk 3:15-17, 21-22

Jan 16: Epiphany 2: Is 62:1-5; Ps 36:5-10; 1 Cor 12:1-11; Jn 2:1-11

Jan 23: Epiphany 3: Neh 8:1-3; Ps 19 1; Cor 12:12-31a; Lk 4:14-21

Jan 30: Epiphany 4: Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71:1-6; 1 Cor 13:1-13; Lk 4:21-30

In our Region Ministry

As we approach the end of 2021, we have much to be thankful for in the love, friendship, support, ministry and outreach we have experienced during this very chaotic year. A positive outcome of the pandemic has been that the ministry we exercise and experience in our families has become more intense and focused during our time in lockdown, homebased learning and online worshipping.

This year has taught us yet again how resilient we all are and how we have all come together as one to support each other and enjoy the moments we have been able to gather, prayer and worship together.

This Connection newsletter is our January 2022 edition, our next issue will be on 30 January. Please continue to be vigilant with mask wearing, hand washing and keeping safe.

To keep up to date with the ever changing covid restrictions please use this [LINK](#)

We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and happy New Year and we are looking forward to what 2023 brings us.

NBUC Worship Services

You are welcome to join any of our sites worship services, **don't forget your mask**. Please use our website for our online message this week [WEBSITE](#)

With the development of high covid cases and infections in our community our scheduled services may need to be cancelled, we will be sending updates via text message and mailchimp. **To ensure you do not miss a notification please send your mobile number and/or email address to comms@nbuniting.org.au if you do not receive online notification.** Please stay vigilant and safe.

Balgowlah weekly @ 9.30am 2 January service cancelled please use online service for Pittwater UC online service

Cromer weekly @ 9am

Freshwater weekly @ 9am

Manly weekly @ 9.30am

Prayer Requests

Please keep Rev. John and Rev Mata in your prayers this week as some of their family members have covid.

Continued prayers for Allan and Glynis Woolcock, Joan Morris, Ron Cooper, Olive Grigg, Rev. Alfred Palu, Rev. Sisilia and her brother Apai Tupou-Thomas, Edwina Gowan, Grace Martin, Anne Knowles, Joyce Todd, Margaret and Jim Thwaites, Warwick and Mary Ball, Ailsa Nixon, Winifred Garland, Peggy Mathys, Barbara Easton, Nancy Purches, Margaret Huckle and Ian Howard & Lesley Alcock in your thoughts and prayers again this week.

Prayers for all frontline workers and their dedication to our health and well-being.

Prayers for those affected by the current covid outbreak.

Prayers for a safe New Year for all.

Continued prayers for the family and friends of the school children in Davenport.

Continued prayers for those impacted by the recent storms on the e family and friends of Susan Cobham (passed away after being injured in the recent Northern Beaches.

Coming up events ...



The Rev Bill Crews Foundation
proudly presents

The Silver Tunnel

A hell of a play in a holy place

A one act stage play
Set in a graveyard, heaven and hell
Performed in a church



"Entrancing, funny and macabre"

"Dark humour with high drama"

Starring Ric Herbert and Tim Matthews

Stage Manager Justin Bianchi

Written and directed by Warwick Moss

2022 NSW TOUR

Manly Uniting Church

February - Fri 4th 8pm. Sat 5th 4pm & 8pm

TICKETS & INFO: www.thesilvertunnel.org

FREE ADMISSION – 3 SHOWS ONLY – BOOK NOW

NBUC return dates

Monday 31 January

Little Footsteps Playgroup @ 9.30am @ Balgowlah

Tuesday 1 February

Cromer Craft @ 9.30am @ Cromer

School for Seniors @ 9.30am @ Balgowlah

Manly Meditation @ 7pm @ Manly UC

Crumbs Small Group @ 7pm (online)

Please see below a brief description of each of our above activities, you are very welcome to attend any of our activities and if you would more information on any of these, please email Steph on comms@nbuniting.org.au

Little Footsteps Playgroup

Our playgroup is a wonderful opportunity to interact with other young families in our local community, ages range from babies to preschool (0 to 4 years). We meet weekly during the school term on a Monday for activities, stories and morning tea (around 2 hours). Cost \$5 per week (per family) or \$30 per a 10-week term.

Cromer Craft

Our craft group is closely allied to the church and comprises of a number of multi-talented women from the church and the local community. You are welcome to come along and learn a craft or maybe even teach us a new craft.

School for Seniors

SFS provides a casual setting in which men and women aged 55 years and over can make friends, learn new skills and share their interests with one another. There is a wide range of activities including languages (French & Italian), craft (quilling, knitting and art), table games (bridge, solo, scrabble, mah-jongg) as well as physical activities such as gentle exercise.

We regularly host fundraisers like the Cancer Council Biggest Morning Tea for everyone to participate in, along with many other social activities. You are welcome to come along and try an activity and enjoy morning tea.

Crumbs Small Group

The purpose of Crumbs is to provide support to the members in their personal responses to God's Gift of unconditional love by providing a safe space for discussion and study.

The Crumb members choose the study topics and are free to raise for discussion personal issues regarding their journey with Christ and biblical interpretations of current affairs. Crumb members provide Christian Fellowship to each other offering comfort in time of trial and encouragement based on their own experience and Christian publications.

All Christian pilgrims are welcome to join and who wish to deepen their response to Christ.

Manly Meditation

Christian Meditation is based on the practice developed by John Main, a Benedictine monk who rediscovered the contemplative tradition in the teachings of the Desert Fathers in the fourth century. This type of meditation is connected to a global spiritual community of the World Community for Christian Meditation that works with other faiths and communities.

Our meditation group is held weekly on a Tuesday evening, the session is approximately 1 hour and includes a 20-minute silent meditation, with some reflective teaching at the beginning. It is open to all and is a great way to meet new people and is free of charge.

Notices

Please be advised the office will be closed from 30 December to 12 January, for urgent matters please email Dimity Betlem from 4 January on dimmy.nbuc@gmail.com

For all Pastoral matters between 30 December and 30 January please contact Rev. John Barker on 8021 9229 or 0418 484 217; and from 31 January until 21 February please contact Rev. Mata Havea Hiliau on 0434 481 592.

Coming up meetings

RMC meeting on Thursday 20 January 2021 @ 9.30am

NBUC Congregational Meeting on Sunday 30 January @ 11am @ Balgowlah (after worship)

Presbytery meeting February 2021 (date TBC)

SCCP Update

Recently it was shared with us the news of Rev Fiona Blair leaving SCCP in the new year. Fiona has accepted a call to the ministry team of New Life Robina Uniting Church in Queensland. Sad as it is for us though, this will be a great opportunity for Fiona, growing her ministry in an area she is passionate about. Please do not be distressed about projects part way through that currently include Fiona, she is ensuring handovers in all areas.

Blessings to Fiona, Mike, Harry, Hannah & Georgia at this exciting time.