

Crows Nest Uniting Church

Keeping Connected

10 October 2021

Pentecost 20

*A welcoming, spirited community for
today*




Zoom Church at 10 am

Church Service via Zoom 10.00am Sunday 10 October

Join our services via Zoom by clicking:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/952541571?pwd=MFpWNDExel>

 [dma3NCczV2cGIWTkpGUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/952541571?pwd=MFpWNDExel), using the Meeting ID **zoom** (952 541 571) and Password (016529) if prompted. If you are unable to connect over the link above, you will be able to listen to the service by phone by dialling 02 8015 6011 and following the instructions.

Volunteers are always needed for the roster.

Please respond to this call (see Roster Schedule on page 3).

Lectionary Readings

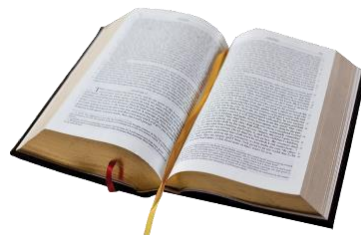
The readings for this week are:

Job 23:1-9,16-17

Psalm 22:1-15

Hebrews 4:12-16

Mark 10:17-31



Roster Schedule



10 October – Reader: Joanne Coleman, Prayer Leader: Anu Selvarajah

17 October – Reader: Pru Thomas, Prayer Leader: Bev Cameron

24 October – Reader: +1, Prayer Leader: +1

31 October – Reader: Cheryl Padmanathan, Prayer Leader: +1, Vestry
Prayer: Bev Cameron, Welcomer: Gill Glen, Counters: +2 & Flowers:
Lorna Bassett

Weekly Offering

With COVID-19 continuing to disrupt our normal church life, we suggest that your offering be made by way of direct transfer to the Church's bank account. The details are as follows:

Bank A/C Name: Crows Nest Uniting Church Giving Direct

BSB: 634 634

Account No.: 100031537

Pick up the phone



and make a call to someone who would appreciate a chat in this Covid lockdown.

Life and Witness (L&W) Consultation with Crows Nest Uniting Church Update #5

The L&W team of Lloyd Robinson (Lead) (Gordon/Pymble), Greg Jacobs (Forestville), Lynda Humphries (Turrumurra) will join our service and stay for a chat after service this Sunday, 10th October 2021.

Please do join our service and chat to hear from the L&W team, ask questions of the process and provide some insights of Crows Nest Uniting Church and its communities.

If you would like to see what has been provided to the L&W team, please scan through the documents in this link, [☐ Life and Witness Documents](#).

Since last week's update, those nominated to talk with the L&W team should have received an email to confirm meeting times. Your help in providing input to the process is very much valued.

Following these discussions, the L&W team will be reflecting on the documents provided and the information they have gathered during the various meetings.

Please feel free to contact Mahajan, Joanne, or Michael if you would like to learn more about this process, or if you have suggestions to help the process.

Return to on-site Church services

We plan a return to services in the church from **Sunday 31 October**. The Government expects NSW to have reached 80% vaccination before this date. Our services will also be available as usual on Zoom and on YouTube.

You will need to:

- use the QR code or have your details recorded before entry to the church.
- wear a mask in the church, except for children under 12 years.
- follow the 4 sqm rule for distancing which means we can have 43 people present.

We will not be able to sing and we will not have morning tea.

Once we get to December 1, the 2 sqm rule will apply, so 86 persons allowed in the church, singing will be allowed and we will have morning tea.

If you are not vaccinated, we would encourage you to arrange to have your jabs as soon as you are able to do so.

Pastoral Letter

Please find attached to this newsheet the pastoral letter from Rev Simon Hansford Moderator Uniting Church in Australia, Synod of NSW & ACT.

Advent Study Series by Dr Rev Clive Pearson

The Uniting Churches of Lower North Shore will be presenting study series on “Signs Of The Times: Christ & Climate”. These study series is led by Dr Rev Clive Pearson at Crows Nest Uniting or on Zoom and begins Thursday November 11 at 7.30 pm and continues each Thursday until December 2.

Please follow this link for study materials:

[Climate.pdf - Google Drive](#)

Book reviews

Educated by Tara Westover

This is a powerful memoir of a girl growing up in a Mormon family in rural Idaho, where schools and doctors were regarded as evil. The book tells of Tara’s struggle to maintain family ties, as she moves to Cambridge and Harvard in search of an education. Harrowing but beautifully written. **Gill Glen**

Catch and Kill: Lies, Spies, and a Conspiracy to Protect Predators by Ronan Farrow (non-fiction)

