



RedcliffeUniting

Heart of the Peninsula

November 2023 Newsletter

Edition 54

When their buds burst open, you see for yourselves and know that summer is now near: in the same way, when you see these things happening, know that the Kingdom of God is near. Amen. I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Luke 21:29-33

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

Repair Cafe - 3rd Birthday

Sat 4 Nov - 10am

Congregational Meeting

Sun 12 Nov - 10:15am

CardiGras - Car Meet

Sat 18 Nov - 5pm

Hayley Kitchner Single Release

Fri 24 Nov - 7pm

Men's Breakfast Christmas Breakup

Sat 25 Nov - 7:15am

Repair Cafe

Sat 2 Dec - 7:30am

Jzone Breakup - Becky Closure of Ministry

Sun 3 Dec - 9am

Playgroup - Becky Thank you morning

Wed 6 Dec - 10:30am

Humpybong Carols

Wed 6 Dec - 6pm

Adult Fellowship Christmas Breakup

Thur 7 Dec - 11am

WEEKLY AND OTHER REGULAR EVENTS

Sun 8:00am Prayer - *Prayer Room*

Sun 9:00am Sunday Morning Worship - *with Jzone*

Sun 10:30am Hymn-Along (*4th Sun/month*)

Sun 5:30pm Sunday Night Community - *school term*

M-F 9:30am Playgroup - *school terms*

Mon 11:30am Ladies KYB Study - *Prayer Room*

Mon 6:30pm Redcliffe Explorers - *first Monday of month*

Tue 8:00am Parish Prayer - *during school term on Zoom*

Tue 2:00pm Memories for Posterity - *last Tuesday of month*

Wed 12noon A&R Quilters - *school terms*

Wed 6:00pm Women's Yarning Circle - *Dolphin Room*

Thu 9:30am Adult Fellowship - *first Thursday of month*

Fri 9:00am Intercessory Prayer - *school terms*

Fri 7:00pm Youth Group - *school terms*

Sat 7:30am Men's Breakfast - *2nd Saturday of month*

Sat 4:00pm Redcliffe Rumbles Car Meet [*3rd Sat month*]

BIBLE VERSES

Sunday Nov 5 Gen 28: 10-19, 1 Kings 19: 1-16

Sunday Nov 12 Luke 15: 11-32, Gen 3, Matt 26: 36-46

Sunday Nov 19 Ecc 1: 1-11, Matt 16: 21-27

Sunday Nov 26 1 Cor 15: 12-28

Re- Mission Statement

- Making Christ's Love and Joy *Irresistible*, by
- *Deepening* our Relationships with God and one another
- *Generously* Serving in God's work to those in need
- *Partnering* in life Transformation on the Peninsula and beyond



From the Pastor's Desk



Endings and Beginnings.

I feel like I'm always talking about endings and beginnings, and if we look at the cycle of life, there's no way around it. Life is full of endings and beginnings.

One of the difficulties of ministry is that you come to a community for a time. You come to serve, to fulfil a call, and then you wait for the call to something new.

Having both Becky and I in Ministry here, [and Jenny and Simon], we knew when the time came

for 'something new', the impact would be big. So, we're seeking to stagger that impact. Jenny has a job up North and will be leaving mid-January. We'll miss her music, drama, worship leadership, singing, and impact with the Youth. We'll say farewell to her in January.

Becky is stepping down from the role of Children & Family's Pastor at the end of the year, but she will remain a member of RUC. (You can read about her impact in this newsletter.) This move is to enable the congregation to fill this position for the future.

As for me, I'm seeking God, and asking, 'What now?'

In the midst of all this, my mum has been diagnosed with cancer, and the outlook isn't the best. Again, endings and beginnings.

With all these endings and beginnings knocking on our door, it seems to make sense to get good at them! We often react in typical ways to endings [and beginnings] with fear that causes fight, flight, freeze or flop!

Meryem Brown once encouraged us to 'float'. Like floating on water, we have to 'step away' from the fear and let something else embrace us [the water/God] and hold us up. Of course, you have to develop a deep trust in God and God's goodness to so surrender. I'm thinking that only comes when we comprehend the cross: God's surrender for us. The cross reveals God's love for us, and God's power to turn even the ultimate ending [death] into a wonderful new beginning [resurrection.]

That's what I'm seeking to hold on to during these times of transition.

Paul Clark

Youth & Community Chaplain

Last month, 360 leaders (lay and ordained) from across the Uniting Church in Queensland gathered together at our Alex Park campsite for our 37th Synod gathering. Since then, I have been reflecting on a number of themes that came out in a number of sessions throughout our four days together.

As we explored the overall theme of 'Renewal: Faith for a New Season', one of the recurring thoughts for me was around surrendering - surrendering ourselves and our plans to God.



Pastor Katie Iles joined the 37th Synod from South Australia's Journey Uniting Church for Sunday's bible study. Drawing from insights into the nature of renewal, Katie entertained with some stand-up comedy, and challenged the church through a biology lesson. As reported by the Synod Communications Unit, Katie observed that in the renewal of any given body, new growth, differentiation, and endings are three absolutely necessary and intertwined elements. Cells in the body need to pass away so that the body remains healthy and flourishing. "Part of renewal is understanding what necessary endings look like", she said, "so, if we want to renew the church, we need to look at what needs to grow, what needs to change, and what needs to die" so that the body of Christ can flourish. Katie's reflection on renewal was offered against the overarching question, drawn from Acts 13:36, of whether we are serving the purposes of God in our generation.

