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Charlestown & Garden Suburb Uniting
Church Multi-Centre Congregation



1 October 2023

From Warners Bay Christian Education Association

Warners Bay High School Term 3 Newsletter

This term at Warners Bay High School I've been taking my classes through our "Made for Relationships" unit. In this unit we have explored how the Fruits of the Spirit can be applied to our relationships and how Christ wants to be in relationship with us.

Outside of the classroom I've been helping to support our school welfare team as much as possible. You may have heard that earlier this term we sadly lost one of our students in an accident. It's been a very difficult time for staff and students. I was grateful that I could help with the school response. I was able to be part of the welfare and counselling team on those first few days and simply be Gods' person in that space.

We have also been helping the welfare team out during this cost-of-living crisis. Below is a picture of me delivering 4 food hampers to our Head teacher of Welfare to be distributed to families in serious need. They were very generously donated by Food and Friendship (a ministry of Warner's Bay Baptist Church). I feel incredibly grateful to be able to show Christ's love in this very practical way, and to make these community connections between our churches and the school.

Thank you so much for your continued financial and prayer support. Please keep lifting myself and the other SRE teachers, Lysander and Ben, up in your prayers. We truly appreciate it.

Much Love,
Sara Cooper



DIARY

Thursday 28 September

10.00am Morning tea in the Community - common seated area opposite Butcher at Charlestown Sq
No Bible Study during the School Holidays



Sunday, 1 October
2023 - 2:00am - clocks
are turned forward 1
hour

Sunday 1 October – Animal Sunday

9.00am Worship Service – Leader: Michael Smith Preacher: Catherine Pepper
Genesis 2: 18-25; Psalm 148; Revelation 5: 11-14; Matthew 6: 25-29

Monday 2 October

10.00am Visitation at Garden Suburb Aged Care

Tuesday 3 October

10.00am Morning tea in the Community – Frankie & Co Café at Lake Macquarie

Thursday 5 October

10.00am Morning tea in the Community - common seated area opposite Butcher at Charlestown Sq
No Bible Study during the School Holidays

Sunday 8 October – Pentecost 19

9.00am Worship Service – Leader: Beryl Gaul Preacher: David Chegwidden
Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19; Philippians 3: 4b-14; Matthew 21: 33-46

Tuesday 10 October

10.00am Morning tea in the Community – Frankie & Co Café at Lake Macquarie

Wednesday 11 October

10.00am Ladies Fellowship at Charlestown

Thursday 12 October

10.00am Morning tea in the Community - common seated area opposite Butcher at Charlestown Sq

11.00am Worship Service at Garden Suburb Aged Care

1.30pm Bible Study at Garden Suburb

Friday 13 October

6.00pm Ladies Night at Kahibah

Saturday 14 October

12.00 Friendship Circle at Toronto Hotel

Sunday 15 October - Pentecost 20

9.00am Worship Service – Leader: Margaret White Preacher: Project Reconnect
Exodus 32: 1-14; Psalm 106: 1-6, 19-23; Philippians 4: 1-9; Matthew 22: 1-14

*Thank
You*

Sue Walpole thanks all the Church folk for their prayers and kind thoughts. Ryan and Sue are very grateful for everyone's lovely words.

THE PRAYER PAGE



'Pray for our country as we continue to engage in conversations over the coming weeks.

Pray for truth-filled, gracious and compassionate conversations that are grounded in humility and respect.

May we stand together for love, compassion, inclusion and reconciliation.'

Pastoral Prayer Points

- * Kerrieann (Tom's sister)
- * **Ryan Walpole – being operated on today (Wednesday) and pray for Sue as she supports Ryan during his recovery**
- * Kathryn Gray
- * Those in our Congregation who have lost loved ones in recent months
- * Anne
- * Mac
- * Jacqueline Fenwick
- * Peter Ferguson
- * Nola
- * Isabella
- * Ashley
- * Janice Wright
- * Glenda O'Donahue
- * Eileen Dunn
- * Mert and Pam
- * Judith and family
- * Lorraine Pepper
- * Enid Power
- * Fred Bryant
- * Max

Maintained by SFED and Enid Power

Congregational Prayer Points

- Tom and Kathy on holiday
- Project Reconnect
- Worship Services
- Lease of Whitebridge property
- Cathy Beeton and SRE classes
- Worship Committee