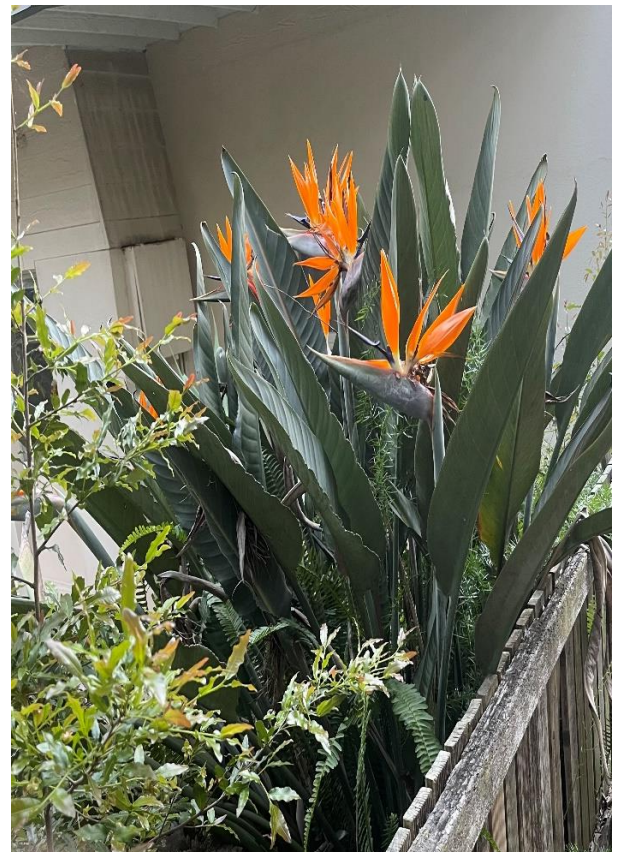
Investigative journalist Ronan Farrow (son of Mia) follows the story of a predator protected by his wealth and influence. Farrow faces intimidation, resistance (even from his own news organisation) and surveillance, as he pursues the truth about Harvey Weinstein. There are astounding revelations about spies and corruption, as well as courageous reporting and brave testimonies from the women affected. **Gill Glen**

With Love to the World

The WLTW for 16 August 2021 – 14 November 2021 are in the office. Please speak to Michael for delivery.

Arrival of Spring and Hope

Photos out and about to lift your spirit.



Anu Selvarajah – “Photos from my neighbour”

Worldwide prayer from the churches

Remember last's year's blessing song from the international church? This prayer seems to be a 2021 effort along a similar line. Thanks to Paul Howell who found it: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4d7w24403hw>

Uniting Church Synod 2021 Event

This service will be livestreamed on the official Uniting Church Synod of NSW and ACT Facebook page and the Synod's You Tube Channel and will be available on both these platforms after the event for on demand viewing:

Sunday 21 November

Christ the King Sunday "A Home in the Wilderness"

Parkes Welcome Uniting Church 7.30 pm

Link to Insights Magazine

Insights is the quarterly magazine of the NSW & ACT UCA Synod. The Spring edition has just been released and is attached here as a PDF.

Previous issues of the magazine can be found at <https://issuu.com/insightsmagazine>.



In this issue is a summary of the Synod 2021, entitled *Where the Wild God is*. The article outlines the key initiatives and responses the Synod will engage with over the next 18 months, as part of an ambitious agenda.

There is an introduction to the Moderator Elect, Rev Havea Hiliau who will serve as Moderator from 2023-2016. Rev Hiliau will be the Synod's first moderator from a Tongan background, and plans to be a courageous leader. After consideration in discernment groups and questions, the Synod has voted to accept a proposal to build a new Uniting Church school with an attached congregation in Western Sydney.

An article explores this exciting new direction. Rev Dr Mery Kolimon is now the Moderator of the Evangelical Church of Timor, leading a church deeply committed to helping transform every aspect of the society it serves. This article features Uniting World's initiatives beyond Australia and there are many other interesting

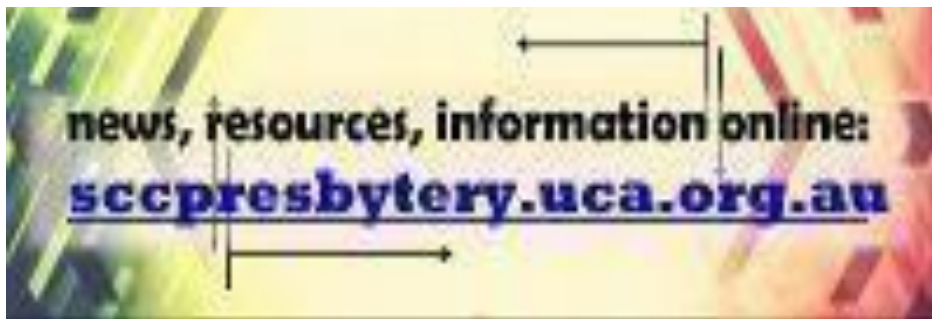
articles and activities and events advertised throughout this edition – Guy De Villiers.

Please follow the link for the newsletter:

<https://issuu.com/insightsmagazine>

Sydney Central Coast Presbytery Weekly News

<https://sydneycentralcoastpresbytery.uca.org.au/>



Please send items for this news sheet to Gaiklin before Thursday each week
**PLEASE MAKE CONTACT WITH ANY QUESTIONS YOU
MAY HAVE OR ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN FUTURE
EDITIONS OF 'KEEPING CONNECTED'**

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We worship and live on land that is sacred to and has been cared for by people of the Cammeraygal and Wallumedegal clans, part of the Kuring-Gai tribe. We pay our respects to their Elders past and present.

Spirited Community