

# e-News

## Friday 9th Sept 2022 - 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Pentecost



Berry Uniting Church



### Reflection

A reflection written by members of our local ARRCC group (Australian Religious Response to Climate Change) for this week in the Season of Creation:

#### Fauna and Flora Sunday

The account of the burning bush, the symbol for the Season of Creation 2022, reveals the voice of God speaking to Moses from within this bush. This fire, that called out to Moses as he was tending his flock on Mt. Horeb, did not consume or destroy the bush; nor did it threaten the wellbeing of the animals that Moses was caring for. It was this aspect of the fire that drew Moses closer so that he was gifted with God's revelation. The flames of the burning bush revealed God's life sustaining presence. This was a holy fire affirming that God heard the cries of the suffering. This symbol calls us to listen to the voice of creation where God's presence may be discerned.

Today, the prevalence of unnatural fires are a sign of the devastating effects that climate change has had on our planet. Creation cries out as forests crackle and animals flee. Land misuse and climate change have led to the destruction of habitats and the disintegration of ecosystems. The State of the Environment Report 2021 aims to show us the full national picture of the health of our environment. It is a confronting record of our enormous failure to care for Australian flora and fauna. Australia has lost more mammal species to extinction than any other continent. Just this year, koalas were officially recognised as endangered in Queensland, New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory. Australia is one of the global hotspots of deforestation with 7.7 million hectares of the habitat of threatened species cleared in the period 2000-2017. The Murray-Darling fell to its lowest water level on record in 2019.

At a recent trip to Taronga Zoo, I was made aware of the dreadful impact of feral horses on the native flora and fauna in the Kosciuszko National Park. This spoke to me of the deep interconnection of all aspects of creation, and the enormous capability of humanity to act in a role of stewardship or to be a source of environmental destruction. As Pope Francis reminds us in *Laudato Si*: 'When we speak of the 'environment', what we really mean is a relationship existing between nature and the society which lives in it. Nature cannot be regarded as something separate from ourselves or as a mere setting in which we live' (Chapter 4:139).

Moses was told to remove his sandals, for he was standing on holy ground in God's presence. May this symbol move us to remove the "sandals" of our unsustainable lifestyles and the barriers of apathy and self concern which disconnect us from Creation and our Creator.

## Prayer

O God, enlarge within us the sense of fellowship with all living things, our brothers the animals to whom thou gavest the earth as their home in common with us.

*St Basil the Great, 4th Century*

## General

### Uniting Church President Elected to the WCC Central Committee

The Uniting Church is delighted that Uniting Church President Rev Sharon Hollis has been elected to the World Council of Churches (WCC) Central Committee, the chief governance group tasked with carrying forward the work of the WCC between Assemblies. Rev Hollis is among 150 members of the new Central Committee, which is elected from the Assembly delegates and so drawn from across the global communion. Read more from the World Council of Churches. More information here:

<https://www.oikoumene.org/news/wcc-11th-assembly-elects-new-central-committee>

### 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

## 11<sup>th</sup> September

Fauna and Flora Sunday -We open our eyes and ears to find that the plants, trees, animals, creeping things, and even the food we eat have the wisdom to teach us and offer our praise to God for the ways we learn from the wilds.

Church Year: Pentecost 14

Colour: Green

Lectionary Readings: Job 39:1-8, 26-30, Psalm 104:14-23, 1 Corinthians 1:10-23, Luke 12:22-31

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: Ghana, Nigeria

Preacher: Nerida Miller

Duty Leader: Gillian True

Reader: Gordon Munro

Prayer: Ona Frazier

Greeters: Stuart and Dorothy Horsman

Morning Tea: Ona and Roy Frazier

Piano: Roy Frazier

## 18<sup>th</sup> September

Storm Sunday - We consider how our faith empowers us to find our way through the storms of life and find God's presence in the most uncontrollable forces of climate change.

Church Year: Pentecost 15

Colour: Green

Lectionary Readings: Job 28:20-27, Psalm 29, 1 Corinthians 1:21-31, Luke 8:22-25

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: Argentina, Paraguay, Uruguay

Preacher: Andrew Watts

Duty Leader: Julie Watts

Reader: Lawrie Cowell

Prayer: Julie Watts

Greeters: Pam Coles and Virginia Munro

Morning Tea: Ross Waddell and Virginia Munro

Piano: Marion Shopland

## The Beauty of Nature

When our eyes are graced with wonder, the world reveals its wonders to us. There are people who see only dullness in the world and that is because their eyes have already been dulled. So much depends on how we look at things. The quality of our looking determines what we come to see. Too often we squander the invitations extended to us because our looking has become repetitive and blind. The mystery and beauty is all around us but we never manage to see it. When the imagination awakens, the inner world illuminates. We begin to glimpse things that no-one speaks about, that the outer world seems to ignore.

