



Geebung Wavell Heights Uniting Church

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Australia



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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"

Cracked Pots

*But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God
and not of us. — 2 Corinthians 4:7*

Everyone knows what it's like to be disappointed by someone we love or admire. Our husbands, wives, children, or parents sometimes let us down. Our heroes stumble.

Our leaders falter. It can devastate us and damage our relationships, because we place high expectations on those we love. Sometimes we forget they are broken people just like we are.

According to 2 Corinthians 4:7, we are all earthen vessels, jugs of clay, easily chipped. The Voice translates 2 Corinthians 4:7 like this:

*But this beautiful treasure [the Gospel] is contained in us — **cracked pots** made of earth and clay — so that the transcendent character of this power will be clearly seen as coming from God and not from us.*

God blesses us cracked pots in spite of our sinful, undeserving nature; and high on His list of blessings is forgiveness. As we look to Him alone, He gives us grace (He imparts a million blessings we don't deserve) and mercy (He withholds a million judgments we do deserve).

If He gives grace and mercy to cracked pots like us, perhaps we need to extend the same to those we love.

GOOD FORGIVERS *Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. — Matthew 6:12*

The Bible is full of people who learned to forgive. Esau is one of the great forgivers in the Bible. His brother, Jacob, had exploited and deceived him, a story of sibling rivalry gone bad. But years later, when the brothers were reunited and Jacob feared his brother would try to kill him, Esau came instead with open arms and a forgiving spirit.

In the same way, Joseph forgave the brothers who had betrayed him. In fact, perhaps he had learned from his uncle Esau how to forgive others. Just as Job forgave the friends who had tormented him, Hosea forgave the wife who had betrayed him.

The prodigal's father is a picture of parental forgiveness. Stephen forgave his executioners in the last moments of his life. The early Christians forgave Saul of Tarsus for persecuting them and allowed him into their community of believers as the apostle Paul. Philemon forgave Onesimus for robbing him and accepted him as a Christian brother.

And, of course, the greatest master of forgiveness in the Bible is the Lord Jesus Himself who shed His blood to provide redemption and forgiveness of sins.

Is there someone you need to forgive? The Bible says, *And be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you. — Ephesians 4:32*

Practice being a good forgiver.

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For your Diary

Weekly Activities

- Tuesday** Indoor Bowls 1:30pm @ Wavell
Wednesday Bible Study 9:00am @ Wavell
Friday Youth Alive 7:00pm @ Wavell
Sunday Sunday School 9am @ Wavell
Resuming April 25th

Fortnightly Activity

- Tuesday** Bible Study 7pm @ Wavell
Next Study **April 20th**

Special Events - April

- Sunday April 11th** 9am Worship @ Geebung
Wednesday April 14th Evening Fellowship 7pm
@ Geebung
Thursday April 15th Council Meeting 6:30pm
@ Wavell
Sunday April 18th 9am Worship @ Wavell
Sunday April 25th 9am Worship @ Geebung

Special Events - May

- Wednesday May 5th** Adult Fellowship 1:30pm
@ Geebung

For Your Diary

Special Events - June - Yes June

- Saturday June 5th** Musical Afternoon with
Geo Verdi
2pm @ Geebung.
Followed by a light
afternoon tea.
More information
to follow.



For your attention

Please pray about fund raising for Chaplaincy in 2021

A Garage Sale will take place sometime in the second half of this year.

We will need stock to sell as all the old stock of clothing has been cleared out.

Please set aside for the sale any clothes, toys, kitchenware, sporting goods, appliances etc. as we can start to collect these items at the church now.

We would especially appreciate clothing being brought into the Wavell Basement from now on please, so sorting can commence. Thank you.



Evening Fellowship

Wednesday April 14th
7:00pm @ Geebung

Speaker: Jim Lergessner
Topic: 'The Brisbane we used to know'
Supper provided \$5:00

For Enquiries: Merv Halliday 3265 6689,
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or by personal contact at church.

