



Crookwell Uniting Church

“To Know Christ and Make Christ Known”



Crookwell – Wheeo – Jerrara – Bigga

January 2020

The Work Of Christmas

When the song of the angels is
stilled,

when the star in the sky is gone,

when the kings and princes are
home,

when the shepherds are back
with their flocks,

the work of Christmas begins:

to find the lost,

to heal the broken,

to feed the hungry,

to release the prisoner,

to rebuild the nations,

to bring peace among the
people,

to make music in the heart.

- Composed by American Minister and Civil Rights campaigner Howard Thurman, this originally appeared in his work, “The Mood of Christmas and Other Celebrations”.

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Pastoral Partners

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.

Dates for 2020 meetings are as follows: -

February 21st

April 17th

June 19th

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 14 January, 10:30am**

Clinical Pastoral Education

An "Introduction to Clinical Pastoral Education" course is being offered in Goulburn, beginning January 29th, 2020.

The course provides opportunities to grow in your understanding of your pastoral role; develop skills that will enable you to offer effective pastoral and spiritual care; deepen your awareness of people's needs; and become more aware of your own values.

The course runs over five Wednesdays. If you would like more information about this or other CPE courses, please contact Barbara Hall, the Centre Director of Southern Tablelands CPE on 0418 413 731, or at barbarahall1909@gmail.com

Welcome to Welcome

Fiona Landford is still looking for volunteers for the resurrected Christian Book Shop, now known as "Welcome".

The local meeting place still sells books, gifts, and cards; but is also a place to drop in and have a chat. It is currently open between 10am and 4pm on Thursdays and Fridays, with more times to come in the new year.

If you can help, please call Fiona on 0491 483 566, or email her at contact@couragewisdomchange.com

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Worship & Readings

Sunday 5 January

9:00 Wesley

2:30 Wheeo

Readings: Jeremiah 31:7-14; Psalm 147:12-20; Ephesians 1:3-14; John 1:10-18

Sunday 12 January

9:00 Wesley

Readings: Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17

Sunday 19 January

9:00 Wesley

2:30 Jerrara

Readings: Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 140:1-11; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42

Sunday 26 January

9:00 Wesley

Readings: Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 4-9; 1 Corinthians 10-18; Matthew 4:12-23

Bushfire Emergency

“Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friends.” – John 15:13

Australia remains in the grip of a bushfire crisis. While our community has been spared the worst, towns similar to ours have been ravaged.

Our tireless fire fighters, most of them volunteers, continue the work of saving lives and properties. Recently, we saw two fire fighters make the ultimate sacrifice; tragically laying down their lives for their friends in a time of great need.

At such times as these, one may often feel unable to make a difference, but the power of prayer can provide much comfort.

If you are able, the Australian Red Cross, St Vincent de Paul, and the Salvation Army are all conducting bushfire appeals.

You can find more information at <https://msn.benevity.org/community/fundraiser/302>

Alternatively, you can donate directly to the NSW Rural Fire Service at <https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/volunteer/support-your-local-brigade>



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Sharing Our Stories

Towards the end of last year, we named five pillars of our life together as a congregation, including sharing our stories.

Each month, we would love to hear from someone willing to share their story. You can remain anonymous if you like, or you can visit Matthew on Monday and Tuesday mornings to discuss further.

Here is Matthew's story.

God has always been present. From the bible stories I was read to as a child, right up until each day I have the privilege to contribute to our local Church. I feel blessed. I love talking to the people that drop in, whether it's about family or football. Faith is a common thread, but compassion is just as important.

On the first day of high school in 1983, I met the girl who would become my dearest friend. Over the last 37 years we have many discussions about faith. She has spent her life looking after others, and has raised two amazing daughters. She has often been my moral compass, and despite our geographical and theological differences, she is still the greatest friend I have ever known. If I could describe her in one word, it would be compassionate.

In 2015, I stumbled upon reuniting with my Year 2 school teacher. Having young children myself, I often talk about the importance of great teachers, and this woman is in my top three. A devoted Christian, she was a candidate at the NSW election, following a calling.

In 2018, I was at the local library as my kids involved themselves in the school holiday activities. By chance, I read the Crookwell Gazette, and got in touch with Daniel, who gave me the opportunity to assist our Uniting Church. Most Mondays we have the chance to talk about the happenings in the world, and our role in it as Christians.

God has always been present. My family history contains a story where my father stayed up until dawn with one of his friends discussing the differences between faiths. When I was in Year 11, the Christian Rock group, Stryper debated Reverend Fred Nile on daytime TV, and somehow convinced him that faith comes in many forms. The three personal encounters I have described shows me God is with me, even when I don't realise it!

I have met some wonderful people in my role at Uniting, and their faith and positivity inspire me more than they know. Whether it is family, work, friends, or community; and sometimes just in quiet reflection, God is always present.

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