



# Geebung Wavell Heights Uniting Church

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



## 19th December 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"*

#### Sermon summary for 19 December 2021

**Theme: Love (Embracing change for Jesus' sake)**

Bible: Hebrews 10:5-25 Preached by Rev. Je Cheol Cook, Ph.D

Today is the last Sunday for the Advent. As our family of God, I believe that our purpose here is to build a good and godly church today. The question is what we can do better to serve God's purpose

#### 1. We must accept change for our Lord Jesus

*Hebrews 10:11 says, "Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins." We know from the Old Testament that before our Lord Jesus was sent, believers of God were told to keep all the laws that God commanded. They offered their sacrifices to God for their sins to be forgiven. However, Jesus sacrificed himself for people to be forgiven. He fulfilled all of God's requirements for us. After the sacrifice and the resurrection of Jesus, believers of Christ still fulfill God's law through Christ. The change we need to accept for our Lord Jesus is known as the grace of God. As children of God, we worship God through our faith in Christ, not through sacrifices as believers in the Old Testament did. Also, we will endure hardships and need to take responsibility of supporting other believers, because we are children of God.*

#### 2. We must each do what is right

As members of the family of God, we are responsible for looking after our own church members so that they can continue to follow God themselves. Thanks to the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, we are saved and given a new life, so we need to share this grace with others through our church families. Our reward is that as believers we will be able to enter the Most Holy Place through Jesus our Lord. *Hebrews 10:19-20 says, "Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body." Hebrews 9:28 says, "Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people." Jesus died once to save his people from their sins, so that believers could come to God through Christ. Our job with the help of our church family is to help others to come to God through Christ our Lord. Through Jesus, we are given a sincere and trusting heart (v. 22). This means that even though we may have very difficult times in this life and in this world, we are as believers in Christ given hope through his grace.*

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## For your Diary

### Weekly Activities

**Are in Recess until 2022**

**Sunday** Geebung Wavell Combined Services 9am Please see below Dates and places

### Fortnightly Activity

**Tuesday** Bible Study 7pm @ Wavell  
In recess till 2022

### Special Events - December

**Sunday December 19th** Combined 9am Service  
@ Wavell  
Carols 7:00pm @ Geebung

**Saturday December 25th Christmas Day**  
7:30am @ Geebung  
8:30am @ Wavell

**Sunday December 26th** Combined 9am Service  
@ Geebung

### Special Events - January 2022

**Sunday January 2nd** Combined 9am Service  
@ Wavell

**Sunday January 9th** Combined 9am Service  
@ Geebung

**Sunday January 16th** Combined 9am Service  
@ Wavell

**Sunday January 23rd** Combined 9am Service  
@ Geebung

**Sunday January 30th** Combined 9am Service  
@ Wavell

### **Office Closure:**

The office is now closed until Thursday January 20th, 2022.

Please direct any urgent matters to Church Council Members or Call Debbie on 0403 986 435. Thank you.

## For your attention

### Christmas Bowl:

We will again be supporting the Act for Peace Christmas Bowl with our Christmas Day Offering.

Please use the envelope provided to ensure your gift is allocated to this cause.

Thank you.

### Prison Ministries



Thank you Thank you to all those who donated so generously to the often forgotten prisoners and their Families. Your generosity has been greatly appreciated.



### *In our thoughts at this sad time.*

We extend our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of dear Joan Morris who passed away last Sunday, surrounded by family. Joan found great comfort and peace in her last days, and is now the presence of her Lord.

We are grateful for the encouragement and fellowship she gave to so many over many years.

Joan's funeral will be held at the Geebung Church next Thursday December 23rd At 10:30am. **All are welcome.**

A light morning tea will be served in the Hall afterwards for all those who are double vaccinated.

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 my thoughts and prayers.



## The People Who Need Our Prayers

Marcia Halliday

Enisela Hafu

Edna Street

Stuart Reid & Sylvia Bray

Mary Bill

Tevita Takai

Peter & Nina Moore

Dick Donaldson

Maree Massey

Graham Power

Lian Tan

Len & Margaret



**Rev. Dr. Je Cheol Cook Continue :**

### **3.We still need the help of our family in God**

We cannot be a redemptive family on our own. We need the help our brothers and sisters in Christ. We are all here on the same boat. And our Lord Jesus is our captain. He has been taking us to the place where we are to live with him forever. *Hebrews 10:24* says, "let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds." This means that we are to help and support each other with God's love and good deeds.

*Hebrews 10:25* says, "Let us not give up meeting together as some are in the habit of doing. But let us encourage one another-all the more as you see the Day approaching." We don't know when our Lord is coming back. We know he will come. As a family of God, we know that we sometimes have disagreement and fight, but we can overcome because we are family. In the meantime, we need to work toward helping each other and we need to expand our support to our wider community. We need to encourage each other to continue to live and work for God. Because we are brothers and sisters in Christ.

**Christmas Services**

**Place and Times**

**2021**

December 19th Combined 9am @ Wavell  
Carols at Night 7pm @ Geebung

December 25th Saturday - Christmas Day  
7:30am @ Geebung  
8:30am @ Wavell

December 26th Combined 9am @ Geebung

**2022**

**Blessings for the New Year**

January 2nd Combined 9am @ Wavell

# AGM

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Possible Date for the 2021 Annual General Meeting  
Is Sunday March 13th 2022 at Geebung after the 9am  
Service. This will be confirmed in the New year.

## Do you enjoy singing Carol?

We only get a short time each year to sing our Christmas Favourites, so please join us this evening December 19th from 7pm to celebrate Christmas in song. Please consider inviting others to join us and bring a plate to share.



## Morning Prayer



Gracious God,

They say hope is... a dangerous thing. It can drive a man or woman insane.

They say it is the most dangerous thing that you can give to a person.

Yet, O God, You give us hope in things unseen. Hope beyond our comprehension, Hope beyond our experience, Hope, undomesticated. Hope shaped by the mystery of your unfathomable love.

As we celebrate and await, your constant coming into the world, give us your love-shaped hope, that we see beyond the personal, the immediate and the transient.

And, impossibly, see into the eternity of your promises.

In Christ we pray. Amen.

Rev Peter Lockhart, Chaplain at Moreton Bay College.

Uniting Church News December 2021

*Dec 19*  
*Advent 4*

Mic 5: 2-5a  
Ps 80: 1-7  
Heb 10: 5-10  
Lk 1: 39-45 (46-55)

*Dec 26*  
*Christmas 1*

1 Sm 2: 18-20,26  
Ps 148  
Col 3: 12-17  
Lk 2: 41-52

*Jan 2 2022*  
*Christmas 2*

Jer 31: 7-14  
Ps 147: 12-20  
Eph 1: 3-14  
Jn 1: (1-9), 10-18

*Jan 9*  
*Baptism of Jesus*

Is 43: 1-7  
Ps 29  
Acts 8: 14-17  
Lk 3: 15-17, 21-22

### GEEBUNG

Alt. 59 Simla Ave  
**Sunday** Worship 9.00am  
Holy Communion 1st Sun.

 Visit us at:  
Geebung  
Uniting Church

### WAVELL HEIGHTS

Alt 147 Rode Road  
**Sunday** Worship 9.00am  
Holy Communion 1st Sun.

 Visit us at:  
Wavell Heights  
Uniting Church

### G/W CHURCH COUNCIL

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**Unattended from**  
**December 18th to**  
**January 20th 2022**