A further three thought-provoking ideas were around the process of cell differentiation being about the process of converting one cell type into another cell type (where a cell develops a more specialised form and function). How do we appreciate and respect the differences in the various parts of the church and even value the contribution that we each can offer?

Cell proliferation is the process of generating an increased number of cells through the division of a mother cell into two identical daughter cells. How are we helping to guide others to follow Jesus? How are we identifying and equipping others for leadership and service in ways that suit their unique gifts and interests? How are we increasing our culture of prayer, of discipleship, of mission?

Finally, the concept of apoptosis, which is the process of programmed cell death, where the body will rid itself of cells that have been damaged beyond repair or are surplus to what the body needs. If we are aligned with God for growing the Kingdom and God's church, then we need to continually consider what cells are damaged or no longer required. As a Church, what is it that we need to die to, to let go of, in order to allow for new growth and renewal?

May God guide us in our reflection, give us wisdom in our decision-making, and strengthen us to live more like Jesus, and help others to do likewise.

*Tim
Griggs*

renewal

FAITH FOR A NEW SEASON • SYNOD 37



The Synod gathered for a moving **Celebration of Ministries** service. A treasured part of each Synod, the celebration marked new ordinations, recent retirements of ordained ministers, and the passing of those ministers who have gone to be at peace with the Lord. Outgoing Moderator, Rev Andrew Gunton led the Celebration service, where we gave thanks for the gifts, service, and generosity of our recently retired ministers, of which included Rev Dr Helen Dick. We joyfully acknowledged the ordination of new ministers. Rev Talatonu recognised Rev Rebecca Bell, Rev Donna Muston, Rev Malia Ma'u, Rev Emma Nicholls, and Rev Garry Jennings. We also gave thanks for the lives, service and skills of those ministers who have passed away during this term of Synod, including Rev Clive George.



Albert St Uniting Church was packed to the rafters to celebrate the commencement of the Synod, with the induction of Rev Bruce Moore as its new **Moderator**. Members of the 37th Synod were joined by the wider church community, by special guests, and by the friends and family of Bruce.

Following roles in youth ministry, congregational contexts, and community service, Bruce has recently served as Director of Mission for UnitingCare Queensland. Synod Communications Unit writes how Rev Moore reminded the church of its foundational commitment to seek continuing renewal, and declares "we have to know where we are and where we are going." Describing the process and purpose of renewal as being fixed to our true north, Rev Moore called the church to a movement of prayer, quoting DL Moody in saying, "Every great movement of God can be traced back to a kneeling figure" and Matthew 5:1-16 with Jesus' call for the church to be salt and light to a world in need of both.



Rev Dr Adam McIntosh has been affirmed as the new **General Secretary** for the Synod of Queensland. Rev McIntosh has most recently served as Associate Director of Mission with UnitingCare Queensland, after earlier terms of service in presbytery and congregational contexts in Victoria. Adam brings a depth of commitment to the Uniting Church matched only by the breadth of his professional experience both within and outside the Church. Adam's character, creativity, competence, commitment, and capacity were affirmed by the Church.

Adam said, "Despite these interesting times, I'm feeling hopeful. Hopeful and trusting in the Spirit's renewing power. God has not left us. Whatever shape we are moulded into, I have confidence we will not only endure through this moment of history but flourish as we attend to the sometimes gentle and sometimes loud voice of Christ awakening, renewing, and addressing us as God's people. May the flame of hope of the gospel encourage us, transform us, and propel us forward to a daring faith for this new season."



renewal

FAITH FOR A NEW SEASON ▪ SYNOD 37



Our times of **praise and worship** surrounded our meeting, with the Newlife Brisbane team leading us in passionate Spirit-led singing and prayer.

Bruce started our meeting declaring that *"God wants you to be here, we are called together because in the Christian life we are not called to be solo pilots."* He went on to call the Synod to a rich experience of relationship and community this week, asking the Synod to bring a posture of surrender to God and mutual surrender to one another. Bruce finished our meeting asking, *"Are you open to where the Spirit might be leading?"* he asked, *"where the Spirit might lead us as a church in this coming season?"*

Dr Stanley Grant, journalist, author, philosopher, thinker and filmmaker, brought the **2023 Norman and Mary Millar Lecture**, drawing on the words of Christ in his most alone moment: "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" (Matt 27:46), reminding us that even in the darkest moments, there is hope. Hope is what holds us, even in the darkness, even in the deepest lament. And lament, Dr Grant reminded us, is a powerful and necessary emotion that our modern world often rushes past, to its detriment. In a Norman and Mary Millar Lecture worthy of the now 20-year history of the series, Dr Grant left the 37th Synod with permission to lament, permission to feel and express sadness, and with permission to grieve deeply the perception of God's absence. He also left the Synod with the sense of deep joy that in these dark and difficult moments, hope in Christ remains.

The lecture drew to a close with a panel exploring many of the themes Dr Grant raised. Thanks to Rev Roberta Stanley, Kym Korbe, Kim Harrison, Rev Esteban Lievano, Rev Noah Kim and Dr Stanley Grant.