*John O'Donohue from his book, 'Beauty, The Invisible Embrace'*

and this:

“Nature is the direct expression of the divine imagination.”

*John O'Donohue from his book, 'Anam Cara'*

### About John O'Donahue

Last Sunday, during the church service, Andrew introduced us to the Irish poet, author, priest and philosopher John O'Donohue. Sadly, he died far too early at the age of 52 in 2008. O'Donohue is best known for his writings, poetry and for popularising Celtic spirituality.

If you are interested here is a link to an interview with John O'Donohue on the subject of:

[The Inner Landscape of Beauty](#)

### Spring Flowers

Recently the [Shoalhaven Bushwalkers](#) enjoyed a bushwalk in Ulladulla at the [South Pacific Heathland Reserve](#) and a couple of other bush areas. There were plenty of flowers in bloom - patersonia, flannel flowers, waratahs etc.

Some of the congregation of Berry Uniting Church are former Shoalhaven Bushwalkers (Barbara and Lawrie) and others are current members of the Shoalhaven bushwalkers club (Tony, Christa and Nicky).



*Patersonia Sericea – in bloom now, Ulladulla*



*Ulladulla – South Pacific Heathland Reserve 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022 – Shoalhaven Bushwalkers.*

## Out and About

### Berry Parkinson's Support Group

Last Monday was the first meeting of the Berry Parkinson's Support Group. Tamie Harvie, the Parkinson's nurse was very happy with the response and there were people that came along that she hadn't even been in contact with.

The aim of the group is just to provide a relaxed atmosphere for those with Parkinson's and their carers to hang out and support each other. Tamie is hoping to provide some input from health professionals and morning tea and perhaps some outings.

The group takes place once a month on the last Monday of the month at 11am. Maybe down the track some of our Church family might be able to help with the serving and clearing away of morning tea every now and then.

### In the Airport Before Takeoff

John, Janet and some of their tour group at the airport waiting for the plane.



## Pets of the Congregation

### This Week's Pets

Thanks to Peter and Fay for this week's pet photo.

### Pets Can Lower Stress & Anxiety

Whether it's comfort, cuddles, laughter or physical activity, having a pet leads to a release in calming endorphins - oxytocin. Increased calmness can also be associated with simple activities such as watching the smooth nature of a swimming fish.



*Peter and Fay Witton sadly said goodbye earlier this year to their beautiful elderly dog. Now they have this bundle of fluff. His name is Nic Nat and he is named after a Western Australian football player called Nic Naitanui.*

## Happy Birthday

- Judy Leal on 9th September (congratulations on appearing in two eNews, oops Editor)
- Janet Brentnall on 11th September
- William Yu on 15th September

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

### Praying for God's Mercy

There is probably no prayer in the history of Christianity that has been prayed so frequently and intimately as the prayer "Lord, have mercy." . . . This cry for mercy is possible only when we are willing to confess that somehow, somewhere, we ourselves have something to do with our losses. Crying for mercy is a recognition that blaming God, the world, or others for our losses does not do full justice to the truth of who we are. At the moment we are willing to take responsibility, even for the pain we didn't cause directly, blaming is converted into an acknowledgment of our own role in human brokenness.

The prayer for God's mercy comes from a heart that knows that this human brokenness is not a fatal condition of which we have become the sad victims, but the bitter fruit of the human choice to say no to love.

*Henri J. M. Nouwen.*

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it."

MATTHEW 13:45,46 (NIV)

## 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>

### **Ghana, Nigeria Intercessions, 11th September – 17th September**

We are thankful for:

- Christians and Muslims who take risks to work for dialogue and reconciliation, and people of disparate ethnic groups who strive together for the common good,
- Churches who have been faithful in spreading the Good News, serving the people and pursuing justice in these societies,
- Economic growth from natural resources, where it benefits all people - and especially the poor - in these nations, and
- How people, especially in Nigeria, have been sustained by God in the face of attacks and violence in the context of the movement of population groups and from extremist elements like Boko Haram.

We pray for:

- Those affected by violence and terrorism, and that such violent attacks might cease,
- Leaders of churches, that they might speak out courageously against political, social and economic injustices,
- Just and peaceful relations between members of different ethnic groups and between Muslims and Christians,
- Those who suffer from malnutrition and diseases such as malaria, whooping cough and HIV and AIDS, and
- Better stewardship of the environment and natural resources.

## Upcoming Events

Hi everyone,

Quite a few interesting educational and other events have come to our attention recently and they are related to our Mission Goals.

