



Reflecting God's Love in Community

BALGOWLAH CROMER FRESHWATER MANLY

# *Welcome to worship*

## *Connections*



## **Sunday 21 May 2023**

### **Lectionary reading**

Ascension Day: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47 or Ps 93; Eph 1:15-23; Lk 24:44-53

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

Pentecost: Acts 2:1-21; Ps 104:24-34, 35b; 1 Cor 12:3b-13; Jn 20:19-23

# In our Regional Ministry



Last Sunday we farewelled Rev. John Barker with a closure Closure of Ministry Service. We are very thankful for his ministry, support and guidance over the last 10 years. We wish John well for his next phase in ministry and will keep him and his family in our prayers.

## AROUND THE GROUNDS



Last Sunday all our sites gave thanks to our mother's past and present. I enjoyed a visit from my Mum who attended Lennox's Mother's Day Liturgy at Saint Augustine's on Thursday and Stella Maris' breakfast on Friday. She loved seeing their schools, especially Stella as she too attended a Convent School in Grafton.




## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**SUNDAY 4 JUNE @ 10:45AM @ BALGOWLAH**

**Please mark the above date in your diary.** This Congregational Meeting is being held to provide information to everyone in the Northern Beaches Uniting Church regarding the changes happening in relation to the Manly Congregation. Manly Uniting Church will become a separate church from 1 July 2023, and it is important for everyone to hear and understand how this is happening.

The plan for Manly to establish a new form of church in its own right was planned for 2026 – it is just happening earlier than the RMC's Strategic Plan. This is an exciting time for us to continue to act for Christ in a collaborative way in our region.






NBUC are truly indebted to all those who give up  
their time to ensure our sites, activities and  
ministries run smoothly.

# THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!

National Volunteer Week  
*God's Love in Community*



As you know ABC Compass are filming our Balgowlah  
worship service  
for a feature show they are doing on  
Uniting Church's new Moderator Elect NSW/ACT  
Rev. Mata Havea-Hiliau

We would love you to join the service and no pressure  
to be filmed if you do not wish to be.

**Sunday 28 May @ 9.30am @ Balgowlah UC**

## *Save the Date*

**SERVICE OF CLOSURE  
FOR REV. MATA HAVEA-HILIAU  
SUNDAY 18 JUNE @ 9.30AM  
BALGOWLAH UC, 122 CONDAMINE ST**

We are looking forward to coming together to celebrate  
our time with Rev. Mata and how fortunate we have  
been to have her part of our NBUC family

Brunch to follow service

## Balgowlah

Please join Anne Cohen for  
AUSTRALIA'S  
**Biggest Morning Tea**

Lots of food & raffles

Cancer Council

**SATURDAY 20 MAY**

When: Saturday 20 May @ 2pm Where: 42 Ocean Grove, Collaroy

Australia's  
**Biggest Morning Tea**

School for Seniors are hosting a morning tea with all proceeds going to cancer research, come along we have raffle tickets and lucky door prizes and enjoy a cuppa.

**When:** Tuesday 23 May from 10.20am  
**Where:** Balgowlah Uniting Church, 122 Condamine St  
**Cost:** \$5



### Church Working Bee

**Saturday 27 May  
from 8.30am @  
Balgowlah UC**

Small working bee to put the garden to bed for winter.

If you would like to join Cate and others in the garden we will be getting the front gardens ready for winter and with Compass filming at the church we thought it would be a good time to spruce up the garden beds and get rid any weeds

Hot coffee & muffins will be provided. Bring your tools for weeding, gloves, garden bags etc.

See you there.



## PASTORAL NOTICES

### Mrs Moser

It is with great sadness we advise the peaceful passing of David Moser's Mother. David and his sister where by her side which they are very thankful for.

Please keep David and his family in your thoughts and prayers as they make funeral arrangements.

### June Manning

It is with great sadness we advise the passing of June Manning who was a long time member of Balgowlah, before relocating to Nowra to be closer to family. June passed away peacefully last Saturday.

A Thanksgiving Service has been arranged for:

Friday 26 May at 3pm

Shoalhaven Crematorium Chapel, Worrigea

Alternative you can watch the Live streaming using the link [wrayowen.com.au](http://wrayowen.com.au)

Please keep June's family in your prayers.