In our first **Bible Study**, Pastor Katie Iles reflected on the nature of renewal through the lense of biological cell health and vitality. Drawing on arresting imagery of a tree planted by the water (Jeremiah 17:5-8), Pastor Mandy Smith led the Synod in a deep and at times challenging reflection on what it means to live and depend wholly on God.

Dr Paul Jones challenged the Church to prioritise the very basic practices of discipleship: *"There will be no renewal in the church until we get this right. God has chosen to collaborate with us to be the church to the world. Find someone who might be a part of the body that you can nurture, support, and encourage. Talk about their passions, explore their spiritual gifts, and then give them an opportunity. This is discipleship, the main thing the church needs."*

Drawing on First Nations wisdom and practice, **Yarning Circles** were used in place of the regular small group program at this Synod. Members used the ancient practice to discuss, explore and discern together.



Celebrating Becky's Ministry

Becky began as the RUC playgroup coordinator back in 2012 - at just four hours a week overseeing one morning of playgroup. She also volunteered to revitalise our Sunday School program, launching Jzone and Little Owls with a whole lot of volunteers from the congregation.

Playgroup became two days the next year, two days plus RnB music [with Rebecca Kikkert] the year after that, and then five days the year after that - with huge support, again from volunteers at RUC!



Becky also coordinated Jzone for most of that time, and other additions like a dance group, drama group, Families at Five (5pm) for a number of years, Day Camp, parenting Breakfasts, cooking classes, Harmony week events, parenting courses, parenting self-care, child safety training [for the Peninsula], Youth Group, leading worship, and numerous other events and programs. And who could forget the chickens!







Becky has been a passionate advocate for children in our community and families, and has recruited, encouraged and empowered more volunteers than any other area of the church. She loves all those who have served in some way over that time! It makes it special. Like Judy Elledge, Becky will be remembered for generations for her work with children in these parts.

We are celebrating Becky's ministry with us a few times in the coming months - and encourage you to be part of that!





Celebrating Becky's Time at Playgroup

All are invited

10:30am Wed 6 December

Playgroup 'Farewell'

Invitation to all who have ever been involved
with Playgroup in Becky's time

To contribute towards a gift,
please use the QR code:



Your are invited to join us for the
Jzone & Little Owls
Christmas Service
and
Becky's Closure of
Ministry

9am Sunday 3rd Dec
Followed by a special
Morning Tea

The kids will be involved in songs, drama,
dance, prizes, prayers and bible readings.

To contribute towards a gift,
please use the QR code:



In loving

MEMORY

We have recently lost three treasured members of RUC.



Elma Trott



Rudolph Koets



Peg Morgan

Jesus said; I am the resurrection and the life;
those who believe in me, though they die, yet shall they live;
and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.

John 11:25-26



White Sunday Service
15 October 2023



Bunnings BBQ
21 October 2023

The Bunnings BBQ raised \$2,200 for the work of the Church



37th Synod
15 October 2023

Photo Walls



Youth Combine
27 October 2023



Moreton Bay Says No To Violence march
20 October 2023



Adam's UnitingCare Concluding Service
31 October 2023



*The Cancer Lunch raised
\$1,241 to fight cancer*



Cancer Lunch
20 October 2023



*The RI dinner raised
almost \$20k for RI in Qld*



RI Dinner
16 October 2023



Outback BBQ
29 October 2023

*The Outback BBQ raised over
\$600 for Frontier Services*



Repair Cafe
20 October 2023



Men's Breakfast
16 October 2023



Adult Fellowship
2 Nov 2023



2023 COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Non-Perishable Food

- Tinned Stews
 - Tinned Soups
 - Tinned Meat
 - Tinned Fish
 - Tinned Vegetables
 - Tinned Fruit
 - Pasta & Rice
 - Pasta Sauce
 - Pasta Meal Mixes (dry)
 - UHT Milk
 - Long-life Custard
 - Cereal
 - Spreads (Jam, Vegemite, Peanut Butter, etc...)
 - Pancake Mix or Cake Mix
 - Jellies
 - Juice (1Lt Cartons)
 - Cordial
 - Soft Drinks
 - Biscuits
 - Nuts, Lollies, Chips
- Please no chocolate due to storage issues

Christmas Items

- Mince Pies, Puddings, Cakes, Lollies
- Wrapping Paper & Decorations

Toys

Girls & Boys (from Babies to Teenagers)

Suggestions:

- Lego (for 8yrs and up)
- DIY kits and craft kits
- Board games, puzzle games (8yrs+)
- Escape Room board games
- Outdoor items (balls, scooters,...)

Deliver donations before **Wednesday 13 December** to;

The Breakfast Club (34 Cornelius St, Clontarf) on Tuesday's and Thursday's 9am to 1:30pm Ph: 0467 811 380
The Salvation Army (64-72 Ashmole Road, Kippa Ring) on Tuesday's and Friday's 9am to 12pm Ph: 3880 1111



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KEY DATES FOR VOLUNTEERS:

HAMPER PACKING DAY - 15 DECEMBER

DISTRIBUTION DAYS - 18 & 19 DECEMBER

MORE INFO:

REDCLIFFE CARE NETWORK FACEBOOK PAGE

MICHELLE - 0467 811 380

TIM - 0417 706 304



\$30 DONATION PROVIDES



\$40 DONATION PROVIDES



\$50 DONATION PROVIDES



Redcliffe Community
Care Network

2023 COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS APPEAL FOR FINANCIAL DONATIONS

Name: The Breakfast Club Redcliffe

BSB: 633-000

Account No.: 158906867



Recently I came across the Hebrew word Hineni: meaning “Here I am.” In a wholistic and spiritual sense: available, fully ready for a higher purpose, surrendered and submitted to you and for you to use, Lord.