With respect to our relations with First Nations people we currently have a work-in-progress situation with Waminda coming to lead some Decolonisation workshops (available to the wider community as well) which will also include aspects of the local history. At this stage some dates are set (Wednesday 28 September and Wednesday 26 October) but details are still being arranged so stay tuned for that.

In the meantime a different style of event is being run by Gadhungal Murring called a Dharawal Cultural Tour. This involves being at a few locations (including Gerroa, Shoalhaven Heads and Jerrinja) and hearing local related stories as well as cultural information. This is on Sunday 2 October. Gadhungal Murring run tours regularly. To book yourself on this tour you can contact them via Facebook or via email (both are in the flyer later in this E-news). If you need assistance with making a booking please contact me.

An online webinar on the subject of the Uluru Statement from the Heart including some information on the Victorian Treaty process is being hosted by a First Nations theologian and two Oceanian theologians. This is on the afternoon of Sunday 18 September - again more details below.

In last week's E-news was information and links to the Walking Together Conference on Saturday 22 October, listening to First Nations Theologians.

Two ecumenical events related to the Season of Creation are being held in Nowra on Wednesday 21 September and Thursday 13 October. Details below.

Finally the Jamberoo Abbey have sent an ad for a series of online retreats on the theme of Christ and Crisis, taking into account personal crises and/or a world in crisis. This will be held over six weeks starting Sunday 25 September, all online. Each Sunday a teaching session is held. Suggestions for prayer and reflection are given for the week. A Respite Care story session is held on the Friday (just requiring listening). There is also the opportunity for a one on one session (via Zoom) with Sister Antonia. Videos and texts remain on the Abbey website to access anytime. Again, more details and links to further information are below.

Hopefully you will find something helpful for you in this varied selection of events.

Yours in Christ,

Andrew

# Calendar

Saturday 8.30am every week: Prayer Group on Zoom

## September

**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** 5pm to 6pm: Webinar on the Uluru Statement from the Heart. See [Calendar Event Details](#) further below for details.

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

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

**Wednesday 21st September** 10am to 12pm: Ecumenical gathering for the communities of Kiama, Berry, Nowra and Milton to mark the Season of Creation, hosted by St Michael's Catholic community and will involve a walk down to the river. See [Calendar Event Details](#) further below for details.

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

**Sunday 25th September:** Jamberoo Abbey online retreats start today. See [Calendar Event Details](#) further below for details.

**Sunday 25th September** from 12pm: Basics and Beyond, Berry Uniting Church Library

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

**Wednesday 28th September:** Waminda - Decolonisation Workshop. Details to follow.

## October

**Sunday 2 October:** Dharawal Cultural Tour. See [Calendar Event Details](#) further below for details.

**Thursday 13th October** 10am: Multi-faith service for climate justice, Nowra Uniting Church. See [Calendar Event Details](#) further below for details.

**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".

**Saturday 26th October:** Waminda - Decolonisation Workshop. Details to follow.

# Calendar Event Details

## Dharawal Cultural Tour



SUNDAY, 2 OCTOBER 2022 FROM 09:30-14:30

### Dharawal Cultural Tour of NSW South Coast

Black Head Reserve

This special First Nations cultural tour is led by Dharawal knowledge holder and language teacher Drew Longbottom. We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which this event will take place and acknowledge local Traditional Owner Auntie Gwenda Jarrett who will provide us with a Welcome to Country.

The day will start with a Smoking Ceremony and a Welcome to Country and include is Boomerang throwing, Bush Tucker tasting and a closing Corroboree.

The tour will start at 9:30am and finish at around 2pm. A meal will also be provided and is included in the cost of \$220 per person or \$330 per two-person group. Bookings are essential and can be locked in via msg on our social media pages.

The tour starts at 9:30 at Black Head Gerroa. It will commence with a Smoking Ceremony and Welcome to Country to bring everyone safely onto the land.

Drew will then introduce us to Arrawarra, the warrior who fought the Cedar cutters in the early 1810s. This battle took place at Black Head.

Before moving to the next location (via a provided bus or in your own vehicle), Drew will facilitate a discussion about traditional Dharawal and South Coast identity as well as share more local stories.

From there, we will make our way to the Shoalhaven River at Shoalhaven Heads. Drew will share the story Cullanghutti (Coolangatta) and its significance pre and post colonisation.

We will then make our way to Jindyandy, where we will stop for a cafe break. More stories will be shared about Jindyandy and the farmlands East of Nowra. These were large swamplands prior to colonisation. Jindyandy mill is also the first convict built brick building on the Southern side of the Shoalhaven River.

