

e-News

Friday 16th Sept 2022 - 15th 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:

Storm Sunday

We all have memories of storms we have experienced in our lifetime.

As a child I remember the storms rolling across the Wimmera plains, deep dark clouds, flashes of lightning, thunder, a tree shattered by a lightning strike. Afterwards the silence, a walk with family in the rain drenched paddocks, the freshened earth - captured in song by Paul Kelly in celebration of the word, petrichor, the smell of the earth after rain:

'It hasn't rained six months or more/until today, a sudden pour
Now I can smell the petrichor outside
The sighing ground gives up its love/unto the breeze and the trees above.....'

In Scripture storms provide the settings of theophany, times when God reveals himself in power and compassion. On Sinai, when Moses approaches the burning bush, Yahweh instructs him to come no closer as the ground on which he stands is holy. He announces himself as the God of his fathers, expresses his compassion for his enslaved people and entrusts Moses with the task of delivering them. When Elijah went out from the cave and stood on the mountain he found Yahweh, not in the mighty wind, the earthquake or fire but in the sound of a gentle breeze. When the disciples were fearful and caught in the storm, Jesus was asleep in the stern of the boat, his head on a pillow. When he stilled the storm they asked "What kind of man is this? Even the winds and sea obey him. Stories such as these form the pillars of our faith.

In Pope Francis' message for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation Pope Francis calls us to be attentive to 'the sweet song of creation' through which we become aware of God's presence in the natural world and our connection with all creatures with whom we are joined 'in splendid universal communion' But now this sweet song is accompanied by a cry of anguish from the earth, which is again being ravaged by fire and reduced by melting polar ice caps; and from the poor who starve and are rendered homeless by war, flood, drought, famine and rising seas. In Australia we have now experienced a cycle of drought, fires and floods of unprecedented intensity, destruction and suffering for the affected communities affected loss of habitat and threatened extinction of species.

This earth cry of anguish is the result of our own consumerist excesses. Pope Francis emphasizes our grave responsibility to keep the world to within 1.5 degrees of warming, the need for solidarity and special concern for this most affected and for future generations. He calls us to conversion of lifestyle and

commitment to a new covenant which reflects 'the creative love of God from whom we come and toward who we are journeying.

Prayer

Then they called to Yahweh in their trouble/and he rescued them from their sufferings
Reducing the storm to a whisper/until the waves grew quiet
Give thanks to Yahweh, for he is good/ his love is everlasting.

Psalm 107: 28 - 29

General

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

18th 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

25th September

Cosmos Sunday - We ponder the call of Wisdom that is beyond speech and even what our eyes can behold, and find joy and wonder in how interconnected God has made us to this world.

Church Year: Pentecost 16

Colour: Green

Lectionary Readings: Proverbs 8:22-31, Psalm 148, Colossians 1:15-20, John 6:41-51

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Peru

Preacher: Sharon Flynn

Duty Leader: Gordon Munro

Reader: Hedley Garrard

Prayer: Ona Frazier

Greeters: Sandra Escott and Virginia Munro

Morning Tea: Margaret Pender and Gillian

Piano: Roy Frazier

The Storm of Life

Storms aren't just rain. We have experienced one storm after another in recent times. The 2019-2020 bushfires were followed by flood rains in February 2020, which were then followed by the March 2020 start of the Covid-19 virus story for Australia having started months earlier in China. And we are still in that storm - the pandemic caused by Covid-19, which has affected people's health, their sense of connection with others, their work routines and, for many, their financial security. More recently we have had more flood rains as well.

How then are we to cope with the major storms of life?



Jesus calms the storm

Matthew 8:18-27

When a sudden storm threatens to capsize their boat the disciples turn to Jesus for help.

Amazing Grace

We've Sung "Amazing Grace" for 250 Years. We've Only Just Begun.

Why John Newton's famous hymn is still so powerful after so long.

Daniel Johnson 12th September 2022

The hymn has known so many lives.

"Amazing Grace"—250 years old this year—has been sung in churches and at funerals. It is a civil rights anthem, a civil religion anthem, a folk song, and a pop culture icon.



Amazing Grace – Encouraging and Joyful

It has been featured on The Simpsons, Cheers, and Star Trek, and it gave expression to America's grief in the days and weeks after 9/11. Amazing Grace has also been covered by devoutly Christian artists, such as Johnny Cash and Aretha Franklin, but also by Willie Nelson, Ani DiFranco, and the Dropkick Murphys.

In 2016, the band Coldplay began the encore of a headlining set at Glastonbury Festival with a sample of "Amazing Grace" sung by Barack Obama during his eulogy for Clementa Pinckney, one of nine Black Christians killed by a white supremacist in a church in Charleston. The British band pulled together many resonances of the song—cultural, political, and religious.

