



Sunday

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The Uniting Church in Australia

Chermside Kedron Community Church

*'Transforming our world through the power of God,
experiencing and sharing God's love for all people'*



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Lent 3

Prayer and Listening

What is prayer? One simple answer that is sometimes given is that prayer is talking to God. But that is only partly true. You have probably heard the saying that God had a reason for giving us two ears and only one mouth! We need to explore that a little more today. Last week we thought about waiting, and in particular what it means to wait for God. We can think of prayer and listening as a continuation of that theme.



Prayer as "talking to God" suggests that the flow is all in one direction, that it is our time to bring God up to date, as it were, on our latest needs. A hymn by Mary Oliphant begins this way:

*'Tis not to ask for gifts alone,
I kneel in prayer before His throne:
But seeking fellowship divine,
I feel His love, and know it mine,
When I can pray.*



James Montgomery describes prayer as *the soul's sincere desire, uttered or unexpressed, the motion of a hidden fire that trembles in the breast*. As some of us would rightly say, when I pray, I sometimes even use words! And Mother Teresa said that *Prayer is putting oneself in the hands of God, at His disposition, and listening to His voice in the depth of our hearts*.

There is certainly food for thought in that; but there is another important dimension, namely the impression we sometimes have that when it comes to prayer, there is only one way, and one size fits all. Those who are familiar with the Myers-Briggs personality types will be interested in a book called "Prayer and Temperament", with the sub-title "Different Prayer Forms for Different Personality Types". We are reminded that there are different dimensions involved, including Scripture, silence, sharing our deepest needs and concerns with God, and importantly listening for what God has to say to us. It isn't "fool proof" of course, but in essence it suggests that we begin with the most natural form of prayer for us, and gradually reach out in more adventurous ways.

Discipleship is not just an expression of what we do, but of who we are. One danger is that when we become too busy, we become frazzled and forget to pray. I'm talking to myself here as much as to anyone else; but we need to STOP sometimes – to be still and know the presence of God, to commune with God in ways that seem most natural to us, and importantly, to LISTEN for God.

Clive W Ayre

*Isaiah 55:1-10, Psalm 63:1-8
1 Corinthians 10:1-13, Luke 13:1-9*

Message from our minister:

The third week of Lent is an invitation to listening prayer. So often our prayer is full of words and lists and it can become a one-sided affair when prayer simply means talking to God. The crisis of our prayer life is that our mind may be filled with ideas of God while our heart remains far from God. Taking time to listen to the voice of the Good Shepherd will help us to 'slow down to keep up with God'.

Rev Janet

Visiting?

We warmly welcome you today especially if you are visiting with us. Please stay for morning tea following the 9am service. If you would like to make yourself known to us or any particular need, please complete the Care Card inside this newsletter and place it in the offering bag or pass it to a Steward.

Wheelchair

At the back of the church we have a wheelchair which is available for anyone to use if needed. Please ask one of the Stewards for advice.



Video of Weekly 9am Services

Each week the services are filmed for distribution to members of our congregation who are unable to attend in person. If you would like a DVD of the service please speak with a Steward.

This week at Chermside Kedron Community Church

TODAY - Lutwyche Mosque Open Day 24th March 19 11.30am-3pm.

"We are pleased to invite non-Muslims to an Open Day at Lutwyche Mosque. We will introduce the Islamic community, engage in discussions, hand out books and written materials and enjoy a barbecue together. We will address and answer all your questions, doubts and suspicions. In this difficult time, we Muslims believe it is an excellent opportunity to open our hearts and Mosques to those who would love to show solidarity and support."

Wednesday 27th March - Bible Study with Jean Lowie here @ 9.30am

Wednesday 27th March - Elders Meeting 7.30pm in Chatters

Saturday 30th March - Working Bee 7am

Sunday 31st March - Annual Congregational Meeting following the 9am service

Sunday 31st March - **no 11am service**, because of Congregational meeting



Coming up

Wednesday 3rd April	10am Friendly Hour 'The Holy Land' Easter Reflections	
Saturday 6th April	Car Boot Sale 7am to 12noon	
Saturday 6th – 8th April	Godly Play Training at CKCC	
Sunday 7th April	Wedding of Kelly Mulcahy and Simon Boast here @ 2pm	
Fri - Sun 12-14th April	Easter Madness Youth weekend.	
Sunday 14th April	Palm Sunday	Service time 9am
Thursday 18th April	Maundy Thursday	Service time 7pm
Friday 19th April	Good Friday	Service time 8am
Sunday 20th April	Easter Day	Service time 9am

Plus

Lent Event Uniting World material available in the foyer



CARBOOT SALE AND MARKETS now on Saturday 6 April 7am to noon

We have decided to try again with the car boot sale and hopefully the weather will be kind to us this time.

