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Charlestown & Garden Suburb Uniting Church
Multi-Centre Congregation



14 May 2023

DIARY

Wednesday 10 May

10.00am Biggest Morning Tea at Charlestown Church

Thursday 11 May

10.00am Morning tea in the Community – Smelly Cheesecake Café at Charlestown Square

2.00pm Worship at Garden Suburb Aged Care facility

1.30-2.30pm Bible Study at Garden Suburb

7.00pm Creating a Circular Economy – Glenrock Anglican Parish Hall, 36 Hexham St, Kahibah

Friday 12 May

6.00pm Ladies night at Kahibah

Sunday 14 May - Easter 6

9.00am Worship Service – Leader Beryl Gaul, Preacher Rev Tom Stuart. **MOTHER'S DAY**
Acts 17:22-3, Psalm 66:8-20, 1 Peter 3:13-22, John 14:15-21

Monday 15 May

10.00am Visitation at Garden Suburb Aged Care facility

Tuesday 16 May

9.00-11.30am Needlework 'n' Natter at Garden Suburb

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

Thursday 18 May

9.30am-2pm Presbytery Gathering at Morisset Uniting Church

10.00am Morning tea in the Community – Smelly Cheesecake Café at Charlestown Square

1.30-2.30pm Bible Study at Garden Suburb

Sunday 21 May – Easter 7

9.00am Holy Communion Service – Leader & Preacher Rev Tom Stuart
Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35; 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11; John 17:1-11

Tuesday 23 May

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

12.00pm Ladies Fellowship at Garden Suburb

Thursday 25 May

10.00am Morning tea in the Community – Smelly Cheesecake Café at Charlestown Square

1.30-2.30pm Bible Study at Garden Suburb

Sunday 28 May – Pentecost

9.00am Worship Service – Leader Sue Warren, Preacher – SFED group
Numbers 11:24-30; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Acts 2:1-21; John 7:37-39

Tuesday 30 May

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

Thursday 1 June

10.00am Morning tea in the Community – Smelly Cheesecake Café at Charlestown Square

1.30-2.30pm Bible Study at Garden Suburb



Therefore encourage
one another and build
each other up, just as
in fact you are doing.

**1 Thessalonians
5:11**





THE PRAYER PAGE

PASTORAL PRAYER POINTS

- Jacqueline Fenwick and family following Bob's death
- Peter Ferguson back in hospital
- Nola
- Robyn and Geoff Greaves at Opal Rutherford Park Care Community
- Isabella continuing with rehab
- Ashley in hospital
- Janice Wright
- Glenda O'Donahue
- Eileen Dunn
- Glenn, Donna and girls
- Sue and Warren
- Cat and Ezra
- Enid Gaynor
- John Booth and Gloria Booth
- Tony and Nan
- Mert and Pam
- Judith and family
- Lorraine home from hospital
- Ken and Sharon MacDonald
- Rhonda White and family (after death of Bert)
- Enid Power
- Fred Bryant
- Max

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER POINTS

- Neos and Tom's role week by week
- Project Reconnect
- Worship Services
- Lease of Whitebridge property
- Cathy Beeton and SRE classes
- Worship Committee
- Church Council as they pursue property options

"The value of persistent prayer is not that God will hear us, but that we will finally hear God."

William McGill

WIDER COMMUNITY PRAYER POINTS

- The situation in Sudan
- New state elected parliamentarians
- Victims of floods, earthquakes and fires
- The situation in Ukraine and other trouble spots
- Fabian and the orphanage as they experience floods and extra people taking refuge at the orphanage as well as some children hospitalised with pneumonia.

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Hunter Presbytery of the Uniting Church

PRESBYTERY GATHERING 2023

THURSDAY 18 MAY

Morrisset Uniting "Church in the Trees"
Corner Awaba and Kahibah Streets, Morrisset
9.30 am - 2.00 pm

"LOOKING UP!"

Guest speaker

Flying Padre David Shrimpton



Featuring:

- Worship time with guest speaker David Shrimpton
- Collection point for knitted items for the needy
- Fashion parade from the Op Centre
- Time to browse and shop at the Op Centre
- Pickup from Morrisset Station (Tel: Laraine 4973 1342)

Bring your own lunch. Tea and coffee provided
RSVP 11 May

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The SPIRITUALITY of AGE



A Seeker's Guide
to Growing Older

This week's exercise

SNAPSHOT OF YOUR LIFE

Morning tea conversation today!

SNAPSHOT OF YOUR LIFE

Part One

Take some time to go through scrapbooks of photos of yourself at earlier stages of your life, perhaps one for each decade. Let yourself be drawn to a half dozen or more that really speak to you: evoking feelings in you of what it was like to be at that age, circumstances, and stage in your life.

Now ask yourself, as pictured in each photo, the following questions:

- What were you alive to?
- What were you asleep to?
- What more was there yet to awaken to that you were unaware of at the time?

Part Two

Now find a recent photo, one that speaks to you, and ask yourself these three questions:

- What are you alive to?
- What are you asleep to?
- What more is there yet to awaken to of which you are unaware?

Anne's Example

I was only 22 in our wedding photo 40 years ago. I was certainly alive to the happiness of that time, and of the excitement of setting out on the adventure of married life. I look at this photo now and realise how thin I was, but I was asleep to this at the time. I never would have thought, even on my wedding day, that I was thin. More importantly, I believed that this aspect of myself was important, and that the shape of my body was a defining aspect of who I was. I know now that my worth doesn't depend on how much I weigh or how I present myself to the world. I also "know" my worth is not in what I do. God and I are not in a transactional relationship. However, perhaps I am still unaware of how my life will be when my capacity to "do" is diminished, just as this thin bride was unaware of how slender she really was!