This is a hymn that has served as a first stuttering utterance of faith, as last words at death's door, and as a joyful benediction over festival revelers.

But why this hymn? There are others on the theme of grace, others that express deep theological truths, and even others that are as easy to sing. But "Amazing Grace" stands head and shoulders above any of them. It is, by far, the most popular and successful hymn of all time.

It would be impossible to say definitively why this hymn occupies this special space after 250 years, but I think it's because it speaks to so many situations. The hymn's many lives show us the power it has had to touch human experience and give people the words they needed. The legacy of the hymn is not in its brilliance — there are many "better" hymns, measured in technical terms—but because it does two things brilliantly.

First, the hymn unifies people. The truths of the words resonate across boundaries of time and culture. And second, the hymn allows the singer to tell their own story. "Amazing Grace" has stood the test of time because you and I can both find language that articulates our experience of life and faith.

Newton's genius lies not in his skill as a wordsmith, but in his pastoral ability to bring the truth of Scripture into people's hearts, lives, and mouths. And for 250 years, countless millions have joined this song, singing their own stories in unison.

The story of the hymn is as surprising as the story of its writer, Anglican evangelical clergyman and reformed slave trader John Newton.

Newton's life has been well documented: His mother died in his infancy, he later joined his father at sea, and he eventually became a slave trader. This profession was abhorrent even to many who had no ethical qualms about enslavement itself, and Newton was apparently so morally repugnant in this context that even his colleagues were appalled. He was eventually marooned in West Africa.

"I was in effect, though without the name, a Captive and a Slave myself," Newton later wrote, "and was depressed to the lowest degree of human wretchedness."

He was rescued from West Africa and headed home. On the voyage, his thoughts turned to his mother's faith during a violent storm. In the coming years, he embraced evangelical Christianity and was eventually appointed minister in Olney, Buckinghamshire. It was here that his friendship with William Cowper blossomed, and the pair began writing the hymns that would later become the Olney Hymnal.

Newton's evangelical Anglicanism embraced a good bit of Calvinist theology, but he also was grounded in practical and pastoral concerns. He described himself as being "more of a Calvinist than anything else," but qualified that by adding, "I use my Calvinism in my writing and preaching as I use sugar. I do not give it alone, and whole; but mixed and diluted."

Amazing Grace Lyrics

Verse 1

Amazing Grace how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.

Verse 2

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

Verse 3

Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

Verse 4

The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my Shield and Portion be,
As long as life endures.

Verse 5

Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
And mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess, within the veil,
A life of joy and peace.

Verse 6

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
The sun forbear to shine;
But God, Who called me here below,
Will be forever mine.

Verse 7

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

Out and About

Family Get Together

Fay and Daryl Atkins out enjoying lunch today with three of Daryl's cousins. Daryl and Fay's children, Mark and Leonie, were also at the lunch.



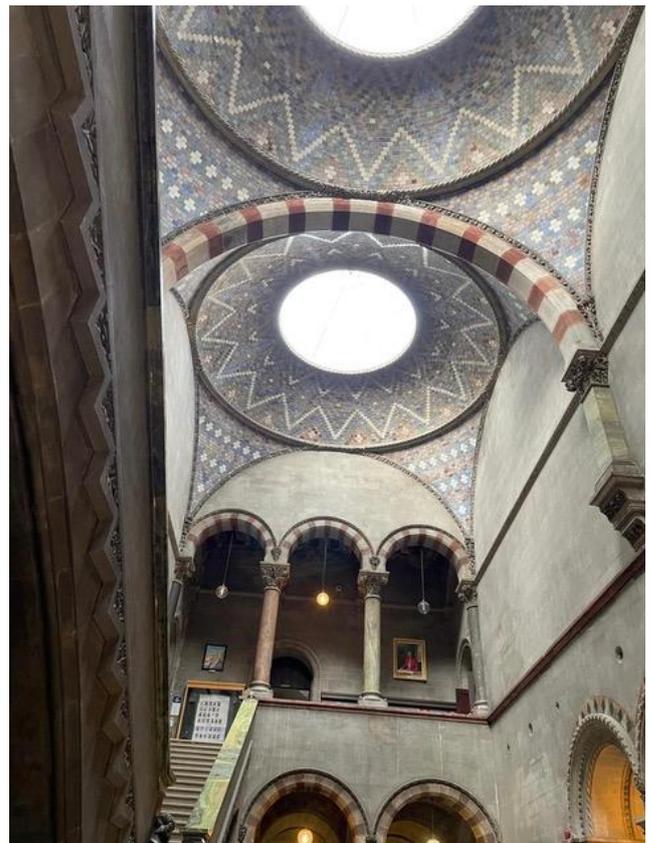
Men's Shed Awards

Two students from Shoalhaven High School received their awards at the Men's Shed last Tuesday. The students were Anabella and Jasmine and here they are with Andrew, Richard Wise and Peter Witton.