Something people like Samuel and Isaiah said to the Lord. “Here I am. Send me, use me, I am available to you.” (Though I am weak and afraid and inadequate is also a

very real and common accompanying feeling).

Sometimes we might forget we are saying such a thing to our Lord God, who revealed Himself as Jehovah, I AM, Yaweh. Meaning I am for you and available to you as I send you. Later again revealed in Jesus as Immanuel, the God who is with us. And later still as the Holy Spirit who is in you. He is God, His Son is with us and His Spirit is in us who believe. This is the God of the universe, who created all things, who knows us intimately, who has a plan and a purpose for us, talking here. Essentially, He has our back.

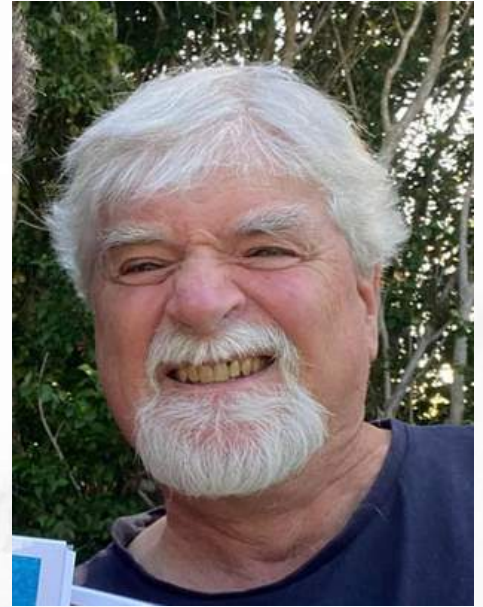
Saying “here I am” means letting go of my plans and desires and switching to God’s. It means submission and surrender of my will, my capacities, my strengths for Him. Including submission and surrender of my weaknesses and fears. For His plans and desires are always higher and wiser than ours, and always much more eternally useful than ours. Under the shadow of His wings, in our weakness but His strength, and indeed with those He gives us to travel such a road together, all give us strength to complete the good works He had prepared for us to do.

Is the Christian life with no such ‘God Gap’, no stepping out on the water, no being able to do something only because He helped you, no ‘Here I Am’ moments, really a Christian life at all?

It is scary for sure. We can all testify to that. Yet isn’t it always when we look back on life’s greatest achievements, that it was precisely at these moments, when apart from Him it was impossible? It was with Him we achieved immeasurably more than we could ever imagine, exactly because of His great power at work within us: the fruit of faith as we stepped out in His company.

Stepping onto that swirling stormy water also takes trust. Trusting that He who is inviting us is doing so even more for our own good than the job He is calling us to. But as we do this in almost blind faith and trust, it also builds trust in He who will always hold our feet above the waves.

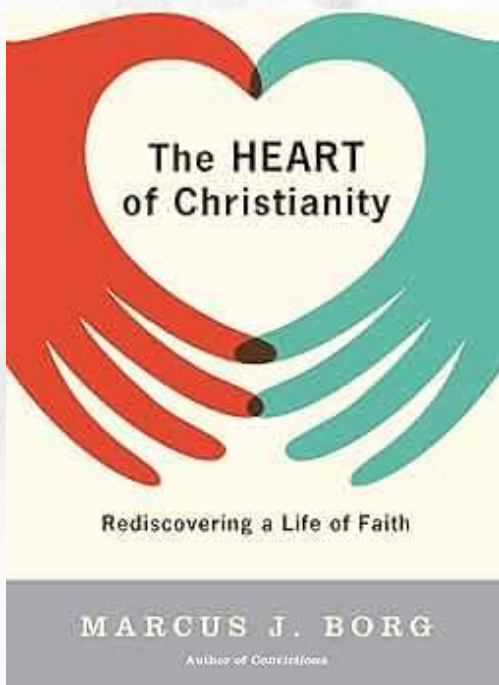
Be blessed, bearing eternal fruit, as you take such steps in these days. Those steps where He is inviting you forwards, where you just can't do it alone, and need help – both His and that of others, to succeed. In this God Gap, whatever it is, may Jehovah, I AM, Yaweh, Jesus, Immanuel and the Spirit be near you, beside you, inside you, with you, and in your accompanying friends, all the way! And may He take you to where He wants, as you hesitantly say Hineni, "Here I am," and with joy and delight in His eyes He says to you: "Come, beloved child."



David Nikles Oct 2023

Explorers Group

Monday 6 November
6:30pm Ocean Room, Redcliffe Uniting
Coffee & Conversation
Cost - Gold Coin Donation



Discussing Chapter 4 of Marcus Borg's book
'The Heart of Christianity: rediscovering a life
of faith.'

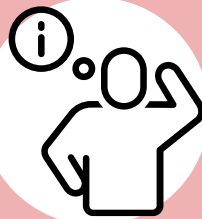
All are welcome and are encouraged to
participate in a serious, respectful and
stimulating conversation where all points of
view are tolerated.

