



Geebung Wavell Heights Uniting Church

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



22nd March 2020
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”**

PASTORAL LETTER

Greetings friends,

As the world continues to deal with the evolving situation of COVID-19, the church has also been actively following the directives of: Queensland Health and Australian Department of Health, who are working vigorously to manage and contain the impact of this escalating virus which has become pandemic.

The threat of health & safety now becomes a major concern for our community; therefore, the Qld Synod has called for all Public worships to cease effective immediately.

Our church council will meet later this evening to pray and discern a way forward for our community and we ask if this too can be on your prayer list today. We will endeavour to keep you all informed as new information or updates are received going forward.

As Christians and followers of Christ, we respond to this pandemic with how our Christian communities have since the early church days. Fear does not dictate our faith, God does - trust God. Trusting in God during a crisis, is experiencing the power of Christ through constant meditation in the Word of God and through prayers. Immanuel! Remember that God is always with us. Throughout scriptures we have constant reminders of God's faithfulness during chaos and troubled times. Yes, we have challenging times ahead but together with the guidance of the Spirit of God, we will get through this. He will never forsake us.

Technology these days, allows us to keep in touch with each other without physical presence. We can keep our community connected through a simple phone call or a text message, email, video calls and/or through social media. We continue to touch base with each other to show we are thinking and praying for each other during these difficult times. Also remember to include our immediate neighbours in this community connection.

Let us stand together in solidarity with the rest of the world through prayer, acts of kindness and showing compassion for one another – this is the Love of Christ revealed through us. May the peace of the resurrected Christ that is beyond our human understanding be with and every each one of you.

Love, peace and grace
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For your Diary

Weekly Activities - All Postponed

Tuesday Indoor Bowls 1:30 @ Wavell
Wednesday Bible Study 9:30am @ Wavell
Sunday Sunday School 8am @ Wavell

Fortnightly Activity Postponed

Tuesday Bible Study 7pm @ Wavell

Special Events—April

All Church Activities - Postponed.

Thursday April 16th Possibly
 Council/Elders Meeting 6:30pm @ Wavell



The Bible Project Readings for this week.

**Romans Chapters 9 to 16
& the book of Jude.**

For your attention



Monday Midday Prayer

As we take up our
Lenten journey again,
Lord, may we be
drawn closer to you,
and be freed of that which would
ensnare our faith, hope and love.

Rev D Baker Uniting News Mar 2020

The People Who Need Our Prayers

Bruce McKenzie	Ross Hargreaves	Kerrie Hughes
Joan Morris	Marcia Halliday	Mary Bill
Maree Massey	Marj McKenzie	Vani Susau
Alan Bird	Graham & Joan Power	Estelle Symes
Merle & Bert Wilton	Nelle Atfield	Heather Gennings
Stella Smith	Ian & Alison Caitens	Tony Marsden
Edna Street	Stuart Reid & Sylvia Bray	



March 22nd
Lent 4

1 Sam 16: 1-13
Ps 23
Eph 5: 8-14
Jn 9: 1-41

March 29th
Lent 5

Ez 37: 1-14
Ps 130
Rom 8: 6-11
Jn 11: 1-45

April 5th
Palm Sunday

Is 50: 4-9a
Ps 118: 1-2, 19-29
Phil 2: 5-11
Mt 21: 1-11

April 12th
Easter Sunday

Coping Through Hard Times

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When the way just ahead of you seems too difficult, turn to Me and say: “I can’t, but we (You and I together) can.” Acknowledging your inability to handle things on your own is a healthy dose of reality. However, this is only one part of the equation, because a sense of inadequacy by itself can be immobilizing. The most important part of the equation is recognizing My abiding Presence with you and My desire to help you.

Pour out your heart to Me. Ask Me to carry your burdens and show you the way forward. Don’t waste energy worrying about things that are beyond your control. Instead, use that energy to connect with Me. Seek My Face continually. Be ready to follow wherever I lead, trusting Me to open up the way before you as you go.

Dare to see your inadequacy as a door to My Presence. View your journey as an adventure that you share with Me. Remain in close communication with Me, enjoying My company as we journey together. Read: Philippians 4:13 NKJV; Psalm 62:8; Psalm 105:4 NASB

Thank Me for all the challenges in your life. They are gifts from Me — opportunities to grow stronger and more dependent on Me. Most people think that the stronger they get, the less dependent they will be. But in My kingdom, strength and dependence go hand in hand. This is because you were designed to walk close to Me as you journey through your life. Challenging circumstances highlight your neediness and help you rely on My infinite sufficiency.

When circumstances are tough and you rise to the occasion, trusting in Me, you are blessed. It’s exhilarating to get through challenges that you thought were too much for you. When you do so in reliance on Me, our relationship grows stronger.

Your success in handling difficulties also increases your sense of security. You gain confidence that you and I together can cope with whatever hard times the future may bring. You are ready for anything and equal to anything through the One who infuses inner strength into you. Rejoice in My sufficiency! Read: James 1:2 MSG; Psalm 31:14-16; Philippians 4:13 AMP

Do what you can, and leave the rest to Me. When you’re embroiled in a difficult situation, pour out your heart to Me, knowing that I listen and I care. Rely on Me, your ever-present Help in trouble. Refuse to let your problem become your main focus, no matter how anxious you are to solve it. When you’ve done all you can for the time being, the best thing is simply to wait — finding refreshment in My Presence. Don’t fall for the lie that you can’t enjoy life until the problem has been resolved. In the world you have trouble, but in Me you may have Peace — even in the midst of the mess!

Your relationship with Me is collaborative: you and I working together. Look to Me for help and guidance, doing whatever you can and trusting Me to do what you cannot do. Instead of trying to force things to a premature conclusion, relax and ask Me to show you the way you should go — in My timing. Hold My hand in confident trust, beloved, and enjoy the journey in My Presence. Read: Psalm 62:8; Psalm 46:1; John 16:33 NET; Psalm 143:8

GEEBUNG

59 Simla Ave

Sunday Worship 10.00am
Holy Communion 1st Sun.



Visit us at:

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WAVELL HEIGHTS

147 Rode Road

Sunday Worship 8.00am
Holy Communion 1st Sun.



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