Janet and John's Adventures

From Janet's diary - John and Janet were shown around Trinity College, visited the Trinity Library and then went to a viewing of the Book of Kells. Some window shopping in Grafton Street followed by perusing great shops (especially book shops), buskers and crowds of people from many different countries enjoying the lovely weather added to the atmosphere.



Happy Birthday

- Janet Brentnall on 11th September
- David Foley on 17th September
- Una Barham on 18th September
- Bev Wilson on 21st 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

The Pressure of Competition

One of the saddest aspects of the lives of many students is that they always feel pressured. . . . The word “school”, which comes from schola (meaning “free time”), reminds us that schools were originally meant to interrupt a busy existence and create some space to contemplate the mysteries of life. Today they have become the arena for a hectic race to accomplish as much as possible, and to acquire in a short period the necessary things to survive the great battle of human life. Books written to be savoured slowly are read hastily to fulfill a requirement, paintings made to be seen with a contemplative eye are taken in as part of a necessary art appreciation course, and music composed to be enjoyed at leisure is listened to in order to identify a period or style. Thus, colleges and universities meant to be places for quiet learning have become places of fierce competition, in which the rewards go to those who produce the most and the best.

Henri J. M. Nouwen.

"When I tried to understand all this, it was oppressive to me till I entered the sanctuary of God; then I understood their final destiny." PSALM 73:16, 17 (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>

Argentina, Paraguay, Uruguay Intercessions, 18th September – 24th September

We are thankful for:

- individuals, churches and other organizations who remain committed to seeking healing, justice and truth,
- the furthering of human rights and democratic institutions,
- the ways in which those of different faiths and ethnicities are working together for the common good and for the needs of people and creation, and
- how churches, from out of what people are experiencing, have led global ecumenical work for an economy that serves life.

We pray for:

- greater respect for Indigenous people and greater acceptance of all peoples across bounds of ethnicity and religion,
- The protection of children from violence and abuse, and recognition of their rights and dignity,
- effective help and empowerment for those who live in poverty and other marginalizing situations,
- those who protect and care for the region's threatened soil, forests, waters, glaciers,
- truth and justice in continuing investigations to find those responsible for crimes against humanity, and continued healing for those affected, and
- economic development that benefits all and effectively addresses the systemic factors that impede it.

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, the Waminda Decolonisation workshops (open to the wider community) are now finalised. The two options are as previously mentioned, Wednesday 28 September or Wednesday 26 October. The details are in the Calendar Event Details section below. It is to be noted that places in each workshop are limited to 25 so those interested need to get in quick. Also, if anyone would like to go but needs some financial assistance then please contact either myself or Julie as some money is available to help.

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 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 the Main Hall with Tamie Harvie.

Wednesday 28th September: Waminda - Decolonisation Workshop. See [Calendar Event Details](#) further below for details.

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. See [Calendar Event Details](#) further below for details.

Monday 31st October 11am: Berry Parkinsons Support Group in the Main Hall with Tamie Harvie.

Calendar Event Details

Waminda - Decolonisation Workshop 1



Cultural Immersion & Decolonisation Workshops
Push Back Programs

HOSTED FOR THE COMMUNITY OF BERRY
WEDNESDAY 28 SEPTEMBER
THE BERRY COURTHOUSE, 9AM-5PM

PRESENTED BY
Waminda

supported by
WorkLife    

Event description

Cultural Immersions and Decolonisation workshops are truth telling shared through stories of local community. They invite you to see local history through an Aboriginal lens, on an intimate journey through true Australian history. Immersions focus on truth telling, and educating participants on First Nations' cultural norms and traditional practices, as well as challenging white privilege and outdated stereotypes around Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander lives pre-invasion.

Waminda's Workshops work to educate non-indigenous Australians on the systematic racism and colonial structures that affect the everyday lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, while addressing white privilege and fragility, and how non-indigenous Australians can develop the skills and insight to become culturally aware.

This is the first of two training opportunities being offered to the Berry Community with the support and encouragement of the following community organisations; WorkLife, The Uniting Church of Berry, The Berry Chamber of Commerce, The Berry Courthouse and The Berry Alliance.

The workshops are facilitated by Waminda. Many of the impacts of the colonial settlement of the south coast began in Berry and the landscape and built heritage of the area features strongly in the personal histories of presenters Cleone Wellington and Hayley Longbottom.

This powerful workshop is an important, challenging and confronting experience for attendees. It is also an invitation to individually and collectively reckon with Berry's past and become an imperfect ally to a just future for First Nations communities locally.