Current Preaching Series

4 THE FOUR GIVENs



- 4. Mortality**
26 November



- 3. Meaning**
19 November



- 2. Autonomy**
12 November



- 1. Loneliness**
5 November

SOUND TRAINING

We're running a training session on the Sound Desk & Live Stream on Sat 11th December at 9am [before the RSL Remembrance Service at 10:45am.] If you are interested on being on the team, let Paul know. See you then!

DIRECTORY UPDATE

We're working on bringing out a new Directory in 2024. If you have changed your details, please let us know via email [info@redcliffeuniting.com.au] or fill in the form in the foyer. If you are new and want to be in the directory, send an email or fill in the form. This will also add you to our Friday email list.

THANK YOU WORKING BEE

A big **THANK YOU** to all the volunteers who wrestled the nut grass and other jobs for us at the recent working bee! Wonderful stuff! If you are looking for some relaxing time 'in the cool of the evening' in our Eden Gardens, we would love to hear from you. *Fiona*

VOLUNTEERS

Please see our 'Community Christmas Events' page. There are quite a few different days / positions needing to be filled. 'Many hands make light work', and you'll always meet some amazing people.



REDCLIFFE MEN'S SHED

OBSERVATION

Car Rally

**12
NOVEMBER
2023**

**11AM
START
\$30 PER
CAR**



UnitingCare

CHRISTMAS APPEAL FOR

Kids in Care

REGISTER VIA QR CODE

BBQ Lunch & Barista Coffee available for purchase.

Kids Activity: Horse feeding and patting.

Free Entry to Car Display.

Total Rally Prize Money \$700. Monster Raffle.

