Crookwell Uniting Church

"To Know Christ and Make Christ Known"



November 2026

A Time For Gentle Reflection

There is a gentle reflection that comes with the arrival of November. As the weather warms, this time of year offers reassurance as we transition towards Advent.

Our readings this month include Jesus gently but firmly reminding his followers about the true nature of faith – cautioning against pride and status, and instead focusing on service and humility:

"Whoever makes himself great will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be made great" – Matthew 23:12

This text invites us to look at the world around us, and to take an honest examination into whether our systems have fallen short of God's ideal.

For our community, blessed with collective lifetimes of wisdom and experience, this is a season to gently reflect on what truly lasts. May we turn our hearts away from the common distractions of the collective exhaustion of the news cycle toward the quiet acknowledgement of how deeply our lives are woven together through our families, our neighbours, our church, and our town.

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Jesus reminds us in the tale of separating the sheep from the goats (Matthew 25:31-46) that God's presence is found in simple acts of human kindness: Welcoming a stranger, sharing a meal, offering comfort to the suffering. Jesus reassures us that a life of faith is lived in the small expressions of care that honour God's presence in everyone we meet, regardless of their background, status, or circumstance.

As November draws to a close, we move into the season of Advent, and the beginnings of new growth. While there may be upheaval around us, whether in our own lives, or in the troubles of the world we see each night on the television, Jesus offers comfort with the lesson of the fig tree branches becoming green and tender with new life (Mark 13:28).

There is a sense of patient waiting, hope, and anticipation that the clearing of the old is just the preparation for the new. As we light the first candle of Advent, we can rest in a deep spiritual peace, with the knowledge that the transformative love of God may heal our world.

- Matthew

Updating Our Records – An Important Reminder

A couple of months ago, we reminded you all of the Uniting Church requirements for certain members of our congregation to obtain a Working with Children Check for some positions. This includes all active members of Church Council, and those who participate in leading worship services.

We still need some of you to provide your most recent certificates for our records. Working with Children Checks are free for volunteers, and stay in place for five years. If the above applies to you, and you need the certificate, or are unsure if yours has expired, please contact Matthew. matthew.geddes@crookwelluniting.org

Also, if anyone has completed any of the modules of the Safe Church training, can you also please provide details to Matthew. Thanks.

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November Roster

NOVEMBER 2026	WORSHIP LEADER	ELDER/PRAYERS	BIBLE READER	STEWARDS
1/11/2026	Barry	Barbara	Phyllis	Barbara & Phyllis
8/11/2026	Christine Jamison	Kate	Cheryl	Kate & Cheryl
15/11/2026	Kate	Barry	Ron	Barry & Jan
22/11/2026	Russ Neale	Margi	Gale Collins	Mardi & Dal
29/11/2026	Alan Harper	Phyllis	Joi	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, November 18th.

For any enquiries, please call Joi on

0491 735 022.

Worship & Readings

Sunday 1 November
9:30am Crookwell

Readings: Joshua 3:7-17; Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37; 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Matthew 23:1-12

Sunday 8 November
9:30am Crookwell

Readings: Joshua 24:1-3, 14-25; Psalm 78:1-7; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

Sunday 15 November
9:30am Crookwell
2:30pm Jerrara

Readings: Judges 4:1-7; Psalm 123; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30

Sunday 22 November
9:30am Crookwell

Readings: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100; Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46

Sunday 29 November
9:30am Crookwell

Readings: Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7,17-19; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37

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Volunteers Needed

The Christian Bookshop is run by Bob and Mariya Ward, and is staffed by volunteers. At the moment, the shop is very short on volunteers, and is reaching out to see if anyone would be interested in joining Bob and Mariya. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

The bookshop sells Christian themed greeting cards for all occasions, from just one dollar. They also sell Bibles, Christian gifts suitable for all ages, books and bookmarks, jewellery, mugs, pens, pictures and posters, and other assorted items, including gift bags and wrapping paper. They also have a wide variety of Christmas items at very reasonable prices, and gift cards for those who may be more difficult to buy for.

The bookshop welcomes you to come in and have a coffee and a chat, and maybe some prayer. They are usually close during the winter months, but endeavour to stay open whenever the temperature nudges over the ten degrees mark.

The bookshop would like to be open every day throughout the spring and summer months, but would need some volunteers to do so. At the moment, Bob and Mariya are on hand to have the shop open on Thursdays and Fridays between 10am and 4pm, and on Saturday mornings.

If you can help assist in the shop being open more frequently, even if you can volunteer just a couple of hours each week (or even each month), it would be a blessing.

If the shop is unattended, Bob and Mariya are happy to come down and open the shop, as they live locally. The phone number for more information is 0410 685 142, and you can also check out the shop on Facebook by searching for the Crookwell Christian Bookshop.

Thank you

Mariya
