

# e-News

## Friday 26<sup>th</sup> Aug 2022 - 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Pentecost



Berry Uniting Church



### General News

#### Scholarship Awardees to Visit Men's Shed

On Tuesday 30th August at 10.30am, two Scholarship Awardees from Bomaderry High School will visit the Berry Men's Shed to meet the members and tour the Shed. The students are Lily Bruce and Charmian Notley. As we are 50% partners in the Scholarship scheme, we are invited to meet the students too and have morning tea with them. Come along and have your hopes for the future revived after meeting the impressive young people coming out of the school system.

#### Nominations

It's time to be thinking about nominations for Church Council. Nomination forms will be available on the back pew on Sunday. The only current member of Church Council whose term is expiring is Erica Nielsen. The terms for Gillian True and Gordon Munro will expire in 2023, for Julie Watts in 2024, for Peter Witton in 2025 and for John Brentnall in 2026. We will also be electing a Presbytery Representative, Christian Churches of Berry Representative, THREE16 Representative, Men's Shed Representatives, Congregation Chairperson and Congregation Secretary.

#### New Phone Number

Julie has purchased a new mobile phone for the use of the booking officer. The phone number for this phone is: 0467 422 046. I have changed the phone numbers for the church in various places (web page, Face Book) from either my mobile number or our landline number to this number. This means that whoever is holding the phone during our absence for receiving inquiries about bookings will also become the de facto contact person for the church during that time.

#### Position Vacant

Pastoral Practitioner - Nowra, South Coast - Casual position

A vacancy exists for a Casual Pastoral Practitioner to work within our Uniting Aged Care facilities in Berry, Gerringong and Nowra. If you, or someone you know, is interested in obtaining pastoral care work in such settings, apply [HERE](#). Ideally, Uniting is looking for someone with aged care and pastoral care experience. Interested people are encouraged to apply asap.

#### THREE16 Reminders

A prayer breakfast will be held at Nowra Salvation Army on Saturday August 27, 7:30-9:00am.

Scots Presbyterian Church, Berry will host the Wollongong Welsh Choir on Sunday 18th September at 2pm. Afternoon tea will be served and there will be a trading table with jams, and preserves. Entry is \$20.00.

## COVID-19 Update

COVID infections seem to be on the increase and there is news of new variants becoming active. So, please continue to:

- Maintain 1.5m physical distancing, where possible;
- Maintain good hand hygiene;
- Practice respiratory hygiene (masks are encouraged in indoor areas);
- Stay home when sick;
- Maintain strict cleaning regime;
- Get tested if unwell;
- Minimise contact with common items e.g., collection plate, hymn books, communion trays, etc.

Blessings.....

## Worship from Home

For those worshipping at home this week, here are the Zoom joining details:

### Berry UCA Worship

Time: Join from 9:00 am

Zoom meeting link: <https://tinyurl.com/xu6v4hw3>

Meeting ID: 916 5034 4362

Passcode: 437806

Phone in no.: 02 8015 6011

Meeting ID: 916 5034 4362

### Berry UC Prayer Group

Time: 8.15 for 8.30 start

Zoom Meeting link: <https://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/92583877354>

Meeting ID: 925 8387 7354

Phone in no.: 02 8015 6011

Meeting ID: 925 8387 7354

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# The Work of the People

## 28<sup>th</sup> August

Church Year: Pentecost 12

Colour: Green

Lectionary Readings: Jeremiah 2:4-13; Psalm 81:1,10-16; Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: Cape Verde, The Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Senegal

Preacher: John Brentnall

Duty Leader: Gordon Munro

Reader: Stuart Horsman

Prayer: John Brentnall

Greeters: Pam Coles & Maree Watson

Morning Tea: Margaret Pender & Janet Brentnall

Piano: Roy Frazier

## 4<sup>th</sup> September

Ocean Sunday - Diving into the Season of Creation, we begin by wondering about our connection to Oceans, to ourselves, and to God after being tossed and turned in the waves of the pandemic. We dig deep into what could be and the crisis of climate change that has defined our present moment.