AT REDCLIFFE SHOWGROUNDS

Scarborough Road, Redcliffe

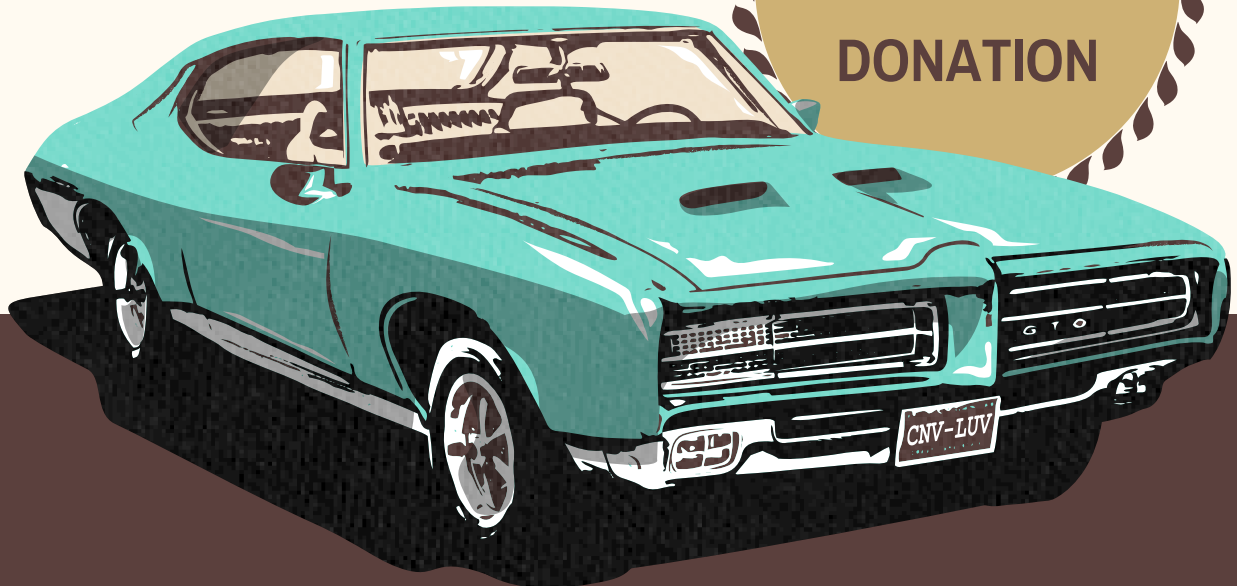




REDCLIFFE RUMBLES CAR MEET

- ◆ 18th November
- ◆ 5pm - 7pm
- ◆ 1 Richens St, Redcliffe

ENTRY BY
GOLD COIN
DONATION



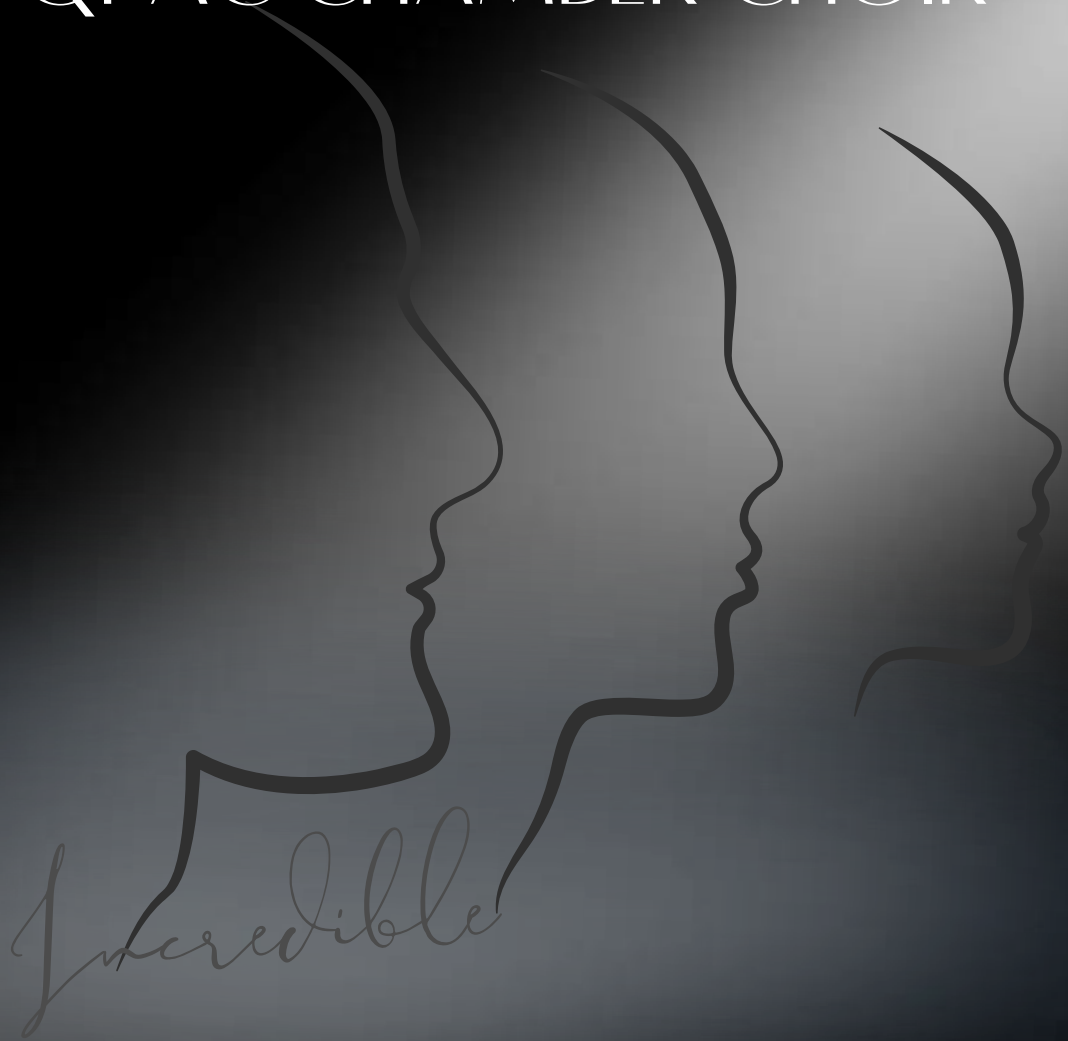
**REGISTER YOUR CAR
VIA THE QR CODE**

- ★ 60 Car Spaces ★ Trophies
- ★ Stall Enquires Welcome
- ★ Regular Meet 3rd Sat Month ★



RedcliffeUniting
Community Hub

An Evening With
HAYLEY
& THE QPAC CHAMBER CHOIR



For more info
and updates



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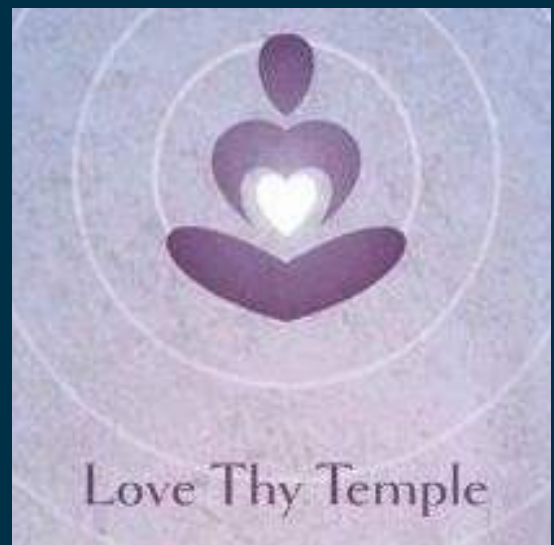
24th November
7PM - 9PM

The Hub, 1 Richens Street
Redcliffe 4020

Love Thy Temple & Superior Soda

Everything in nature breaks down with acid. Acid is what turns your pool green, what kills plants, and what destroys your fish tank and kills the fish.

Your body is no different. Unfortunately, many people don't actually know the difference between pH and alkalinity. Join Love Thy Temple and Superior Soda in this event, where we'll come together to share this valuable information, helping you to understand how these scientific principles impact upon all of us.



Monday 20 November.

Doors open from 6pm for a 6.30pm start.



Redcliffe Uniting Community Hub - 1 Richens street - The Ocean Room



free



0405 313 485



info@lovethytemple.com



Hayley Lingard



www.instagram.com/love_thy_temple_/



www.facebook.com/lovethytempleaustralia/



www.lovethytemple.com.au

MEN'S BREAKFAST CHRISTMAS BREAK UP

Sat 25th Nov | 7:15am | RSVP 23/10/2023

\$5 (special price, cash only)



Dress (opt): loud shirts, boardies, sunnies, thongs, etc.

Sign on sheet is in the Church Foyer OR

txt Chris R: 0434 550 993 with name &

'men's breakfast' OR ring/email church office.



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1 Richens Street, Redcliffe
(07 3283 4066)



Meet up

Multiculturally Unique Mothers

Are you a mum or carer born outside Australia? Come and connect.

