



Crookwell Uniting Church

“To Know Christ and Make Christ Known”



October 2026

Navigating the Modern Wilderness

In our readings in October, we find the Israelites standing at the base of Mount Sinai, freshly liberated after generations of brutal slavery. Finally free, they pondered the question of, “So now what?”

It’s a question that has reverberated throughout the ages as we watch standards change, morality shift, and principles compromised.

Yet, just as the Israelites weren’t left to their own devices to wander aimlessly, we too have a master plan to guide us through the murky waters of modern life, and its associated temptations.

The answer is the same as in the day of Moses. The Ten Commandments is more than a guide of how not to offend God – it is a handbook on creating freedom based on basic morality that builds societies.

While in Egypt, the Israelites’ worth was measured by productivity and tireless labour. With God, our worth is measured in relationships, kindness, empathy and discipleship. The Commandments allow us structure, boundaries and a chance to commit.

So, while social media can be a cesspool of derision, political discourse is often valued for point scoring rather

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than problem solving, the challenges of AI, environmental degradation, and mental health seem overwhelming, and the world's moral compass appears to be askew, it is important to remember we don't need to rewrite the handbook.

When we commit to God's moral boundaries, we reject any ethical decay around us. Let us put aside the distractions, the chaos, and the vitriol, and return to God's plan which has served us well.

- Matthew

Four Minute Prayer Chain

Joi Picker has kindly volunteered to begin a four minute prayer chain, where, as a congregation, we can pray for those who feel they need it at a certain time in their life.

Anyone with a prayer request can submit their details to Joi via text. It can be for yourself, or for others.

We will come together in prayer during our Sunday services.

Farewell to Ane & Elina

It is not without sadness, but also with much gratitude that we farewell Ane and Elina, who have become a vital part of our congregational family over the last four years.

Ane and Elina have provided a vibrancy through their participation in our Sunday Services, and general church life.

As they return to their families in Fiji, we wish them all the very best in their future endeavours, and trust they will remember their time in Crookwell fondly. Safe travels, and God Bless!



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October Roster

OCTOBER 2026	WORSHIP LEADER	ELDER/PRAYERS	BIBLE READER	STEWARDS
4/10/2026	Barry	Margaret/Cheryl	Joi	Joi & Cheryl
11/10/2026	Christine Jamieson	Pat M	Gale Collins	Pat M & Jan
18/10/2026	Margi	Gill	Pat M	Barbara & Barry
25/10/2026	Bret	Joi	Barry	Joi & Reta

Coffee & Chat

The Church Council continue their all welcome social event, centred on coming together in a relaxed, comfortable and inviting atmosphere to see how our week has been. This will be a casual event and is BYO coffee, plus bring a friend if you would like to.

The meetings are held on the third Wednesday each month at 10am at the Criterion Hotel. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 21st.

For any enquiries, please call Joi on 0491 735 022.

Worship & Readings

Sunday 4 October

9:30am Crookwell

Readings: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19; Philippians 3:4-14; Matthew 21:33-46

Sunday 11 October

9:30am Crookwell

Readings: Exodus 32:1-14; Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14

Sunday 18 October

9:30am Crookwell

Readings: Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22

Sunday 25 October

9:30am Crookwell

Readings: Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-36

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Church Council

At the Annual General Meeting on September 20th, the following people were elected to our Church Council.

Cheryl Buxton
Barbara Doyle
Margi Hayes
Barry Jamieson (Treasurer)
Doreen Moorby (Chairperson)
Kira Moorby (Secretary)
Joi Picker
Kate Thornley

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." – Proverbs 3:5-6

A very special thanks to retiring Church Council member, the indefatigable Phyllis Laverty.

For many years, Phyllis has provided us all with guidance, enthusiastic effort, and an unwavering positive attitude. We wish her all the very best in enjoying her retirement.

Community Angels

The Crookwell Conference of the Canberra and Goulburn branch of the St Vincent de Paul Society has launched their "Community Angels" programme in town, on Mondays and Fridays. If you or someone you know could use some support, drop in to the old art gallery building at the corner of Spring and Goulburn Streets, or give their volunteers a call on 0490 398 625 to make a confidential appointment.

Types of assistance that may be provided include food assistance, essential clothing and bedding, advocacy support, connection to other community services, assistance with utility bills, medical costs.

They are open on Mondays from 10:30 am to 12:30pm, and on Fridays from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm.



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