Wider Community Prayer Points


- Consequences of climate change around the world
- Preparations for Voice Referendum – truth telling will be an important priority
- The situation in Ukraine and other trouble spots
- Fabian, children and Wilfreda suffering heart failure
- Tom and NEOS as he follows ideas and opportunities including connections with Wesley Mission at Windale



DIANA BUTLER BASS WITH TIM SCORER

EMBRACING SPIRITUAL AWAKENING

Diana Butler Bass on the Dynamics of Experiential Faith



Online Study (Zoom)
5 Monday's 7:30 pm
23rd Oct – 20th Nov

Leader - Rev. Tom Stuart
tom@thestuarts.id.au

Charlestown &
Garden Suburb
Congregation
of the UCA

Contact Tom for
details &
registration:

**A Five-Session
Study**

A reminder about the upcoming Church Council Election

Some of our council members have come to the end of their term. Kerrie Dixon (Passionate Worship) and Lesley Clulow (Extravagant Generosity) have agreed to being nominated for another term.

Vacancies currently exist for

"Risk Taking Mission and Service",

"Intentional Faith Development" and

"Radical Hospitality"



If you are considering serving in this way yourself or would like to encourage someone else, outlines of the focus of each of these areas of responsibility can be found on our website under the "About Us" tab, or speak to a member of Church Council.

Nomination forms are on the foyer table, along with a sheet giving information about the vacancies.

Nominations are to be in by 8th October.

Julie Fenwick, Church Council Secretary



Men's Breakfast at 8am on 21 October - with our speaker Darren Twist, Principal of Margaret Jurd College talking about Trauma, Education and Margaret Jurd College's Vision to Change the World

**Rev Tom Stuart is on holiday
from Monday 18 September to Sunday 15
October**

**If you need pastoral or other assistance during this time,
please contact**

**Julie Fenwick (0414 411 157)
or contact your Elder.**



Charlestown Ladies Fellowship

Wednesday 11th October

**Will be held at the Church from
10.00am**

*Please bring refreshments and if
possible invite a friend for a
morning of fun and fellowship*

ALL WELCOME

Charlestown Friendship Circle



Saturday 14th October

Lunch at Toronto Hotel at 12.00noon

Please phone

Sue Warren on 0437 737 793

If you wish to be included in the numbers.

Transport can be arranged if needed.



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Mrs Cathy Beeton is also our Safe Church Contact Person

Bank Account Details for the Charlestown Garden Suburb Multi-Centre Congregation:

Bank Account held with: Uniting Financial Services

Account Name: Charlestown Congregation General Account

BSB: 634 634 Account No.: 100030837

For Offering please put Ref: Offering

Keep up to date with happenings and info:

Webpage: <http://www.chagsuca.org.au>

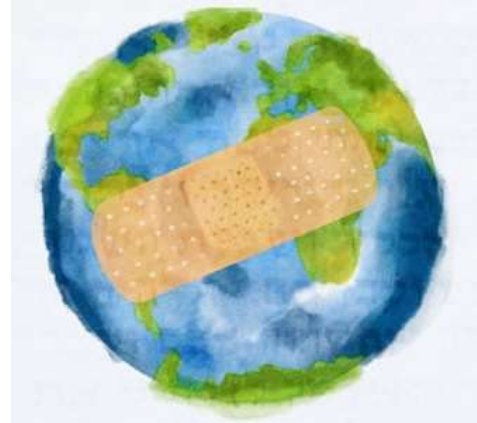
Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/CharlestownUnitingChurch>

Project Reconnect: <http://www.projectreconnect.com.au>

Worship Services: <https://tinyurl.com/CHaGS-YouTube-Link>

Spirituality of Age Exercise

To What Are You Called?



Think of someone you've met personally, or in literature or history, who illustrates the notion of tikkun, the Jewish belief that it is the individual's task to retrieve shattered shards of goodness and light and bring their contribution back to help repair the world. What adjectives, qualities and characteristics best describe the essence of the individual you chose as someone who represents tikkun to you? Take a moment to make a list of these descriptors before reading on.

Analysis

The list you came up with says as much about you as it does about the person you selected. The particular words you chose to describe someone who represents tikkun give you a vivid, concrete profile of the aspirations you hold in regard to what you aspire to awaken to. Not every word you put on the list may apply to you, but the list – as a whole – will provide you with interesting insights about yourself and what gives your life meaning and purpose, regardless of the circumstances you may face over the coming years. In fact, when it comes to retrieving shards of light – doing the sacred work of tikkun – it could well be argued that the greater the shadows with which you are confronted as you age, the greater the contribution toward repair of the world you have the potential to make.