The MUMs group is a safe space where mums can make friends and learn about supports.

Join us Monday mornings in school term 4, 2023.
Free, with morning tea.

Mums with children under 12 years.
Preschool children are welcome.



WHERE: Yourtown, 219 Deception Bay Road, Deception Bay

WHEN: Monday October 9 to November 27, 2023

9:30am - 11:30am

register: wellbeing@cada.org.au or
07 5407 0217



WOMEN'S Wellbeing HUB
MORETON BAY

yourtown



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MUM - Coming to Redcliffe Uniting in 2024!

ADULT FELLOWSHIP

07/12 Christmas break-up lunch in the Ocean Room. This will be a 2 course meal, consisting of chicken/ham, salads and dinner role and 2 selections of dessert. We will begin at 10am allowing time for jokes, birthday cards and carol singing, before lunch is delivered at 11.30am. \$25.00 a head this year.

01/02 01/2/2024 – 9.30am for our AGM and a
2024 special morning tea to follow. Membership of \$5 is usually paid at this meeting. Any small profit made during each year is distributed to UCA service organizations.

THE PROGRAMME MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGES.

YOU ARE INVITED TO
JOIN THE RUC CHOIR TO
Sing at the Humpybong SS

CHRISTMAS CAROLS



Langdon Park

Traditional Carols

Practice will be 7pm
Tuesday 5th Dec. Let
Becky know

fa la la la





**1st Saturday
of each month
7.30am
Town Square**



**Use this QR code to
book your repair via
the Repair Cafe
facebook page**



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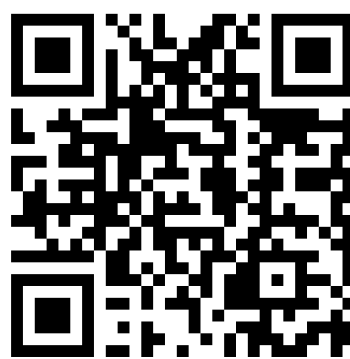
1 Richens St, Redcliffe



Christmas Cooking Workshop

Join us in making a
variety of Christmas
Truffles!

For families and all ages!



Cost \$15 per person
or \$40 per family
(includes Morning Tea)

1 Richens St Redcliffe

DECEMBER **13** AT 10 AM



Community Christmas Events

Humpybong State School Carols

Wed 6 Dec 5pm Langdon Park Margate
Join a small choir - see notice elsewhere



UnitingCare's Carers BBQ Christmas Lunch

Monday 11 December (12-2pm)

Looking for 2 people to help with the BBQ
Contact Tim to express an interest in helping.

DOCS Christmas Party

Thursday 14 December (12-4pm)

Looking for people to cook/prepare food and 2-4 people to serve food
Contact Tim to express an interest in helping.



Redcliffe Community Christmas Appeal

Inviting people to donate food, toys, finances (until 13 Dec)

Inviting people to help pack hampers (15 Dec)

Inviting people to help distribute hampers (18-19 Dec)

Contact Tim (Uniting Church) or Michelle (Breakfast Club) on 0467 811 380 for more info.

Redcliffe Peninsula Community Christmas Carols

Sunday 3 Dec (4-8pm) at Nathan Rd Sports Complex, Rothwell

Interactive Nativity Stall and Mums and Bubs Stall

Looking for gift bag packers (Friday 24 Nov, 9am)

Looking for teams on 3 Dec (4-5 set-up, 8 on roster)

Set up is 2pm-4pm and pack down 8pm-9:30pm

Contact Carol James - 0401 346 005 for more info.

Sign-up sheet in Church foyer.



Community Christmas Day Lunch

Monday 25 December (12:00-1:30pm)

Looking for volunteer teams
(Set-up, pack-up, kitchen clean-up, welcomers, table hosts)

Contact Paul Clark for more information.

Congregational Meeting

Sunday 12 Nov, after worship.

We will be looking at the 2021-22 [18 Months] audited accounts and 2023/24 Budget - links were sent in the Friday email for these documents. See the Finance Page for a 'year so far' update compared to Budget. We will also be voting for 2023 leaders...

Nominations for Church Council

- Janelle Collins [new]
- Peter Weston [continue]
- Julie O'Halloran [continue]

- Margurita Carthouser
[Concluding her term]

Continuing...

- John James [chair]
- David Clark [sec]
- Milly Macpherson [finance]
- Chris Rattray
- Tim Griggs [ex officio]
- Paul Clark [ex officio]



We are creating a children and youth advisory body called 'Junior Council'.

Open to anyone under the age of 18 years, this monthly Zoom meeting will discuss various matters of Church life, and offer their thoughts to Church Council.

For more information or to receive the Zoom link, please contact Tim on 0417 706 304 or youth@redcliffeuniting.com

We encourage *everyone* to stay and attend the congregational meeting - we want your voice to shape the future! Technically only members can vote during the meeting. If you are in our digital directory [ie receive our Friday email], we consider you a member! To sign up for the directory, fill in the form in the foyer.

Finance Update

Below is a comparison of the July-Oct actual accounts, and an extrapolation for the year - compared to the 2023-24 conservative Budget. [as available in the Friday e-mail.]