Finally, we will travel to Crookhaven Heads (Jerrinja) where Drew will show middens and talk about the cultural and colonial history of the area. Crookhaven River is where the name "Shoalhaven" (Shoals Haven) was first referenced by George Bass and Matthew Flinders.

Drew comes from the Jerrinja Community and he will share his cultural knowledge of the area.

A closing corroboree will be performed by the Gadhungal Murring dancers at the end of the tour.

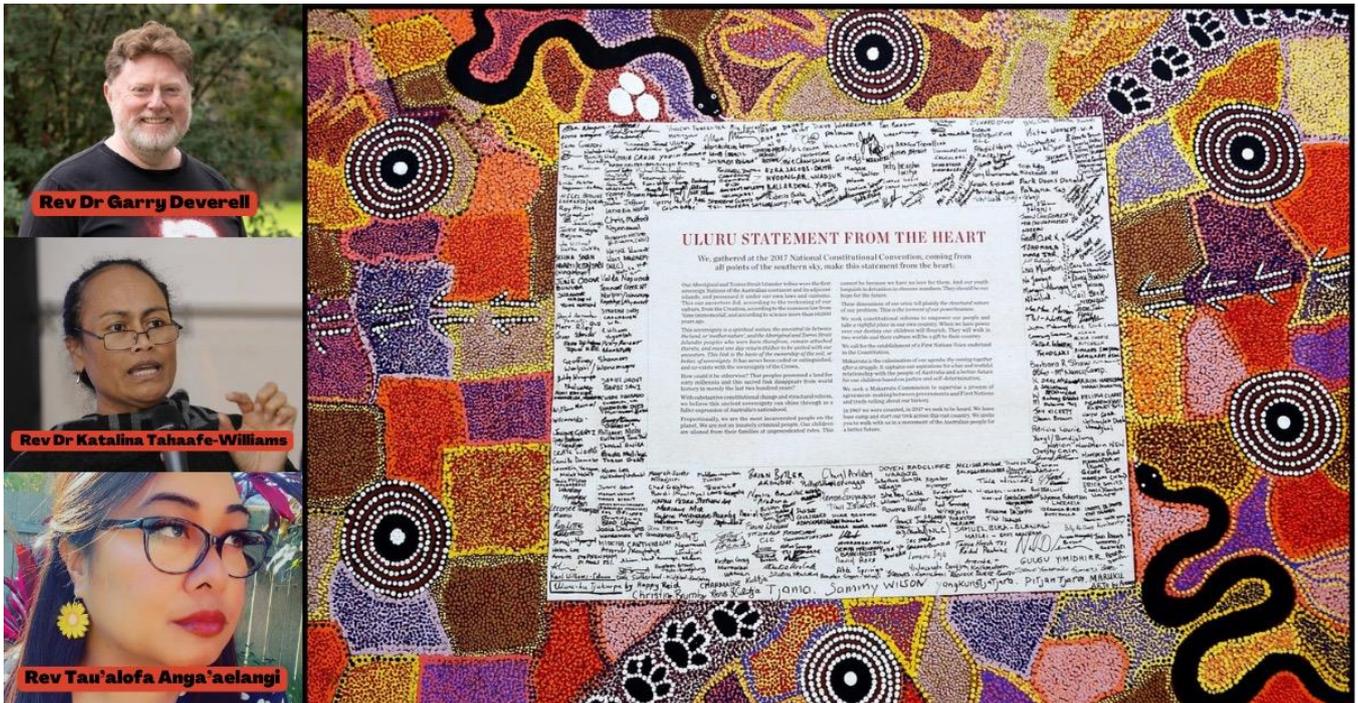
We hope you can join us for this very special day of cultural sharing and learning.

On Facebook here: <https://www.facebook.com/GadhungalMurring> or

email to book a place - [gadhungal.murring@outlook.com](mailto:gadhungal.murring@outlook.com)

(Note: payment via cash on the day).

## Webinar on the Uluru Statement from the Heart



Join us for a webinar on the Uluru Statement of the Heart, co-sponsored by the University of Divinity's School of Indigenous Studies and the Black Lives Matter Webinar.

The BLM Webinar is a series of conversations on why Black Lives Matter, specifically in the Australian context, and in Oceania generally. The BLM webinar was the initiative of Oceanian theologians and UCA ministers Rev Dr Katalina Tahaafe-Williams and Rev Tau'alofo Anga'aelangi, launched during the race riots of 2020 as a monthly series.