The People Who Need Our Prayers

Ross Hargreaves

Joan Morris

Maree Massey

Graham & Joan Power

Alyson Caitens

Stuart Reid & Sylvia Bray

Peter Moore

Kerrie Hughes

Marcia Halliday

Marj McKenzie

Estelle Symes

Tony Marsden

Malcolm & Judy McMillan

Bruce McKenzie

Merle & Bert Wilton

Mary Bill

Vani Susau

Edna Street

Enisela Hafu

Arthur Mann



For the Children <https://www.keysforkids.org/Programming/Keys-for-Kids-Daily-Devotional/Read-Listen>

A Co-pa-cet-ic Day

"Hello, David," said Grandpa. "Is everything copacetic with my grandson today?"

"Co...pa...cetic? What does that mean?" But even as David asked, he was sure his Grandpa wouldn't tell him.

Sure enough, Grandpa gave him a wink. "Look it up. That's what dictionaries are for!"

So David grabbed his tablet and quickly looked up the word. "Copacetic. Here it is. It means very satisfying." He looked up as his older brother walked in. Aaron is in high school and thinks he's pretty smart, thought David. I'll try this word on him.

"Hi, Aaron," said David. "Everything copacetic?"

"What are you talking about?" asked Aaron. "What does that word mean anyway?"

Grandpa winked, and David grinned. "Look it up. That's what dictionaries are for. Right, Grandpa?"

While Aaron pulled out his phone, David sat down next to Grandpa. "You sure like using interesting words, don't you, Grandpa?"

"Sure do. The way I see it, words are a gift from God. He has given people the ability to develop languages and use words to express ideas. Whenever I come across a new word, I like to look it up so I know exactly what it means. Then I understand it when I hear it or read it, and I can use it to communicate with others." Grandpa paused, then added, "Words are important, but there's one that's more important than any word you'll find in the dictionary."

"Which word is that?" asked David.

"God's Word--the Bible. It tells us how much He loves us and how He sent His Son, Jesus, to save us from sin. It says our hearts can only be satisfied by knowing Him. Reading and learning from it help us understand who Jesus is and communicate His love to others."

"So I guess that's why you like to look up verses too, not just words," David said. "Because you want to understand God's Word."

Grandpa nodded as Aaron walked over from the other side of the room. "Very satisfying!" Aaron said, putting his phone back in his pocket. "That's what the word copacetic means."

David grinned at Grandpa. "I guess that's what God's Word means too, because only Jesus can satisfy us!"

He got up to go to his room. "I hope you both have a copacetic day!" (by Linda Weddle)

HOW ABOUT YOU?

Have you ever thought about the importance of words? Without them, we wouldn't be able to express our thoughts or communicate with others. God gave us words so we could understand each other—and He gave us His Word, the Bible, so we could understand who Jesus is and what He did for us. Spend time getting to know Him through His Word and learning how you can communicate His love to others.

TODAY'S KEY VERSE: John 20:31 (KJV) But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. (CSB)





Please continue to remember Peter Moore in your prayers as he was re-admitted to hospital for emergency surgery this week. Pray for dear Nina as she adjusts to the changing situations and trusts in our Lord.

Pray for Beris as she grieves the recent loss of her Auntie. Tevita is attending a Pastors retreat in Northern Queensland.

Please pray for refreshment and encouragement for these leaders in these days of uncertainty.



Offering: If you would like to give your offering through a regular payment from your bank account to the church account, please use the following details.

Our Account name is : UCA Geebung/Wavell Joint Congregation

BSB: 014 010 Account Number: 191878691 Thank you



Monday MIDDAY Prayer

God of community, even as we are challenged by your call for us to love one another and to live with the heart of a servant, we bow our knee and with our tongue proclaim Jesus Christ is Lord. Phil 2: 5-11

Uniting Church News April Rev Andrew Gunton

April 11
Easter 2

Acts 4: 32-35
Ps 133
1 John 1: 1-2:2
John 20: 19-31

April 18
Easter 3

Acts 3: 12-19
Ps 4
1 Jn 3: 1-7
Lk 24: 36 b—48

April 25
Easter 4

Acts 4: 5-12
Ps 23
1 Jn 3: 16-24
Jn 10: 11-18

May 2
Easter 5

Acts 8: 26-40
Ps 22: 25-31
1 Jn 4: 7-21
Jn 15: 1-8

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.

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