



Geebung Wavell Heights Uniting Church

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



4th & 11th July 2021 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”

Are You Painting Your Masterpiece with My Pain? by Bunmi Laditan, from *Dear God*

Honest Prayers for The Darkest Times

Dear God,

I was making a list of things I know for sure, but when I went to write “God loves me,” I couldn’t — it felt like a lie. I believe You love me, but I don’t know it. I think You do. Your book says You do, but I guess in the back of my mind I see You as a giant Zeus — a despot in the sky. You knew Eve would eat the fruit. You created the tree. You allowed the Holocaust.

Have You heard the phrase, “With friends like you, who needs enemies?” I suppose that’s why I find trusting You so hard. Jewish families in 1941 trusted You.

You said, “My ways are higher than your ways and My thoughts are higher than your thoughts,”* and I believe You, but I still brace myself for suffering I won’t understand.

I believe You have a plan, but are You painting Your masterpiece with my pain?

Love. I don’t know what that means. I don’t know that You love me, and I suppose I don’t know if I love You either. I fear You and I respect Your power, but I’m afraid Your next move will take another chunk out of me. What’s love got to do with us? Me

Dear God

Help me have the faith of a baby bird, a small child, an old woman. Speak to the fear in my soul so that it might recognize Your voice, wake up, rise, thrive. Do something other than hide in the dark. Me

Dear God,

After this life is all over, I have a fantasy about spending time alone with You amongst the stars, maybe sitting together in some black-glow nebula. Not talking much, just relaxing. Taking it all in. I’d be done asking for things, and You’d be done making life intentionally difficult. I want to enjoy You for once. Bask in Your presence without needing a thing. Maybe You’d tell me some crazy stories. I know You’ve seen some stuff. I know there will be a long line of people more deserving than me of time alone with You, but please pencil me in. Anytime, really. Love, Me

Dear God,

I asked for help. I reached out and told the truth, and someone was there. Is that why you created Eve? You knew humans were no good left talking only to animals and plants? That we’d need another to hold the candle when ours goes out? Thank you. I don’t know if my faith has been restored, but at least I remember what it’s like to believe. I feel a warmth that wasn’t there before. Me

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For your Diary

Weekly Activities

Tuesday Indoor Bowls 1:30pm @ Wavell
Wednesday Bible Study 9:00am @ Wavell
Thursday Christian Yoga 10am @ Geebung
Friday Youth Alive 7:00pm @ Wavell
Sunday Wavell Service with
Sunday School @ 8:00am
Geebung Service @ 10:00am

Fortnightly Activity

Tuesday Bible Study 7pm @ Wavell
Next Study July 20th

Special Events - July

Wednesday July 14th Evening Fellowship 7pm
@ Geebung with Terry Stanyer

Thursday July 15th Church Council Meeting &pm
@ Wavell

YEARS OF GIVING



Thank You to Everyone who Made our 60th Anniversary Special. You are Appreciated.

Office Closure:

The Church Office is now closed till 9am on Thursday 15th July.
Thank you.

For your attention

To dear Bert, the whole family and Merle's Church Friends at this sad time.

May God grant you peace to bring comfort, strength to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your heart.

You are in our Thoughts and prayers.



Get ready for GROW 2021!

GROW 2021 REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

Registration Closes Wednesday July 21st 11:55pm

Saturday 7th August 9am-3:30pm

Talks from the book of Jonah.

GROW is for all women, from the not-yet believer to the new believer to the long-time believer, from teens to centenarians, from all backgrounds and from all churches around Queensland. We will spend the day singing, talking, praying, sharing, eating and, of course, hearing God's Word together.

Ticket prices: Standard \$55
High Schoolers (with adult) \$20

Concession (F/T Student/Pension Concession Card) \$47

Register: <https://grow.qcca.org.au/>

Or call Debbie in the church office for assistance

The People Who Need Our Prayers

Ross Hargreaves

Joan Morris

Maree Massey

Graham Power

Alyson Caitens

Stuart Reid & Sylvia Bray

Dick Donaldson

Kerrie Hughes

Marcia Halliday

Marj & Bruce McKenzie

Estelle Symes

Peter & Nina Moore

Malcolm & Judy McMillan

Andrew Digby

Bert Wilton

Mary Bill

Enisela Hafu

Edna Street

Helen Dart

Ray Langdon



Evening Fellowship

Wednesday July 14th 7:00pm

Come along and join us at Geebung Church To hear our guest speaker and friend
Rev Terry Stanyer

Also Enjoy the fellowship and a COVID Safe Supper.

Enquiries to Merv Halliday 3265 6689, Or Margaret Ferris 0484 089 487
or by personal contact at church. Further enquiries: Rev. Peter Clark 3267 5236



Please put this in your Diary

**Saturday September 11th 7pm
At Geebung**

A night of Entertainment provided by

Maureen's Musical Melodies.



Donations to Youth Group Friday Night Suppers

If you are in a position to add a packet of chips, some poppers (Fruit juice in a drink box or small bottle), Ice blocks etc., to your shopping list, it would go toward the young peoples light Friday night supper at Wavell, and would be appreciated. Money donations would also be gratefully received. Thank you for your consideration.





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

Generous God, as we prepare for the day ahead to unfold before us, we ask for the courage to enlarge our hearts to those around us. We confess that opening our hearts wider can be confronting because it places us in a vulnerable position, and makes us fearful.

Uniting Church News June Rev Andrew Gunton

**July 4th
Pentecost 6**

2 Sam 5: 1-5, 9-10
 Ps 48
 2 Cor 12: 2-10
 Mk 6: 1-13

**July 11th
Pentecost 7**

2 Sam 6: 1-5, 12b-19
 Ps 24
 Eph 1: 3-14
 Mk 6: 14-29

**July 18th
Pentecost 8**

2 Sam 7: 1-14a
 Ps 89: 20-37
 Eph 2: 11-22
 Mk 6: 30-34, 53-56

**July 25
Pentecost 9**

2 Sam 11: 1-15
 Ps 14
 Eph 3: 14-21
 Jn 6: 1-21

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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From July 15th
Thurs 9am-3pm
Fri 9am-1pm