



# Crookwell Uniting Church



Crookwell – Wheeo – Jerrara – Bigga – Kialla

November 2018

## Minister's Reflections

As we enter the last month of the liturgical year (though not the calendar year), it is a good time to reflect on the year that has been, and to imagine the year ahead: in the next year, how will God bring healing and reconciliation in our congregation? In our towns? In our region?

How will we be moved and transformed into agents of God's loving Kingdom of shalom?

The last few months we have begun to do some work articulating who we are, who we understand God to be, and where we see God leading us as God's people in this place.

So far, we have articulated a VISION:

*To Know Christ and to Make Christ Known*

This Vision sets the long-term direction for where God is calling us.

Then we have articulated some THEOLOGICAL PRINCIPLES, which whilst more complicated than this, we might summarize in the following words:

1. LOVE
2. ABUNDANT GRACE
3. TRANSFORMATION
4. RECONCILIATION
5. PRIESTHOOD OF ALL BELIEVERS
6. UNITY IN DIVERSITY

Then, at our AGM in October, we began to update our MISSION, a statement of who we are, where we are in ministry, and what purpose God is calling us to in this place.

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As a result of the feedback from that conversation, I am proposing the following words as our MISSION:

*A caring Christian community, witnessing to God's love for the world, in the Main Street and the paddock.*

I am very open to feedback on whether or not you think this mission statement truly names who we are (a caring Christian community), where we are (in the Main Street and the paddock), and what God is calling us to (witnessing to God's love for the world).

If you could provide feedback to me as soon as possible, this will assist Church Council as it meets later this month in some of its conversations.

Finally, please remember that after worship on **Sunday 18 November** we will gather for another workshop, to try and set some PRIORITIES for the next two years, given our Vision and Mission.

I am truly excited to discover how God will work through us in the years ahead.

Daniel

## The Ordination of Keith Robinson

On Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October, Keith Robinson was ordained as a Minister of the Word in the Uniting Church of Australia, as Wesley Church in Crookwell.

Keith was the pastor at Crookwell Wesley for six years, before moving to Forestville, in Sydney at the end of 2016.

The Ordination was presided over by John Williams, Co-Chairperson of Presbytery. The service was conducted by the Rev Kevin Dilks, and prayers were led by Geoff Wellington, a Minister of the Presbytery of Canberra Region.

*"And the blessing of God,  
Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer,  
Be upon you and remain with you always  
Amen."*



Ros and Keith Robinson, Crookwell, Dec 2016

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## Worship & Readings

### Sunday 4 November

9:00 Wesley

2:30 Wheeo

*Readings:* Ruth 1:1-18; Psalm 146; Hebrews 9:11-14; Mark 12:28-34

### Sunday 11 November

9:00 Wesley (Holy Communion)

2:30 Jerrara

*Readings:* Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17; Psalm 127; Hebrews 10:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

### Sunday 18 November

9:00 Wesley

*Readings:* 1 Samuel 1:4-20, 2:1-10; Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25; Mark 13:1-8

### Sunday 25 November (Christ the King)

9:00 Wesley

2:30 Bigga

*Readings:* 2 Samuel 23:1-7; Psalm 132:1-12; Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37

## Pastoral Partners

This year, Pastoral Partners will gather for mutual support and training on the following dates:

### Friday 14 December, 3pm

Please put these dates in your diary now!

If you are not already a Pastoral Partner but feel like God might be calling you to this ministry (even if you don't feel 'skilled' enough), could you please come and speak to Daniel.

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## Save the Date: 25 November

Sunday, November 25 is Christ the King Sunday; the last Sunday of the Liturgical Year. On this day, Crookwell Uniting Church will launch and celebrate our Vision and Mission statement for the next two years.

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## Viewhaven Service

On the second Tuesday of each month at 10.30am, members of our church lead a worship service at Viewhaven. We could always do with volunteers at this service to help residents find their pages in their hymn books and other non-speaking roles.

If you are available to help, the next Viewhaven service will be **Tuesday 6 November, 10:30am**

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## Workshop

Members of the congregation are invited to participate in a workshop on Missional Priorities on Sunday 18 November at Crookwell, after worship.

The workshop will discuss ideas around what do we want to achieve in our worship, witness and service over the next few years?

Please contact Daniel for further information.

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## A Thought on Thanksgiving

Although many consider Thanksgiving to be an American holiday, it has its roots in traditional ceremonies over the world to give thanks to God at harvest time.

Australia's link to the USA holiday comes from American soldiers who served in the territory of Norfolk Island during the Second World War.

### PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with *thanksgiving*, let your requests be made known to God; And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

## Help is at Hand

Crookwell Uniting Church has information on a number of topics which may be of assistance to the local community.

Situated in the Church foyer, there are brochures and pamphlets for assistance with retirement, mental health services, crisis support, Centrelink payment rates, Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme, Medicare, Child Support, Child Immunisation, Concession Cards, tenant's advice, and many others.

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## Ethical Goods Available Now

Come and see the wide range of ethically sourced goods at Crookwell Uniting Church on Mondays and Tuesdays between 9am and 1pm, or at the Christian Book Shop.

Items include purses, bags, jewellery, toys, greeting cards, nick knacks, and much more. Whether you're looking for that special gift, or just something for yourself; there is something for everybody.



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