



Geebung Wavell Heights Uniting Church

A member of the Assembly of
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the Uniting Church in 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”

**Thank you Heavenly Father for our Earthly Fathers
and other men in our lives who have reflected your
love, care and wisdom.**

The Practice of Praying to a God Who Listens

If you're reading this, it's probably because you're a parent, a grandparent, an uncle, an aunt, a caregiver in these wild and crazy times. And you need a little (or maybe a lot of) extra help.

Raising and pouring love into a child is an amazing calling. But let's be honest: it's also incredibly difficult. Caring for children stretches our patience, fries our brains, and zaps us of our energy, but we wake up and do it over and over again because, well, they're ours and we love them.

Before I became a believer in Jesus, I dealt with the stress in every possible way except prayer. I'd binge-watch TV series looking for escape, indulge in glass after glass of wine trying to numb my brain, climb to the pinnacle of my career, thinking money and the approval (envy) of others would give me fulfillment. But I found none of what I sought.

Who would have thought that a relationship with God would be the key? And there is no relationship without communication. Prayer became my lifeline. I thought prayer was no different from positive affirmations, thoughts we throw into the air and hope stick somewhere.

Now I know different.

And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age. —Matthew 28:20

When I pray, I know God is by my side. He is there, not passively listening, but hearing me, responding, and sending comfort, help, peace, solutions, and love.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. —Philippians 4:6

As a child to a parent, I pray to a loving, protective, attentive God who is always near. Sometimes I'm asking for help, other times I'm marveling at the hilarity and beauty of parenting, and other times I'm just thanking Him for the many ways He's shown me signs of His provision and love.

Pray without ceasing. —1 Thessalonians 5:17

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For your Diary

Weekly Activities -

Tuesday Indoor Bowls
Saturday Youth Alive
Sunday Worship Service 9am
See below for locations

Special Events & Services — September

Sunday September 3rd Father's Day
Combined 9am @ Wavell

Wednesday September 6th Adult Fellowship
@ Geebung 1:30pm

Sunday September 10th Choir Practice 8:15am
Combined 9am Service
@ Geebung

Wednesday September 13th Evening Fellowship
@ Geebung 6:30pm for 7pm

Sunday September 17th Combined 9am
@ Wavell

Tuesday September 19th Council Meeting 6pm
@ Wavell

Sunday September 24th Choir Practice 8:15am
Combined 9am Service
@ Geebung

Special Events & Services — October

Sunday October 1st Combined 9am
@ Wavell

Sunday October 8th Combined 9am
@ Wavell

Sunday October 15th Combined 9am
@ Wavell

Sunday October 22nd Choir Practice 8:15am
Combined 9am Service
@ Geebung

For your attention

Evening Fellowship

Date Claimer

Wednesday September 13th
Guest Speaker: Kristine Lee
From Far East Broadcasting Co

6:30pm for 7pm

BYO Supper and a \$5.00

Donation please

For more information please contact:
Merv Halliday 3265 6689, or by personal
contact at church. Further enquiries:
Rev. Peter Clark 3267 5236



Wednesday
September 6th
Adult
Fellowship 1:30pm Geebung

All very welcome to come

along and hear from Peter Jenkins
about his travels in Germany.

Enjoy the fellowship and a cuppa.



The Church Office will be maybe unattended on **Thursdays or Fridays** but **office work will be completed as required** from home. For Urgent matters please call Debbie. Thank you

The People Who Need Our Prayers

Ann Bain	Maree Massey	Dell Merchant
Graham Power	Bert Wilton	Merv Halliday
Edna Street	Norma Jenkins	Lian Tan
Marj & Bruce McKenzie	Margaret Ferris	Dianne Beard
Malcolm & Judy McMillian	Sylvia Bray	Sebestyen McKenzie



From Uniting Church News August 29th

Faith of the Generations

Have you ever noticed how each generation always worries about the generation to come that somehow this younger generation is not responsible enough, not resilient enough, caught up in the latest fads and will ultimately be the downfall of the whole of civilization?

Now this is not a new Phenomenon. The Ancient Greek Philosopher, Aristotle, is quoted as saying, "They [Young People] have exalted notions because they have not been humbled by life or learned its necessary limitations; moreover, their hopeful disposition makes them think themselves equal to great things"

So how do we, as God's people, ensure that not only do young people hear God's word afresh to them but encourage them to take up their place in society?

A great example from the bible comes to us from the story of Moses. Moses is the great hero of the faith who leads his people out of Slavery in Egypt. But along their forty-year journey, God provides the next generation of leaders in the form of Joshua and Caleb, who will lead the people into the promised land. It is important on this journey that Moses and his generation are prepared to both encourage and mentor this next generation but then be prepared to hand over the responsibilities to them when the time is right.

Whatever we might think of the younger generation, it is clear that as people of faith, we are required not only to pass on our beliefs and the promises that we hear from God, but we also need to allow them to take up the mantle and express their own faith, make their own plans and follow their God into the future that God has for them. Let us not grumble about the next generation but celebrate their faith and their belief in a God who continues to walk with them into the future.

God Bless.

The Moderator, Rev. Andrew Gunton.



On behalf of
Sebestyen & our-
selves, (Scott & Sam)
we are so blessed

with the thoughts & messages that
have been so forthcoming for our
little family. We really appreciate it
God Bless you all



Deepest Sympathy

We extend our love and
prayers to Lyndon, Janyce
and family on the sad

news of the passing of Noelene Hubbard,
who was Lyndon's sister. She was 93 and
will be greatly missed.

May God give you His comfort and peace.

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I have a new habit. When I wake up, before the chaos begins, I resist grabbing my phone and instead close my eyes and pray. I thank God for waking us up and keeping us safe in the night, and ask for help, protection, and direction for this day.

Before bed, we pray as a family, again thanking God for being with us during the day—and whatever else we'd like to tell Him.

But the times I pray the most... well, all day — as I'm driving, making my way through traffic, standing at the kitchen sink with rubber-gloved hands in soapy water, or making dinner. Sometimes my prayers are three-word pleas — "Help me, God" — and other times, I just talk to Him.

We don't have to raise our children alone. In fact, we never will. God has reminded me so many times, especially when I'm afraid or worried, that before they were mine, these children were His. He loves them with a love we can't even imagine.

I hope that in reading the very real prayers that I prayed as a parent, recorded in *Help Me, God, I'm a Parent*, you are inspired to approach the throne of God with your own prayers for little or big ones.

Praying for our children is a powerful act of love. Prayer changes situations. He's listening. He loves you and the little hearts in your care.



Thank you to all the Fathers, Grand-Fathers, Uncles, Brothers, and Men who pray for children.

Adapted from *Help Me, God, I'm a Parent: Honest Prayers for Hectic Days and Endless Nights* by Bunmi Laditan.

Psalm 103:13: "As a Father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him."

**September 3
Pentecost 14**

Ex 3: 1-15
Ps 105: 1-6, 23-26,
Rom 12: 9-21
Mt 16: 21-28

**September 10
Pentecost 15**

Ex 12: 1-14
Ps 149
Rom 13: 8-14
Mt 18: 15-20

**September 17
Pentecost 16**


Ex 14: 19-31
Ps 114
Rom 14: 1-12
Mt 18:21-35

**September 24
Pentecost 17**

Ex 16: 2-15
Ps 105: 1-6, 37-45
Phil 1: 21-30
Mt 20: 1-16

GEEBUNG

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

 Visit us at:
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WAVELL HEIGHTS

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

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