



Crookwell Uniting Church

“To Know Christ and Make Christ Known”



Crookwell – Wheeo – Jerrara – Bigga

November 2019

Would They Notice?

When I was in college, there was a question that our lecturers would often ask when they wanted us to think about the mission and purpose of the church:

If your church closed tomorrow, would anybody notice?

If the answer was no, then it meant we weren't being the church, and that we either needed to change or close: anything else was self-indulgent.

But, if the answer was yes, then the next obvious question was 'what would they notice?'

These are important questions, because they help us reflect on how we are seen by those who are not a part of our day-to-day life together. This is especially needed at

Crookwell, where we have named our mission as:

Witnessing to God's love for the world from the Main Street to the Paddock.

So, the question is: does the way we live our life witness to God's love for our neighbours? Do they notice? What do they notice? How do they perceive us as a congregation?

And, do you know what your neighbour thinks of us as a congregation, or are you only guessing? (If you don't know, what a wonderful excuse to have a conversation with people in the community to ask them).

Several weeks ago, Kath Merrifield came and ran a workshop with us to help us reflect on how we, as the Crookwell Uniting

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Church, might already be living out our mission, and where any new opportunities to do so might lie.

On November 24th, Kath will be sharing with us in worship again, and reflecting back to us some of what she heard and saw about our life as a congregation. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to hear what somebody else noticed about us, and for us to do some self-reflection as a consequence.

Then, through Advent, I will be preaching a series looking at the five pillars of our life together that we named last year:

BE a loving community
FOLLOW the way of Jesus
WORSHIP passionately
SHARE our stories
SERVE the world that God loves

I invite you into a time of prayer and deep listening for the voice of God as we journey through this season together, so that we may discern how God is inviting us to 'witness to God's love for the world from the Main Street to the Paddock' today.

Pastoral Partners

The last Pastoral Partners meeting for 2019 will be held on December 13th at 2pm.

Pastoral Partners gather for mutual support and training. We are on the lookout for more people to join the Pastoral Partners team. Let Daniel know if you are interested.

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 12 November, 10:30am**



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Worship & Readings

Sunday 3 November

9:00 Wesley
2:30 Wheeo

Readings: Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4; Psalm 119:137-144; 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10

Sunday 10 November

9:00 Wesley

Readings: Haggai 1:15b-2:9; Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17; Luke 20:27-38

Sunday 17 November

9:00 Wesley
2:30 Jerrara

Readings: Isaiah 65:17-22; Isaiah 12; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19

Sunday 24 November

9:00 Wesley

Readings: Jeremiah 23:1-6; Luke 1:68-79; Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43

New Contact Details

The phone number 4832 1026 will now divert to the church office. Voice messages will be checked and cleared regularly. If you wish to directly contact Daniel, please call his mobile on 0432 648 676.

Half A Million Steps

Everyone is welcome to attend a free screening of new documentary Half a Million Steps.

In October 2018, as part of the Fair Treatment campaign, 100 supporters walked the 500,000 steps from Dubbo to deliver a message to NSW Parliament in Sydney – highlighting how far a person in regional NSW may have to travel to reach the drug treatment they need.

The “Long Walk to Treatment” has now been made into a powerful and moving documentary telling the personal stories behind a movement to reform drug laws and policy and make fair treatment available to all.

This is an issue of concern to our community. Watch this film and see what 60 organisations – including health, medical, police and legal experts, and people personally affected and their families - are saying about how we can save lives and give people a better chance to turn their lives around.

The film will screen at Crookwell Wesley at 5:30pm on Friday, November 22nd.



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Support For Grief and Bereavement

A new support group for people experiencing grief and bereavement has been established by the Goulburn and District Suicide Prevention Network in partnership with the funeral directors, RJ Sidney Craig & Co.

Two women from Crookwell, Haley Snape and Libby Newcombe will help run the group which aims to meet regularly in Crookwell at the CWA rooms in Spring Street.

The meetings will offer a chance for people experiencing grief and bereavement to connect with others in the same situation.

The next meeting will be held at 6pm on Monday, November 4th.



Libby Newcombe and Haley Snape

Small Steps

Lifeline and the Uniting Church have instigated the “Small Steps” campaign to draw awareness to mental health issues in the community.

The more we connect with each other and our broader community, the more we realise that many of us will struggle with what feels like overwhelming feelings at some point.

What Small Steps Can I Take?

1) Reach Out

Connect with others, and let them know you are there to listen. You don't need to have all the answers, or be able to fix the situation. Just being available can make a huge difference.

2) Practice Self Care

Small steps like taking time to enjoy the sunshine, or having a break from social media can help.

3) Be Part Of The Change

Help break the stigma of mental health by initiating conversations. If you're feeling brave, share your stories so that others may feel connected.

If you are in a crisis, please call Lifeline on 13 11 14, where there is someone to talk to 24 hours per day, seven days per week.



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