



Geebung Wavell Uniting Church

A member of the Assembly
of Confessing Congregations
Of the Uniting Church
in Australia



21st October 2018
Our Mission Statement

**“Sharing the love of Jesus together
in welcoming all people into the
fellowship of the church as well as
ministering to the community”**

The Ministry of Paying Attention

In the book of John we read about John and Andrew, ordinary men who, by the power of the Spirit, recognized Jesus as the Lamb of God. Compelled by His presence, eager and curious, their first questions were stunningly basic. Who was He, really? How did He live?

Jesus' response *Come and see.* — *John 1 :39*

No surprise, the Son of Man (Luke 7:34) led with an invitation to open their eyes and join Him in the work of the kingdom.

The life of Jesus tracks a sensory-rich narrative. We read in Luke of burning incense, chanting crowds, angel voices booming. Dusty roads, mangy shepherds, and a young girl, “obviously pregnant.” Heaven came down as a Baby with dimpled hands and a dark swirl of hair and soon, men were tracking the night sky, wide awake with wanting.

Jesus grew, drawn to the wildest ones, those most likely to be written off as unfit, unworthy, in need of a lesson on the ways of blending in with the religious culture surrounding them.

By no mistake, it was John the Baptist who plunged Jesus' head into the water, upsetting authority and the cultural code. Where the world saw an untamed man, crazed, insane, disgusting, and disrespectful, Jesus saw a worthy protest, choosing him as his line in the Galilean dust.

Jesus came to us as us, a person with eyes, ears, a mouth, a nose, fingerprints and hair follicles. He cried. He feasted. He walked until His feet ached. He reached back after a long day and squeezed the tension from His own sun-weathered neck. He got goose bumps. He took naps. He felt alone sometimes, because He felt alive.

He engaged the world by paying attention to His corner of it and really being *with* the people near Him. He chose well by choosing the humble and overlooked. He's asking the same of us.

A life hidden in Christ means we will continuously crave more of God. The good news is, He's right here, wherever we are, alive and at work. He's in the faces we see and the stories playing out in the most ordinary places.

Though He doesn't need us, He wants us near. And so, the invitation stands. Come. See.

Original devotion written for FaithGateway by Shannan Martin, author of [The Ministry of Ordinary Places.](#)

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For your Diary

Weekly Activities

Tuesday Indoor Bowls 1:30 @ Wavell
Wednesday Bible Study 9:30am @ Geebung
Thursday Choir Practice 2pm @ Wavell
Friday Prayer Time 9am @ Wavell
Friday Youth Alive 7pm @ Wavell

Fortnightly Activity

Tuesday Bible Study Oct 30th 7pm @ Wavell

Special Events - November

Wednesday Nov 7th Adult Fellowship 1:30pm
@ Geebung

Tuesday Nov 13th Morning Fellowship 11am
@ Wavell End of Year Lunch

Thursday Nov 15th Council Meeting 6:30pm
@ Wavell

Saturday Nov 17th Evening Fellowship presents
Maureen's Melodies 7pm @ Geebung

Special Events - December

Sunday Dec 2nd Brisbane Citizen Concert
Band 4pm @ Geebung

Office Closure: The Church Office is reopening Monday Oct 29th. However, most office duties are being completed offsite during till then. Debbie can still be contacted via the church email address or by calling 0403 986 435.
Thank you for your understanding.

For your attention

Maureen's Melodies 7pm November 17th Geebung Church



It will be a good evening of Music and fellowship.

Cost is \$15 which includes Entertainment and Supper

Please contact Merv Halliday

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**Adult
Fellowship**

*We look forward to the pleasure of
your company*

*Wednesday
November 7th
1:30pm
Geebung
Church
Hall*

The People Who Need Our Prayers

Nelle Atfield

Joan Morris

Marcia Halliday

Janice & Alan Bird

Norma Jenkins

Ross Hargreaves

Beris Urquhart

Shirley Gardiner

Malcolm & Judy McMillan

Graham & Joan Power

Ada Harvey

Audrey Grimmett

Maree Massey

Mary Bill

Harry Gaskell

Dot Gaskell



THE VALUE OF A SMILE

A smile is nature's best antidote for discouragement. It brings rest to the weary, sunshine to those who are sad and hope to those who are hopeless and defeated. A smile is so valuable that it can't be bought, begged, borrowed or taken away against your will. You have to be willing to give a smile away before it can do anyone else any good. So if someone is too tired or grumpy to flash you a smile, let him (or her) have one of yours anyway. Nobody needs a smile as much as the person who has none to give.



Thank you Margaret Herriman for providing this beautiful reminder

MORNING!



END OF YEAR LUNCH

FOOD + FRIENDS

NOVEMBER 13TH—11AM AT WAVELL

See Margaret Herriman if you have any questions.

Notes from Today

Garage Sales for 2018 Completed

Well Done to everyone who has contributed in every way. You've all helped keep Chaplains in our local schools.



Monday Midday Prayer:

Lord, strengthen us to stick up for the truth of the gospel, may our speaking and living be done in faith, hope and love. Amen.
From October Uniting News

LECTIONARY READINGS

Oct 21
Pentecost 22

Jb 38: 1-7, (34-41)
Ps 104:1-9, 24, 35c
Heb 5: 1-10
Mk 10: 35-45

Oct 28
Pentecost 23

Jb 42: 1-6, 10-17
Ps 34: 1-8 (19-22)
Heb 7: 23-28
Mk 10: 46-52

Nov 4
Pentecost 24

Ruth 1: 1-18
Ps 146
Heb 9: 11-14
Mk 12: 28-34

Nov 11
Pentecost 25

Ruth 3: 1-5, 4:13-17
Ps 127
Heb 9: 24-28
Mk 12: 38-44

GEEBUNG

59 Simla Ave
Sunday Worship 10.00am
Holy Communion 1st Sun.

Visit us at:
Geebung
Uniting Church

WAVELL HEIGHTS

147 Rode Road
Sunday Worship 8.00am
Holy Communion 1st Sun.

Visit us at:
Wavell Heights
Uniting Church

G/W CHURCH COUNCIL

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