Usual opportunities to volunteer.
Come and grab a bargain.

URGENTLY REQUIRED POWER POINT PRESENTATION

Could this be a job for you?

This job could be shared between two people, One to prepare it (could be done at home) and the other to present it on the Sunday.
Please see Debbie.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT GRAPPLES MONDAY, THURSDAY or SATURDAY

Please see Bev Worthington

CKCC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NEXT SUNDAY 31 March after 9am service

Important information will be shared about repairing our building

Please plan to be present



BUILDING HOPE



CHAPLAINCY FUNDRAISING DINNER

Do you own a business? Would you like to help build hope in the life of a young person? Then consider becoming a sponsor of the Building Hope fundraising dinner.

For further information contact Chris Macnaught
chrism@suqld.org.au or 0419 680 582

A big *Thank You* to our
RAGS team



Just to let you know we appreciate all the hard work you are doing in this hot sweaty weather.



The CKCC Annual report will be emailed early this week to everyone who receives the weekly noticesheet.

A few paper copies will be available today for people who do not have email. Please see Pauline.

If you don't receive the noticesheet and would like to, and/or receive the annual report this week please fill in the slip below, tear it off and hand it in OR email the office on Monday.



Please send me the noticesheet every week and the annual report

NAME _____ EMAIL _____



“DOES ANYONE WANT ME?”

I'm the old piano in Rode Hall

I've been told I have go!!

I'm not totally useless!! I can still play a tune. I would make a great art project or movie prop., you just need to be gentle with me. Please come and take me home. Go into the office if interested.

PLATES

Ladies, we still have a few plates that were left in the kitchen, some may belong to you. Please check today because if not claimed we will give them to Grapples.

Thank you

FROM THIS WEEK'S UNITING NEWS

RETREAT WALK

FRIDAY 3rd MAY - SUNDAY 5th MAY

Camino de St Anthorpe? The Uniting churches on the Granite Belt host this weekend retreat, combining times of gathered worship and quiet contemplation. The roads and lanes around Stanthorpe lend themselves to walking.

Rev Dr Jenny Tymms, author of *Deep Work: Spiritual Practice in our Workday World*, will lead the retreat. Book private accommodation or request a billet in a private home.

Participants will need to be able to walk at least ten kilometres each day. While this is open to anyone, it would be an ideal continuing education for ministry opportunity for ministry agents.

A registration form and information brochure is available on request to Kaye or Jenny.

OFFERINGS BY DIRECT BANK TRANSFER Use these **BANKING DETAILS**

UCA - Chermside Kedron Community Church
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31st MARCH ROSTER

9am SERVICE

If you are unable to do your rostered day. Please arrange a swap with another person.

Bible Readers	Glenda Nolan
	and Michele Bergman
Prayers	Howard Thomas
Children's Story	Jenny Matthews
Musicians	Margaret Munro
	and Geoff Jensen
Singer	Jenny Matthews
Sound Desk	Brenton Bodley
Power Point	Srian Abeysuriya
Video Operator	Nick Bodley
ChildSafeDutyOfficer ...	Graham Nottle
Elders	Gail Ayre
	and Bev Worthington
Announcements	Debbie Bodley
Welcomers	Winnie Luk
Stewards	Jono Albury
Morning Tea	Youth & Young Adult
Flowers	Winnie Luk

11am SERVICE IN THE CHAPEL

Bible Reading	Geoff Jensen
Prayers	Minister
Musician	Geoff Jensen
Steward	Willie Broadley

With Love to the World

Passages to be read in Uniting Churches on the coming Sunday 's marked with an asterisk*

Monday 25th March Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12

O Lord, inspire me by your generosity and goodness.

Tuesday 26th March Joshua 5:9-12*

Lord God, help me to follow in your ways of justice and freedom.

Wednesday 27th March 2 Corinthians 5:16-21*

Loving, reconciling God, heal and restore me and my relationships.

Thursday 28th March John 7:1-14

Living Water and Light of the World, quench my thirst and show me the way.

Friday 29th March John 7:25-31

Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on me.

Saturday 30th March Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32*

Loving God, as the loving father received his wayward son, embrace me with your love so that I may love others.

Sunday 31st March Psalm 32*

In your prayers remember the lands and people of Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Croatia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Slovenia.

From Stafford Churches Together Cycle of prayer, please pray for the clergy and people of the Salvation Army.