



# Geebung Wavell Uniting Church

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



## 18th November 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”

#### Remind God of His promises

This one can feel a little odd, after all, God is all-knowing and doesn't need us to remind Him of things, yet God invites us to remind Him. In the same way a child might say to a parent, “remember you said you'd take me to ice cream if we won the game?” God invites us into a reminding-prayer relationship with Him. This type of reminding is not for God's sake, but usually for ours. It is good for us to remember God's promises. It is good for us to stay in communication with God when life has not gone the way we expected it to.

The Hebrew words for “remember” – *zakar* – and “not forget – *lo shakach* – are both in active tense. They are “doing” verbs. Just as we take action by praying, we also take action by calling God's truths into the present.

This practice of *remembering* and *reminding* God are found in both the old in New Testaments. Jesus even asks us to remember Him as we take communion (1 Corinthians 11:24). The church I have been attending practices communion every week and this has been so good for me! I am being reminded of God no matter what has gone on during my week, and I am being reminded to take my prayers and pain to God. The practice of remembrance can often leads our hearts to thanksgiving for our past and hope for our future. While God will never forget or abandon us, at times we will *feel* forgotten. It's not that God is distant; it's just that sometimes He *feels* distant. It's not that God is preoccupied; it's just that our struggles make us *feel* like we're facing the world alone.

Think about Nehemiah and other “How Long” laments found in scripture. Nehemiah is a servant in scripture who practiced this type of remembrance prayer. Nehemiah remembered God, “Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome” (Nehemiah 4:14) and Nehemiah reminded God “Remember me with favour, my God, for all I have done for these people” (Nehemiah 5:19).

Remembering and reminding are tools of our faith that we can apply to each and every season. Know that when life is painful, it will not always stay that way. Let's remember God's faithfulness to us in the past, and have hope that we will again see it in the future.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, sometimes Your help feels so far-off. Please give me strength to cling to You. Give me a shield of faith (Ephesians 6). Let Your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy (Psalm 130). Hear my cry for help (Psalm 5:2) and be merciful to me, for I am faint (Psalm 6:2).

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## For your Diary

## For your attention

### Weekly Activities

**Tuesday** Indoor Bowls 1:30 @ Wavell  
**Wednesday** Bible Study 9:30am @ Geebung  
**Thursday** Choir Practice 2pm @ Wavell  
**Sunday** Sunday School 8am @ Wavell

### Fortnightly Activity

**Tuesday** Bible Study Nov 20th 7pm @ Wavell

### Special Events - December

## Prison Ministries

If you would like to donate any Non perishable food items

Toiletries

Or Children's Toys

For the often forgotten families of Prisoners this Christmas, please leave the items them in the box provided in the foyer. Thank you



Sunday Dec 2nd	Advent 1	9am Combined Service @ Wavell
		4pm Brisbane Citizens Concert Band @ Geebung See next page for more details
Sunday Dec 9th	Advent 2	9:00am Combined Service @ Geebung
Sunday Dec 16th	Advent 3	9:00am Combined Service @ Wavell
Sunday Dec 23rd	Advent 4	9:00am Combined Service @ Geebung

### **Christmas Services**

Monday December 24th	<b>Christmas Eve</b>	6:00pm	Wavell Heights
Tuesday December 25th	<b>Christmas Day</b>	7:30am 8:30am	Geebung Wavell Heights
Sunday December 30th		9:00am	Combined Service Geebung

### **New Year Service**

Sunday January 6th 2019		9:00am	Combined Service Wavell
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## 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



## Wesley Mission RedBag Appeal

Please consider bringing some items listed below to the church put into a Red bag near the foyer, rather than filling a bag on your own.



### Suggested items include

Christmas Cake

Tea and Coffee

Christmas biscuits

Tinned Fruit

Decorations

Toiletries (Male/Female)

Long life Milk or Custard

Puddings

Condiments

Soft Drinks

BonBons

Or money towards goods

Tinned Meat

Mixed Nuts

Savouries

Cordial

Thank you

**Sunday December 2nd 4pm at Geebung Church**

Join us for *Advent - Delightful Afternoon*

**With the Brisbane Citizens' Concert Band**

**Admission \$15. Children under 14 are free**

**Refreshments will follow the concert**

**So please bring a plate of goodies to share**

**Proceeds in aid of School Chaplaincy**



If we want to know the God we love and serve better, we can read and study His word. What a blessing

**Tuesday Evening Bible Study Dates  
For November 20th from 7pm at Wavell**



**Monday Midday Prayer:**

We thank you Lord, for the people who revealed the living presence of your Son to us; may your Spirit enable us to bear witness to him also. Amen From November Uniting News

**LECTIONARY READINGS**

**Nov 18  
Pentecost 26**

1 Sm 1: 4-20  
1 Sm 2: 1-10  
Heb 10: 11-14, (15-18)  
19-25  
Mk 13: 1-8

**Nov 25  
Christ the King**

2 Sm 23: 1-7  
Ps 132: 1-12 (13-18)  
Rv 1: 4b-8  
Jn 18: 33-37

**Dec 2  
Advent 1**

Jer 33:14-16  
Ps 25: 1-10  
1 Thes 3: 9-13  
Lk 21: 25-36

**Dec 9  
Advent 2**

Mal 3: 1-4  
Lk 1: 68-79  
Phil 1: 3-11  
Lk 3: 1-6

**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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**Mon 9am-1pm  
Thurs 9am-3pm  
Fri 9am-2pm**