## Little Footsteps

This week at playgroup we had a great morning celebrating Ocean Week and reading about animals that live under the sea. We also enjoyed lots of outdoor play.



## NOTICE OF WORKS AT BALGOWLAH

Please be advised repair work will commence this coming Monday 22 May on the Balgowlah Office bathroom. Extensive excavation work is required, and a skip bin will be placed in the lane way (where our bins currently are) hopefully for no longer than a fortnight.

You will be able to access the church and hall, though access to the laneway may be limited during this time.

Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

## Cromer



## CROMER

Cromer Ladies had a special Mother's Day celebration with each being given a potted Chrysanthemum from Noel and Aloï, they are so beautiful.

Last Sunday we celebrated Jack Vincent's 93rd birthday with a cake. Jack and his wife Lillian have been active at Cromer Church since the original building an Army Hut arrived at Cromer 64 years ago!



## Manly

### Join us for Godly Play Core Training

What? Godly Play is a creative, imaginative approach to Christian formation and spiritual guidance.

When? 20-22 June 2023 (9am - 5.30pm)

Where? Manly UC

Who? You if you want to learn the principles & practices of Godly Play & gain an internationally recognised accreditation.

Cost? \$450 for church volunteers, support available

Interested? Msg Carolyn caro.ruc@gmail.com ph:0408 269 360





### Children White Sunday Service Sunday 21 May @ 10am Freshwater Uniting Church



You are welcome to join our worship service where we will be focusing on children for Family Awareness month.

Rev Mata Havea Hiliau is preaching, we have lots of activities planned.

Don't forget to wear something white



### FRESHWATER CRAFT DAY

Friday 26 May from 10am to 4pm

Freshwater Uniting Church, 16 Marmora St

All welcome to join in the fun at our craft day with lots of knitting, sewing, crocheting and card making or bring along a current project.

Lunch will be enjoyed in our garden, please BYO your own or purchase it from one of our local cafes. Tea and coffee will be provided.

All inquiries please contact Kaye on 0414 757 857.

We will be collecting for Cancer Research.

### *Wraps with Love*

A further 28 rugs were sent to the depot this week, which makes a total of 74 for the year.

600 were recently sent to Vanuatu following the recent cyclone.

750 to Lismore with Red Cross to people still living in pods after the recent floods.

250 (eventually 1,000) to Ethiopia to Catherine Hamlin Fistula Centre.

250 to Womens' Refuges in the mountains.

Please keep up this wonderful and necessary outreach.

*Warming the world with love, Ruth*





## NBUC Preaching Roster

**Sunday 21 May April**

Balgowlah: Max Blacker

Cromer: Gayle Dean

Freshwater: Rev. Mata Havea Hiliau @ 10am service

Manly: Carolyn Handley

## Prayer Request

Prayers for David, Gisela and Anita Moser with the passing of David's mother.

Please continue to keep Rev. John Barker, Jo and the kids in your prayers as he navigates his next phase in his ministry life.

Prayers for our new Minister for NBUC and for all our sites as our journey with our much-loved ministers closes and a new journey begins.

Please continue to keep Peter, Ritchie & Barbara Stevenson, Heather Maguire, Carolyn Handley and her family, Gayle Dean, Leilani Palu, Ted West, Ruth Jackson, Jean Aldren, Glynis Woolcock, Trish Byrne, Carolyn Thornleigh, Jim and Margaret Thwaites, Grace Martin, Joyce Todd, Ailsa Nixon, Peggy Mathys, Barbara Easton, Margaret Huckle in your thoughts and prayers.

Continued prayers for in Sudan with unrest within their country.

Continued prayers for all our family and friends, especially those who are unwell.

Continued prayers for all who are facing homelessness and mental health.

Continued prayer for our sites, their activities and our members.

## NBUC 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 @ Balgowlah**

### **Tuesdays**

**Cromer Craft @ 9.30am @ Cromer**

**School for Seniors May @ 9.30am @ Balgowlah**

**Manly Meditation @ 7pm @ Manly UC (hybrid class - in person and online)**

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