Church Year: Pentecost 13

Colour: Green

Lectionary Readings: Job 38:1-18 Psalm 104:1-9, 24-26 Ephesians 1:3-10 Luke 5:1-11

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: Benin, Ivory Coast, Togo

Preacher: Andrew Watts

Duty Leader: Peter Witton

Reader: Christa Watkin

Prayer: Peter Witton

Greeters: Sandra Escott and Virginia Munro

Communion Servers: Julie Watts and Gordon Munro

Morning Tea: Barbara and Lawrie Cowell, Christa and Tony Watkin

Piano: Marion Shopland

## The Taizé service

Sometimes a Taizé service is held in various churches around the Shoalhaven including the Berry Uniting Church. The Berry Uniting church is hoping to hold the next Taizé service closer to Christmas. The Taizé service is usually held during an evening and is in addition to the regular church service.

Taizé worship is being incorporated in a wide variety of churches, Protestant and Catholic, and its pattern of devotion is emulated in other monastic communities around the world.

A Taizé worship service usually involves sung and chanted prayers, meditation, a period of silence, liturgical readings, and icons. There is no preaching but that is because of its contemplative nature of worship. Taizé prayers consist of “short chants, repeated again and again.

Often many candles are lit and the lights are turned off which adds to the atmosphere.

The Taizé Community is an ecumenical Christian monastic fraternity in Taizé, Saône-et-Loire, Burgundy, France. It is composed of more than one hundred brothers, from Catholic and Protestant traditions, who originate from about thirty countries around the world. It was founded in 1940 by Brother Roger Schütz, a Reformed Protestant.

More information about Taizé can be found here:

<https://www.taize.fr/en>

## OneHope Christian Women's Conference

On Saturday October 22nd the women of the Shoalhaven are invited to the OneHope Christian Women’s Conference - formerly SWITCH.

This year’s conference is at St Stephen’s Bomaderry and the speaker is Di Warren.

Registration opens Monday Aug 22 - more information can be found at:

<https://onehopeconference.com.au/>



## Out and About

### Organ Recital

About 55 people enjoyed a wonderful musical feast of organ music last Saturday. Titus Grenyer, the organist, completed a Bachelor of Music in Organ Studies in 2019 and is the organist at St John's Uniting Church in Wahroonga. He played music by Bach and Rheinberger as well as a piece he composed himself. Ona organised the concert as a fundraiser for SECET 3/16 and the photo below right shows the wonderful jams and preserves that were on sale as well.

Titus has a YouTube channel called [Pep Organ](#) where you can check out more work by this very talented young man. I am sure that we will hear more about him in the years to come.



### Coffee and Friends

It was lovely to catch up with old friends and new last Wednesday at Coffee and Friends. Dr Tim Billington gave an interesting talk about viruses and variants and how vaccines are developed to fight them. Thanks to Virginia for providing the beautiful morning tea and to those who were able to help with the packing up.



## Happy Birthday

**Margaret Francis on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August.**

May God bless you on your birthday, and always.

## Assembly News

For the latest Uniting Church News please click on the picture links below:



## Synod Media Releases and News

For the latest Uniting Church Synod News please click on the picture link below:



## From the Henri Nouwen Society

### **To Pray is to Live**

Maybe someone will say to you, “You have to forgive yourself.” But that isn’t possible. What is possible is to open your hands without fear, so that the One who loves you can blow your sins away. Then the coins you considered indispensable for your life prove to be little more than light dust that a soft breeze will whirl away, leaving only a grin or a chuckle behind. Then you feel a bit of new freedom and praying becomes a joy, a spontaneous reaction to the world and the people around you. Praying then becomes effortless, inspired, and lively, or peaceful and quiet. When you recognize the festive and the still moments as moments of prayer, then you gradually realize that to pray is to live.