This month, on Sunday the 18th September from 5pm (AEST), Katalina and Lofa will be joined by the Rev Dr Garry Deverell, a Lecturer and Research Fellow in the School of Indigenous Studies, who will speak about the "Uluru Statement". Garry's input will include consideration of where the Statement comes from and what it asks of Australian citizens. He will also compare the process towards treaty imagined by the Statement to that being designed in the colony of Victoria.

More details here: <https://vox.divinity.edu.au/event/webinar-on-the-uluru-statement-from-the-heart/>

Further enquiries: [ucc.csu@gmail.com](mailto:ucc.csu@gmail.com)

Registration via this link is essential for attendance: [Webinar Registration](#)

## Ecumenical gathering to mark the Season of Creation



**Listen to the  
Voice of creation**  
SEASON OF CREATION 2022

### Join us in Nowra to mark the Season of Creation:

*Inter-parish and ecumenical event  
Kiama, Berry, Milton and Nowra communities.*

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September 9.50 a.m. – 12.00 noon** (approx.)

**9.50 a.m.** Walkers park in carpark opposite St Michael's Church, North St.  
Walk along Shoalhaven St & Junction St to Showground entrance  
(15-20 mins).  
*If driving*, enter Showgrounds at end of Junction St and park overlooking river.

**10.10 a.m.      Gathering , prayer & nature reflection at Hanging  
Rock Lookout ( in Nowra Showgrounds)**

**10.45 a.m.** (approx.) Return along Junction St & Shoalhaven St to church *or*  
*drive* to St Michael's Church and park in the carpark opposite, North St.  
( 15 mins)

**11.00 a.m. Service of reflection, prayer & sacred song.  
St Michael's Church**

**11.30 a.m.      Light refreshments & fellowship at Parish Centre.**



## Multi-Faith Service for Climate Justice



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THURSDAY, 13 OCTOBER 2022 AT 10:00

### Multi-faith service for climate justice

Nowra Uniting Church

#### Details

🚩 Event by **Australian Religious Response to Climate Change (ARRCC)**

📍 **Nowra Uniting Church**

🌐 Public · Anyone on or off Facebook

Join with people of all faiths both in Australia and around the Pacific to show solidarity with those suffering because of humanity's addiction to fossil fuels. We will show the strength of grassroots support for an open letter to Prime Minister Albanese, signed by senior faith leaders in Australia and the Pacific. It will call on the Australian Government to:

- stop approving new coal and gas projects
- End public subsidies for coal and gas projects
- Fully respect First Nations peoples' rights to protect Country
- Actively participate in creating a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty to phase out fossil fuels
- support a just transition
- Re-start contributions to the United Nations Green Climate Fund.

Like many people who care about the climate, people of faith are excited by the potential of this new government to take Australian in a different direction. Yet they also need encouragement to go further.

More information can be found here:

<https://www.arrcc.org.au/f4cj2022>

# Christ & Crisis

Jamberoo Abbey  
Online Retreat  
with  
Sr Antonia Curtis OSB

*Lead Kindly Light, lead thou me on.*

## ABOUT

The world as a whole and millions of individuals are in crisis. Perhaps you, too, are in crisis? The crisis of crisis is that we do not understand crisis. We do not understand it as something on the brink of giving birth. Is there a meaning to be found in crisis? Let's find out.

## COST

The cost of the retreat is \$250. If you cannot afford the above amount please feel free to contact us.

## DATE

The 1st conference is available Sept 25 with one each Sunday and Friday until November 6th. All videos and texts will remain on our website for you to access at any time.

*You will find many other online retreats on our website.*

## DETAILS

There will be six conferences, one each Sunday, as well as suggestions for prayer and reflection.

Each Friday there will be a session of "Respite Care" which will take the form of a story reading conference.

There is also the opportunity to have a one to one with Sr Antonia via zoom. Spaces are limited so bookings need to be made well in advance.

## CONTACT

Register online at:  
[jamberooabbey.org.au/retreats/online-retreats](http://jamberooabbey.org.au/retreats/online-retreats)

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[jamberooabbey.org.au/retreats/online-retreats](http://jamberooabbey.org.au/retreats/online-retreats)

## Berry Uniting Church'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

Rev Andrew Watts  
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**Monday is Andrew's day off. Please save non-urgent emails and phone calls for other days.**

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## Safe Church Awareness

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### What is Speak Out?

Speak Out is a confidential reporting service, allowing you to raise any matter of concern. Matter of concerns about the safety, wellbeing and security of the Church and its people with confidence that it will be taken seriously and addressed. Where possible, issues or concerns should be dealt with as locally and directly as possible. However you are always welcome to raising issues through the Speak Out service, especially if other methods have not been effective or are not a suitable avenue.

More info here: [UCA - Speak Out in Confidence](#)

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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.