

Crows Nest Uniting Church

*Keeping Connected*

Sunday 22 November 2020



## Welcome to this week's edition of *Keeping Connected*

**Church service 10.00am Sunday 22 November**

**Return to the Church building and Zoom Church**

**The Church is now open for services (providing there are no new NSW Department of Health notifications to the contrary).** We encourage you to come to the safe space. We just remind you of a few rules:

- please DO NOT come if you are feeling at all unwell
- use the hand sanitiser provided in the porch
- bring your mask and wear it
- sit on the crosses taped to the pews and do not remove them please
- do not sing

We will need more people to volunteer for the roster as we return to the building. So please respond to this call (see Roster Schedule on page 2).

Our service will continue to be available on Zoom each Sunday for those of you who do not feel you want to return to the Church at this time.

### **Zoom Service Details**

Join our Zoom services by clicking [here](#), 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.

**Email address – please note!!**

Our church office email address has changed to [office@crowsnestuniting.org.au](mailto:office@crowsnestuniting.org.au).

## Church website

It may be useful to be aware of how our website <http://crowstunited.org.au> is structured - the menu (which is on every page) is illustrated.

“Halls and Rooms” and “History” have sub-directories. The “Roster” has not been updated during the Covid19 protocols, but our email system has helped us deal with that - and maybe we won't need it on the website.

Any suggestions for the website are ALWAYS welcome.

Bruce Roy  
broy@bigpond.net.au

## Lectionary Readings



The readings for this week are:

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Psalm 100

Ephesians 1:15-23

Matthew 25:31-46

This Sunday **22 November** -Preacher and Leader: Rev Michael Thomas

Reader: Lin Gourlay, Prayer Leader: Bev Cameron, Vestry Prayer: Bev Cameron,

Welcomer: Judith Roberts, Counting Offering: Lorna Bassett & Emi Kubota,

Kids Alive: Deb Lee, Flowers: Lorna Bassett

## Roster Schedule

**29 November** - Reader: Julie Newton, Prayer Leader: Anu Selvarajah, Vestry Prayer: +1,  
Welcomer: Margaret Miller, Counting Offering: Lorna Bassett +1, Kids Alive:  
Deb Lee, Flowers: Lorna Bassett

**6 December** - Reader: +1, Communion Elder & Prayer Leader: Paul Howell, Vestry Prayer: Bev  
Cameron, Welcomer: Lin Gourlay, Counting Offering: +2, Kids Alive: Deb Lee,  
Flowers: Pru Thomas

## Advent Bible Studies with Clive Pearson

Please join us in the church (or on Zoom) for a Study Series about John's gospel on the following four Sundays from 4.00 pm - 6.00 pm:

Sunday 22 November “The Divine Emigrant” John 1-5

Sunday 29 November “The Sign” John 6-11

Sunday 6 December “The Farewell” John 12-17

Sunday 13 December “The Crucified and Risen One” John 18-21

## Annual Leave

Gaiklin Teh will be away on leave from Tuesday 24 November returning to the office on Tuesday 22 December. Please leave any messages on the phone answering machine and they will be dealt with ASAP.

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## Weekly Offertory

With COVID-19 disrupting our normal church life, it is suggested 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

## Annual Christmas Hamper Collection 2020

As in previous years, we will do our best to support the Crows Nest Community Centre's annual collection of suitable items for their Christmas Hampers. These shoe-box sized hampers are distributed to local residents in need – the frail aged, the mentally or physically disabled and certain others. The aim is to give them something festive at Christmas time to brighten often difficult lives. **Thus, goods (small sizes best) which are welcomed are as follow:**



- Small jars of coffee (100gms)
- Small boxes of teabags (boxes of 10)
- Chocolates (small packs or Santas)
- Sweet biscuits or shortbread
- Savoury biscuits or salty snacks
- Mini Christmas cakes
- Mini Christmas puddings
- Mince pies
- Jam, chutney or honey (small jars)
- Baubles and decorations

### **Please don't include:**

- Canned fruits and vegetables
- Canned tuna and salmon
- Pasta and pasta sauce

If donating goods proves to be an obstacle, cash donations are more than welcome. Gifts can be brought to the church, or to Bev Cameron if that is more convenient in these currently difficult times. Collection will be any time from **Sunday 1 November to Sunday 6 December**. Goods will be delivered to the Community Centre on the morning of Tuesday 8 December. Please direct any enquiries to Bev Cameron on 99575367 or 0437 414876 if you need further information.

## Christmas Bowl Appeal

Christmas Bowl began on Christmas Day 1949, when a minister named Rev Frank Byatt in Victoria placed a simple empty bowl on the table before him. He humbly asked his friends and family to contribute what they felt the cost of the meal had been. Rev Byatt asked that they consider their own good fortune in being able to share a Christmas meal together in comfort and safety. And he invited them to share God's blessings of love and friendship in the form of a gift to help people who had fled the horrors of World War Two and were suffering as refugees. This invitation to Australian Christians to stand by men, women and children living through conflict and displacement is, sadly, more important than ever. For the first time in history, there are nearly 60 million displaced people in the world who need our help. The Christmas Bowl appeal is our way of forging a loving connection between our Christian community here in Australia and people around the world who are experiencing dreadful hardship and suffering. We have recently received a Christmas Bowl Kit 2020. If anyone wish to coordinate Crows Nest UC's participation in the Christmas Bowl Appeal, please speak with Michael Thomas.

## Feet on the Organ pedals

The link below is to a duet on organ and piano by Jonathon and Tom Scott – fabulous artists. Just watch Jonathon's feet on the pedals – this is virtuoso pedal work!

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hAWLe7fOy-4&feature=emb\\_title](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hAWLe7fOy-4&feature=emb_title)

## Insights Spring 2020

The spring issue has arrived in the office. Copies will be available in the church foyer on 18 October, or please arrange with Lin to pick up a copy.

## With Love to the World

The WLTW for November 2020 – February 2021 have arrived in the office. Copies are available in the church foyer. Please speak to Michael for delivery.

## Further Reading

Rev John Squires:

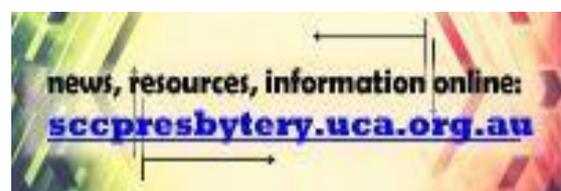
<https://johntsqires.com/>

The Christian Century:

[https://www.christiancentury.org/article/first-person/pandemic-calls-closed-hymnals?fbclid=IwAR0NF2biBGzRzg\\_w6nELemW7OhbCRlqOtwEwp8vM1x9jIvWIywCvKSI3IfU](https://www.christiancentury.org/article/first-person/pandemic-calls-closed-hymnals?fbclid=IwAR0NF2biBGzRzg_w6nELemW7OhbCRlqOtwEwp8vM1x9jIvWIywCvKSI3IfU)

## Sydney Central Coast Presbytery Weekly News

Here is a link to The Presbytery weekly news:



**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 Kuringgai tribe. We pay our respects to their Elders past and present.

**Spirited  
Community**