Location: Berry Courthouse, 58 Victoria St, Berry, NSW

Cost: \$280 (+ Humanitix Booking Fee)

To Book - online: <https://events.humanitix.com/cultural-immersions-berry>

To Book - in person (EFTPOS only): Only by appointment with Kate (0413 202 425) at Berry SocialLife 3/68 Albert St, Berry, NSW

Refund Policy: Refunds are available up to 1 day prior to the event

Dharawal Cultural Tour



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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 Aunty 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.

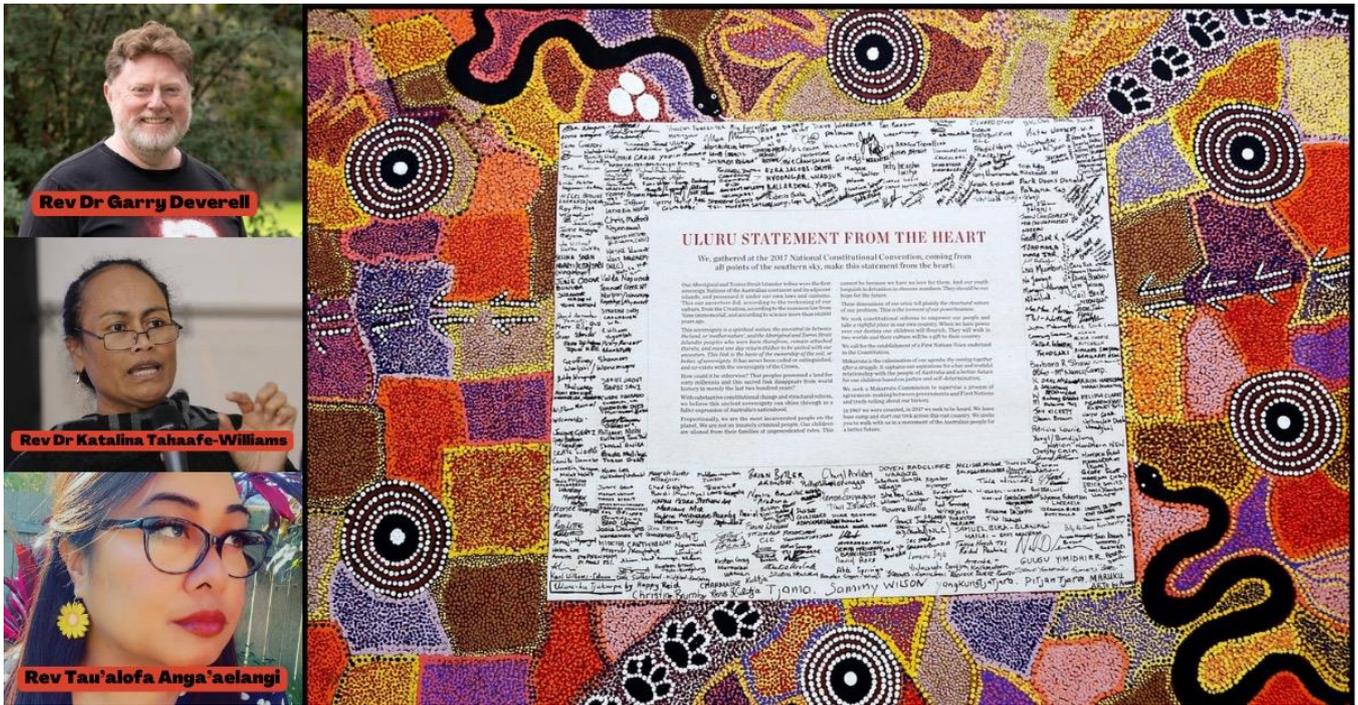
We hope you can join us for this very special day of cultural sharing and learning.

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

email to book a place - gadhungal.murring@outlook.com

(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

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 21st 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.



Faiths 4 Climate Justice 2022 Multi-faith service

Nowra Uniting Church
28 Berry St, Nowra
Thursday 13 October 10am



This multi-faith service supports the launch of an open letter, signed by senior faith leaders, that calls on the PM to end new coal and gas projects.

We invite people of all faiths or none to join us in solidarity with Pacific and First Nations peoples in their struggle for climate justice.



ARRCC

Australian Religious Response to Climate Change

Scan the QR code for more info



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

Register online at:

<http://jamberooabbey.org.au/retreats/online-retreats>

Waminda - Decolonisation Workshop 2



HOSTED FOR THE COMMUNITY OF BERRY

WEDNESDAY 26 OCTOBER

THE UNITING CHURCH BERRY, 9AM-5PM

PRESENTED BY

Waminda 



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church
in Australia,
Synod of NSW & ACT

WorkLife

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Cost: \$280 (+ Humanitix Booking Fee)

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To Book - in person (EFTPOS only): Only by appointment with Kate (0413 202 425) at Berry SocialLife 3/68 Albert St, Berry, NSW.

Refund Policy: Refunds are available up to 1 day prior to the event.

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

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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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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. Click on the picture link above for more info.

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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.