Henri J. M. Nouwen

## Join us in Prayer

Let us pray for Uniting Church children and young people as they live with faith, curiosity, passion and conviction in our church and world. We thank God for their leadership, unique insights and many gifts.

### **The World Council of Churches Ecumenical Prayer Cycle**

"Prayer is at the very heart of the ecumenical movement. Jesus prayed that we - his followers - may all be one. When we pray with and for one another, we can feel God's gift of unity."

<https://www.oikoumene.org/resources/prayer-cycle>

### **Cape Verde, The Gambia, Guinea-Bissau, Senegal Intercessions - 28th August - 3rd September**

We are thankful for:

- the many ways in which these countries have moved beyond their colonial histories, especially the scars related to slave trade,
- this area's distinctive music and cultural practices of storytelling (griots),
- economic and educational advances that have lifted some out of poverty,
- promising transitions into democracy and changes in government leaders, and
- the persistent, faithful witness of churches in the midst of other faiths.

We pray for:

- those people in these societies who continue to live in abject poverty,
- an end to policies, systems, and cultural practices that continue to exploit and marginalize some groups,
- the fair election of more just government leaders who respect the rights of all people, and
- faith communities witnessing and working together for the common good.

# Calendar

Saturday 8.30am every week: Prayer Group on Zoom

## August

**Saturday 27th** from 7:30 to 9:00 am: THREE16 prayer breakfast at Nowra Salvation Army.

**Saturday 27th** 10am: Mini Working Bee - one hour in one space, the Main Hall, & a cuppa afterwards.

**Sunday 28th:** Congregation AGM.

**Monday 29th, 11am:** Berry Parkinsons Support Group in Main Hall.

**Tuesday 30th August, 10.30am:** Scholarship Awardees from Bomaderry High School visit to Berry Men's Shed.

**Wednesday 31st August - Friday 2nd September:** "Soul Care Conference," Wesley Mission Centre Sydney, for Ministers, Chaplains, pastoral carers and anyone with an interest in pastoral and community care. [Information and registration here](#)

## September

**From Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September, 6.00 to 8.30pm:** via Zoom, Living our Faith: Proclaiming Jesus Christ.

**Wednesday 7th September:** Berry Computers for Seniors.

**Wednesday 7th September 7-8.30pm:** Electric Vehicle Information Forum (see advert below).

**Saturday 10th September 10.30am:** Choral Workshop, Kiama Anglican, (see advert below).

**Saturday 10th September 9am to 1pm:** via Zoom, Living our Values Session 1.

**Saturday 17th September 9am to 1pm:** via Zoom, Living our Values Session 2.

**Sunday 18th September 2pm:** THREE16 Fundraiser, Wollongong Welsh Choir at Scots Presbyterian Church.

**Monday 19th September:** Social Craft Group.

**Wednesday 21st September:** Berry Computers for Seniors.

**Monday 26th September 11am:** Berry Parkinsons Support Group in Main Hall.

## October

**Wednesday 19th & Thursday 20th October 9am to 5.30pm:** Centre for Ministry, "Understanding the Sacraments".

**Saturday 22nd October 9:30 am to: 4:45 pm:** "Walking Together Conference," Wesley Conference Centre, Sydney. "How can the Church Embrace First Peoples' Theology in a Post-Colonial Australia".

# Choral Workshop

Saturday 10 September 2022  
Church Point Centre  
Kiama Anglican Churches  
2 Terralong St, Kiama NSW 2533

A day of music, fellowship and worship as we rehearse a selection of hymns and anthems to sing at a service at 3.30pm. This will be a lead in to our Prom Praise event with City Aight and Gospel Orchestra at the Sydney Town Hall on 24 September.

With Ross Cobb, Director of Music, St Andrew's Cathedral Sydney and accompanists Tim Blomfield and Luke Bowen



Come by yourself or bring your whole choir! All denominations welcome.

