

CLEVELAND UNITING CHURCH



More People, More Like Jesus

Tell people about Jesus, Grow our Faith
and Connect with our Community through Service



John 21:15

After they had eaten, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these others do?"

"Yes, Lord," he answered, "you know that I love you."

Jesus said to him, "Take care of my lambs."

Prayer leads you to see new paths and to hear new melodies in the air.

Prayer is the breath of your life which gives you the freedom to go and to stay where you wish and to find the many signs which point out the way to a new land.

Praying is not simply some necessary compartment in the daily schedule of a Christian or a source of support in a time or need, nor is it restricted to Sunday mornings or mealtimes. Praying is living.

(Henri J. M. Nouwen)

Last Sunday's Congregational Meeting unanimously determined that we would participate in a period of conversation and discernment with the other 4 congregations in our region about how God is leading us to participate in the Mission of Christ in the Redlands into the future. By ballot the 2 people who will participate on the steering committee from our congregation are Bob Anderson and Alan Mitrovitch. Please pray for Bob and Alan as they participate alongside the other steering committee members and Rev John McGookin who will facilitate the process.

Rev Pete Smale

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Are you here for the first time?

If so, that's great! We'd like to welcome you here to Church today. If you want to stay in the loop you can fill out your details using a connect card in the attendance clipboards or online at <https://clevelanduc.com/connect>

Church Events

STREET STALL **Friday** **10 May**

Well folks the time has flown by! Suddenly the next street stall is upon us in fact only 5 days away!!! If you love cooking we'd love you to bake some homemade cakes, muffins, sweet or savoury, treats, chutneys, pickles or jams for the stall. If you have a green thumb we are also looking for plants to sell. Or if that's not your thing feel free to come along and help for an hour or two!

VINTAGE FAIR **Saturday** **18 May**

Saturday, 18 May, is the date for our next fun fundraiser for our church - "A Vintage Fair". Are you planning on downsizing or decluttering? We are looking for saleable donations from the Vintage period, say, prior to the 1980s, of crockery, glassware, bric-a-brac, linen, clothes, books jewellery, records and toys. Donations can be left at the church office. Cut off date is 9 May.

Help Needed

CHURCH CLEANING

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The faithful band of folk who clean our church in readiness for Sunday worship do so about once every three months. Please consider adding your name to this roster to tidy, clean and vacuum.

CHRISTMAS LIGHT

We are looking for some folk to paint/decorate some more fence angels in readiness for our Christmas displays.

Group Activities and Events

KOFE CLUB **Tuesday** **7 May** **6.30pm**

Ladies are invited to meet at Tanja's Café, Main Road Wellington Point, for a meal or coffee and snack and a time of grown-up child-free fellowship. All welcome

LADIES FELLOWSHIP **Wednesday** **8 May** **9.30am**

BYO CRAFT **Wednesday** **8 May** **12.30pm**

MISSION & OUTREACH **Thursday** **9 May** **7.00pm**

PROPERTY CELL **Tuesday** **14 May** **7.00pm**

BRIDGE CLUB **Thursdays** **Weekly** **1.00pm**

THE SOCIAL CLUB **Friday** **18 May** **2.00pm**

Ladies are invited to meet at Olwyn's home for a time of fun, fellowship and food

BYO CRAFT **Wednesday** **22 May** **12.30pm**

KAYMEG FELLASHIP **Wednesday** **22 May** **7.00pm**

Come One! Come All you Fellas!!! Menfolk you are all invited to an evening of Ten-Pin Bowling! Please meet at Capalaba tenpin bowling alley in readiness to start bowling AT 7.00pm. The cost is \$18.90 for 1 game or \$21.90 for 2 games. This includes shoe hire. See you there.

KEENAGERS **Thursday** **23 May** **9.03am**

Everyone is invited to come along and enter into the wonderful world of story telling. Let your imagination fly free as our Master storyteller Robyn Bree shares with us the art of telling yarns.

TOFFS **Saturday** **25 May** **11.00am**

Meeting at the Victoria Point Jetty catching the 11.00am ferry to Coochiemudlo, having lunch at the Red Rock Café before a stroll around the island taking in the wonderful sights and sounds this jewel of the Redlands has to offer. Ferry price return Adult \$10.00 Conc \$5.00.

Red Rock Menu: <http://www.redrockcafe.com.au/Menu>

Other Church Activities

SHARE JESUS WITHOUT FEAR

Two new Bible Study groups are starting soon:

A **THURSDAY EVENING 7pm** group – starting **Thursday 9 May** (then running for the 3 following Thursday evenings i.e. 16th, 23rd and 30th May 2019)

A **SATURDAY AFTERNOON 2pm** group – starting **Saturday 11 May** (then running for the 3 following Saturday afternoons i.e. 18th, 25th and 1 June 2019)

There is only one Bible Study session each week and they run for approx. 1 hour 15 mins.

