



Crows Nest Uniting Church

Keeping Connected

12th September 2021
Pentecost 16



*A welcoming, spirited community for
today*

Church Service via Zoom at 10 am Zoom at 10 am

Church Service via Zoom 10.00am Sunday 12 September

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 (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:

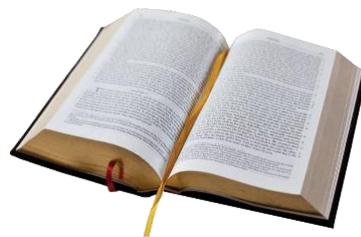
Proverbs 1:20-33 or

Wisdom of Solomon 7:26-8:1

Psalms 19

James 2:18-26

Mark 8:27-38



Roster Schedule



12 September – Reader: Joanne Coleman, Prayer Leader: Anu Selvarajah

19 September – Reader: Gill Glen, Prayer Leader: Lin Gourlay

26 September – Reader: Anu Selvarajah, Prayer Leader: Margaret Miller

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.

CNUC conversation and prayer

Reverend Michael Thomas invites you to join the mid-week zoom gathering on the following Thursdays at 8.00 pm:

September 16

September 23

September 30

This mid-week opportunity is for conversation and prayer about how this current lockdown is affecting us all, and the impact on our families and friends. Participants will have the opportunity to chat on what is happening and pray together. The plan is to meet for 30 minutes. Michael looks forward to your company.

Join Zoom Meeting <https://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/99472029289?pwd=NVByaVN3Y0dlZ1NmMGlTMXd6UmxxUT09>

With Love to the World

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

Arrival of Spring and Hope

Photos out and about to lift your spirit.



Spring flowers that Sara and Anu Selvarajah discovered on one of their walks - Azaleas, Jasmine and Camellia.



Book Reviews

As everyone has more time to read at present, we asked for some book reviews. Here are two, plus 1 podcast. We are very happy to receive more in coming weeks.

Gill and Lin

Love Objects by Emily Maguire (Allen and Unwin, Sydney 2021)

Maguire's novel is totally compelling. Set in the inner west of Sydney, it concerns the life patterns of many who live there. Maguire clearly did much research to make the book so credible. The story kept me enthralled with its description of two young people - Lena and Will - as they navigate the challenges of making something of their lives in very spartan circumstances. I became more aware of the way in which young people use their mobile phones, how central these little computers are in their owners' lives, and the terrible loss of privacy that can happen to those who are too trusting. Maguire's understanding of the influence of family backgrounds in shaping future personalities and characters is masterful. Petty jealousies, moments of delight, forgiveness, love, anger - everything is there. Also present is the impact of poverty; yet the love that withstands all strains made this story so worthwhile. Highly recommended. **Bev Cameron**

Cry, the beloved country by Alan Paton

Published in 1948, **Cry, the beloved country** is the story of a Zulu pastor from rural KwaZulu-Natal who searches for his son and sister in Johannesburg. Set against the backdrop of rising racial tensions (the book was first published in the year the National Party won office), the book delves into the themes of faith, justice and reconciliation. The novel is written in a way that evokes empathy in the reader, without being maudlin or hyperbolic. **Jamie Warren**

Podcast – American Elections: Wicked Game by Lindsay A. Graham tells the story of every single American Presidential Election from 1789 until 2020. Listening to Lindsay's narrative and re-enactments, one is struck by the parallels between previous elections and the recent election between Trump and Biden. **Jamie Warren**

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 Lower North Shore Zone Synod 2021 Events

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:

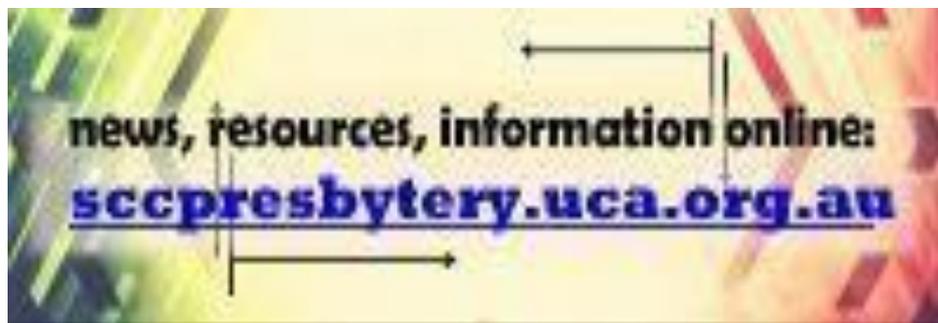
Sunday 21 November

Christ the King Sunday "A Home in the Wilderness"

Parkes Welcome Uniting Church 7.30 pm

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