



Geebung Wavell Heights Uniting Church

A member of the Assembly of
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the Uniting Church in Australia



26th March 2023

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"*

Friends Love Each Other

Love is the most important word in any language — and the most confusing word.

I say that love is the most important word because Jesus once said,

I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are My disciples. — John 13:34–35 NLT

Jesus gave the non-Christian world the right to judge whether we are His disciples by the way we love each other. That makes love extremely important. I say that love is the most confusing word because we use it in many different ways. We say, "I love hot dogs. I love pizza. I love my new car. I love the mountains. I love the beach. I love my dog. I love classical music. I love rock." Then in a romantic setting we say, "I love you." What is that supposed to mean?

We are going to define love in a cross-cultural friendship. This kind of love begins with an attitude and then expresses itself in our behaviour. By attitude, I mean our fixed way of thinking or our mind-set. Love chooses to seek the best for a friend. "I want our friendship to enrich your life" is the attitude of love. The opposite of love is selfishness. "I am in this relationship to meet my needs" is the attitude of selfishness. "If you meet my needs, if you make me happy, then I will continue in our relationship. If not, I will move on."

Jesus Modelled How to Love

When we examine Jesus' lifestyle, we see love demonstrated. Peter said about Jesus,

He went around doing good. — Acts 10:38

He healed the sick, gave sight to the blind, spent time with people from all levels of society. Ultimately, He gave His life, not only for those of His generation but for people of all cultures and all generations. His coming to earth was motivated by love.

For this is how God loved the world: He gave His one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life. — John 3:16 NLT

Jesus Himself said,

For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give His life as a ransom for many. — Matthew 20:28 NLT

It is this kind of love that builds friendships and identifies us as His disciples.

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For your Diary

Weekly Activities -

Tuesday Indoor Bowls
Friday Youth Alive (soon)
Sunday Worship Service 9am
See below for locations

Fortnightly Activity in recess

Tuesday Bible Study 7pm @ Wavell

Special Events— March 2023

Sunday March 26th Combined 9am
@ Geebung

Special Events— April

Sunday April 2nd Combined 9am
@ Wavell

Thursday April 6th Maundy Thursday 6:30pm
@ Wavell

Friday April 7th Good Friday
7:30am Wavell
8:30am Geebung

Sunday April 9th Combined 9am Service
@ Geebung

Wednesday April 12th Evening Fellowship 6:00pm
@ Geebung

Sunday April 16th Combined 9am
@ Wavell

Thursday April 20th Church Council Meeting
@7pm @ Wavell

Sunday April 23rd Combined 9am Service
@ Geebung

Sunday April 30th Combined 9am
@ Wavell

Special Events— May

Sunday May 7th Combined 9am Service
@ Geebung

For your attention

Evening Fellowship

Wednesday April 12th
Geebung Hall
6:30pm for 7pm Start

Our guest speaker is Rev Garry Dronfield current minister of Sandgate U C and member of the God Squad motorcycle group.

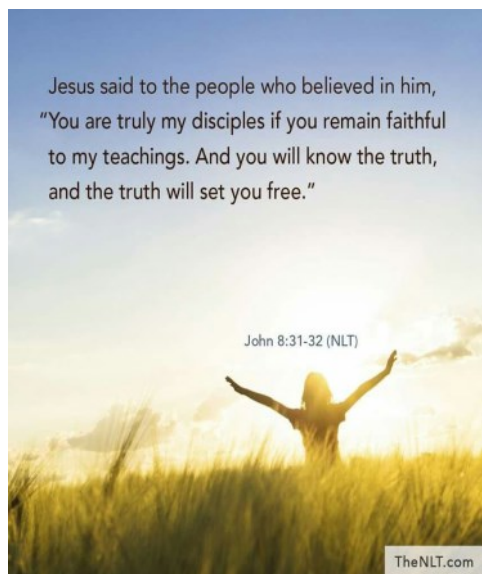
Garry is also a former Chair person of Calvary Presbytery (indigenous ministry).

Please bring a plate of supper to share and a \$5 Donation.

For more information please contact:
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Jesus said to the people who believed in him,
"You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful
to my teachings. And you will know the truth,
and the truth will set you free."

John 8:31-32 (NLT)



The People Who Need Our Prayers

Marcia Halliday

Mary Bill

Dell Merchant

Maree Massey

Graham Power

Bert Wilton

Nina Moore

Edna Street

Beris Urquhart

Lian Tan

Marj & Bruce McKenzie

Margaret Ferris

Dianne Beard

Malcolm & Judy McMillian

Stuart Reid

Janyce & Lyndon Hubbard



Do you have young Grand children
for whom you pray?

Would this help you to teach them
what to pray for themselves?

What a privilege to talk to the
creator of the universe.



Continue from Front:

The best description of love in the Bible is found in 1 Corinthians 13:4–7.

Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance. — NLT

This is the kind of love that enables us to build cross-cultural friendships. Love in a cross-cultural friendship begins with an attitude and then expresses itself in behaviour.

God actually commands us to love each other as He loves us. Anything God commands, He will enable us to do. Perhaps you are thinking, “I just can’t initiate or be involved in a cross-cultural friendship because my family has historically been the victim of racial injustice or my family has been involved in some capacity of promoting racial injustice.”

The reality is we cannot love as Jesus loved without His help. The apostle Paul reminds us that indeed we have His help.

For we know how dearly God loves us, because He has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with His love. — Romans 5:5 NLT

So we are to be channels of expressing God’s love to each other — not by self-effort but simply by opening our hearts to the Holy Spirit so He can fill them with His love.

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Easter Service Times 2023

Maundy Thursday April 6th

6:30pm Wavell Heights Church 147 Rode Rd

Good Friday April 7th

7:30am Wavell Heights Church 147 Rode Rd

8:30am Geebung Church 59 Simla Ave

Easter Sunday April 9th

Combined Celebration Service

9:00am Geebung Church 59 Simla Ave

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Dear God,

We thank you for how you have surrounded us with people who have walked with us and guided us through all of life, especially the hard rites of passage like death and grief. We thank you specifically for these people, communities, and things we have thought about and written. We thank you for the challenge, support, encouragement, and guidance we have received in these experiences and for the people that have walked through them with us. We pray that you will help us form peer communities that offer love and support, primarily through challenging times in people's lives, so they can experience your love through us and walk with you. Amen

From Uniting Church News Lent 2023 Week 5 Prayer

Mar 26

Lent 5

Ez 37: 1-14

Ps 130

Rom 8: 6-11

Jn 11: 1-45

April 2

Palm Sunday

Is 50: 4-9a

Ps 118: 1-2, 19-29

Phil 2: 5-11

Mt 21: 1-11

April 9

Easter Day

Acts 10: 34-43

Ps 118: 1-2, 14-24

Col 3: 1-4

Jn 20: 1-18

April 16

Easter 2

Acts 2: 14a, 22-32

Ps 16

1 Pt 1: 3-9

Jn 20: 19-31

GEEBUNG

Alternating

59 Simla Ave

Sunday Worship 9.00am

Holy Communion 1st Sun.



Visit us at:

Geebung Uniting Church

WAVELL HEIGHTS

Alternating

147 Rode Road

Sunday Worship 9.00am

Holy Communion 1st Sun.



Visit us at:

Wavell Heights Uniting Church

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