We meet in small groups of only 8 or 9 participants and there is no pressure on anyone. It is a relaxed, stress free time of wonderful Christian fellowship where we learn some basic skills on how we can tell others about our Faith and the awesome news that Jesus died for all of us.

If you would like to join one of the groups or if you have any questions call ALAN.

PLEASANT SUNDAY AFTERNOON CONCERT **Sunday** **2 June** **2.00pm**

Toes will be tapping to the songs of the 1960's, '80's and 90's when the four-part harmony choir **MOMENTUM** sing their popular songs at our Pleasant Sunday Afternoon concert. Included will be Ella Fitzgerald's 'Dream a Little Dream of Me', Paul Kelly's 'Meet Me in the Middle of the Air', Johnny B Goode and 'Walking on Sunshine', and much more!

Around 50 members rehearse with the **CHILLINGHAM VOICES COMMUNITY CHOIR** from the Tweed Valley, NSW, conducted by Harlie Axford, OAM. They have performed in New Zealand Tasmania and South Australia as well as many local venues. For our concert, they have chosen Celtic songs from Scotland, Ireland and Wales including 'Loch Lomond', 'My Love is Like a Red, Red Rose', 'Gaelic Prayer', 'Lilliburlero' and 'When a Belfast Child Sings Again'.

TICKETS: \$20.00, concession \$15.00 which includes afternoon tea. Tickets can be purchased from the church office or from the choir.

SUPPORT PEOPLE SEEKING ASYLUM IN BRISBANE

The best way to show your support for people seeking asylum is with a cash donation to the Romero Centre. There are some things we could always use more of and our food bank always needs replenishing. Any donated items must be in good condition, brand new and/or non-perishable. Some items we are unable to accept because of hygiene, safety and practical reasons. Donations of cash Go Cards for public transport. Grocery store gift cards from Coles or Woolworths Department store gift cards like Kmart, BigW and Target International calling cards (with good rates for Sri Lanka as well as African and Middle Eastern countries) Disposable nappies in unopened packs (preferably large and extra-large) Mobile phones (new or used, with charger and batteries, all in working order)

THANKYOU

The family of the late Sue Dodds wish to thank the Church Community for their care, support and prayers in this sad time.



Wider Church Notices

Uniting Church President Dr Deidre Palmer has offered prayers and support to the people of Sri Lanka in the wake of the recent Easter Sunday bombings. "These were horrendous terror attacks against Christians at worship on Easter Sunday and against innocent people sharing time with friends and families," said Dr Palmer.

"I condemn these barbaric and cruel acts. Everyone, wherever they are, should have the right to worship in peace and safety."

News agencies report 321 people were killed and 500 injured in a series of coordinated blasts. Among those killed were Australian woman Manik Suriaaratchi and her 10-year-old daughter Alexendria, who died in a bomb attack during Easter mass at St Sebastian's Catholic Church in Negombo. "As Christians, we believe we are called to create human communities, in which we live at peace with one another and respect one another's faith traditions," said Dr Palmer.

"We pray for people who have lost loved ones in the attacks and for all those who have been injured and traumatised by what they have witnessed, on this holiest of days in the Christian calendar."

"In the Risen, Crucified Christ, God speaks to us of love winning out over hate, peace and love for our neighbour being stronger than violence. "We express our solidarity with our sisters and brothers in Christ in the churches in Sri Lanka, whose life and mission bear witness to this love and peace of Christ." Dr Palmer and Dr Sureka Goringe, the National Director of UnitingWorld, have written to the Uniting Church's partners in Sri Lanka, the Methodist Church in Sri Lanka to let them know the Uniting Church is praying for them at this time. "In the shadow of the violence perpetrated against our sisters and brothers in Sri Lanka, may the church in Sri Lanka be comforted by God's love and the solidarity of the communion of the global Christian community," said Dr Palmer.

"May God strengthen and bless our embodiment of Christ's message of peace and reconciliation." Sri Lankan ministers and members in the Uniting Church are coordinating ecumenical prayer services in response to the tragedy. .

"We pray for those in the Sri Lankan diaspora community in Australia – people who have family and friends in Sri Lanka," said Dr Palmer. We pray that God will comfort them in their distress, and bring healing, justice and reconciliation in the land of their birth."

Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month - May

The Uniting Church in Queensland has identified this month as important for congregations and individuals to learn more about domestic and family violence prevention to create safe communities where all can flourish. Take up the Queensland Government's **Not Now, Not Ever** challenge in your community or as an individual.

MESSENGER DEADLINE

All articles for the next Messenger must reach the church office no later than **Monday 13 May 2019**

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Prayer Chain

If you would like the congregation to pray for you, you can contact our prayer chain.

Prayer requests should be directed to the first available person on the list below.