10.30 am Registration & morning tea  
11.00 am Rehearsal  
12.00 pm Lunch (own arrangements)  
1.00 pm Rehearsal  
3.30 pm Concluding service led by Rev. Aiden Sibrava

RSCM members \$30 Non-members \$40  
Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/CAWFJ>  
or phone Gerry Hayes on 02 9150 5219  
Enquiries: Naomi Spencer ph. 4422 4166 or email to [nsw.southcoast@rscmaustralia.org.au](mailto:nsw.southcoast@rscmaustralia.org.au)  
[www.rscmaustralia.org.au](http://www.rscmaustralia.org.au)



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AUSTRALIA  
New South Wales Branch



# Berry PARKINSON'S Support Group

For all people living with Parkinson's,  
their family, friends and carers



The Group meets on the last Monday of each month at 11am at Berry Uniting Church Hall, 69 Albert St, Berry.

Support Group meetings range from group discussion, educational sessions by guest speakers, social outings or just sharing a cuppa.

1800 644 189  
[www.parkinsonsnsw.org.au](http://www.parkinsonsnsw.org.au)



## Electric Vehicle Information Forum

September 7 | 7pm-8.30pm

Free Online Event

If you've ever considered buying an electric vehicle or are just curious to learn more about them, join us at our **Electric Vehicle Information Forum**.



Cars are responsible for about **half of all transport emissions** in Australia. Could switching to an electric vehicle be the right investment for you and the planet?

Come along to hear from guest speaker Dr Jake Whitehead, Head of Policy at the **Electric Vehicle Council** and get answers about the benefits of EVs, how they work, the factors that influence their uptake and more.

This forum is aimed at any in the wider church community but open to all. Click the link below to register:

**Register on Eventbrite**

Jake is Head of Policy at the Electric Vehicle Council of Australia. He was formerly a Lead Author for the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), a member of the International Electric Vehicle Policy Council at the University of California, Davis, and also runs his own mobility-as-a-service company in Queensland, ODIN PASS.



## Berry Uniting's Mission

**Our Vision** - We aspire to be people walking with Jesus, sharing God's love.

**Our Mission** - We seek to share good news through welcome, hospitality and service to all.

**Our Goals:**

- To provide generous, intentional hospitality and welcoming inclusion to all;
- To provide educational, social justice, spiritual and recreational activities in our community;
- To develop, nurture and enrich our Christian faith and spiritual life guided by the Basis of Union;
- To explore, encourage and develop ways of connecting with our community;
- To integrate and be an example of "creation care" in all we do and say.

## Offerings

Thank you for your continued support of our ministry and mission, in the Berry community and the wider church, through your offerings. Offerings may be made in person by dropping your envelope in the plate at the back of the church, or by direct deposit to our bank account:

Account Name: Berry Uniting Church

Account: BSB: 082 435

Account number: 563783969

## Causes We Support

**Nowra Family Support Service** with donations of items such as:

- breakfast food;  
tea, coffee, full cream long-life milk;
- rice and pasta etc;
- tinned food such as soups, baked beans, stews etc;
- toiletries such as toothbrushes and toothpaste, tissues, deodorant, soap, shampoo etc.

Donations may be left at the back of the Church or in the Community Library.

**NSW Synod Stamp Committee** with our used postage stamps, carefully cut with a 5mm border around them.

**Berry Men's Shed/Berry Uniting Church Scholarship Program** - our gold coin donations at morning tea support our share of the scholarships awarded to deserving high school and TAFE students each year.

## Our Minister

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## Safe Church Awareness

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connecting communities for life

We respectfully acknowledge the Jerrinja Community of the Yuin Nation, who are the Traditional Custodians and First People of the land on which we meet.

We pay respect to Elders past, present and emerging, acknowledge their deep and enduring relationship to their ancestral lands and thank them for the care they have shown the earth over thousands of years.