REDCLIFFE UNITING CHURCH Budget - Year Ending 30 June 2024

	Budget YE 30 June 2024		
	July-Oct \$	Extrapolated [x3] \$	Budget \$
Income			
Offerings	68,682	206,046	204,000
Donations	1,283	3,849	20,000
Missions Giving	70	210	10,750
Youth & Children's Income	5,562	16,686	16,300
Ministries Income	775	2,325	1,500
Catering	91	273	1,000
Uniting Care Manse Allowance	4,045	12,135	9,500
Church Venue Hire	47,225	141,675	96,000
Church Cleaning	250	750	2,700
Hub Rental-Gross	69,403	208,209	234,001
Hub Rent-Incentives	-	-	-
Hub Outgoings	14,637	43,911	41,745
HUB Cleaning Income	2,368	7,104	4,500
Hub Sessional & Meeting Rooms	11,630	34,890	15,000
Fundraising Income	2,348	7,044	5,000
Interest Received	73	219	25
Misc Operating Income	- 302 -	906	100
Total Income	228,140	684,420	662,121
Expenses			
Ministerial Stipends	63,957	191,871	185,078
Salaries and Wages	88,005	264,015	238,645
Mission and Service Fund	10,358	31,074	43,000
Redress	2,057	2,057	1,750
Mission-External Expenses	7,000	7,000	14,000
Mission-Internal Expenses	-	-	1,500
Worship Team	184	552	1,900
Youth and Children's Expenses	1,666	4,998	9,250
Pastoral Care Team Expenses	303	909	500
Ministries Expenses	535	1,605	3,500
Office/Administration Expenses	5,164	15,492	17,900
Property Expenses	7,864	23,592	42,500
Fundraising Expenses	1,709	5,127	1,000
Community Hub Expenses	-	-	-
Community Hub Outgoing Expenses	13,418	40,254	63,698
Community Hub Operational Expenses	8,779	26,337	27,340
Community Hub Interest Expense	42,238	126,714	116,818
Total Expenses	253,237	741,597	768,379
Deficit	(25,097)	(57,177)	(106,258)

If you have looked at the 2023-24 conservative Budget - we budgeted for a deficit of \$106,258. Obviously this is not a viable situation moving forward.

Our options were to increase our income, **and** reduce our expenses - and the 'alternative growth budget' that was also in the Budget document on the Friday email suggested income growth areas, and expense cuts, to get us to a manageable financial situation.

If we now look at the **actual** July-Oct figures for 2023, and extrapolate that for a full year, we can see **good news!** Our deficit has been potentially halved for the 2023/24 year. God has done an amazing job growing income through us...

Firstly - our **offerings** are up 5% on last year. Thank you - this is great! Our real challenge is to increase our offerings by 20% over the next 18 months, as we want our offerings to cover our staff wages for the Church. Pray about your giving, and invite your friends and neighbours to be part of this wonderful church.

Secondly - our Church spaces [auditorium/hall/Ocean/Dolphin/Beach Room] hire has increased significantly! It has more than doubled! This reflects how significant our venue is becoming in the community - which is a fulfilment of our vision! We need to keep this up; continuing our welcoming/partnering culture! It reflects life changing mission.

Thirdly - the Sessional Rooms are being hired more, and there is more potential here. So great work Fiona and team, and tell your friends about them!

We still have the Cafe to hire, but the HUB is getting close to operating near capacity. Future growth is about growing out church population and giving.

On the **expenses** side we are meeting with Synod this week to discuss a proposal to half our interest payments by transferring the value of the residual land on Williams St to the Synod. It **might** be up for discussion at the Congregational Meeting next Sunday if we get the details complete in time.

The finance team see this as the best way to deal with our financial issues, and empower us into the future, while keeping the ability to do something with that land into the future.

So, lots of significant things to get your head around here. Thank God we have a wonderful finance team, the backing of Synod, and a God who works through all things to achieve his plans.

Other Finance Information...

Wine Bottles - can now be added to our 'Cash for Cans' bins, even if they don't yet have the '10cents' label on them. So far this year we have raised \$564.90 through our recycling of glass bottles and cans! Thank you Graham Olling for all your behind the work, work on this!

Bequest

Just this week we received a \$5,000 bequest from the estate of the late Tig Paris. These are always such a blessing and encouragement to us as a community. Have you written a bequest to Redcliffe Uniting church into your will? Would you like information on how to do this? These God-moved gifts has enabled us to do amazing things and we remember the folks with gratitude.

Treasurer

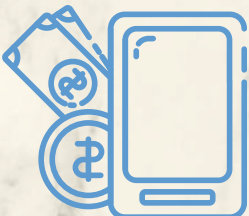
While we have an amazing finance team - we don't have a treasurer. We employ a book-keeper, so the job doesn't involve a heap of work, but it does need someone who is quite financially competent and capable. At the moment our Senior Minister is doing too much of this job - ie this report and much of the thinking/work behind it [Jeff Clark did the number crunching for the budget.]

If God is moving in your heart - talk to Paul or someone on the finance team on what is involved. A significant role in empowering the church and God's mission.

Digital Giving

Have you set up your giving yet? As you can see from the Budget, we heavily rely on people's giving for our survival. We don't receive money from the Govt or Synod, it all comes from God through his people. Thanks for your contributions.

Here are our account details for Direct / Online Giving:



Account name: UCA - Redcliffe Parish

BSB: 014-010 Account No: 191632958

Reference: [Offering]

Thank you, as ever, for your Faithful Giving

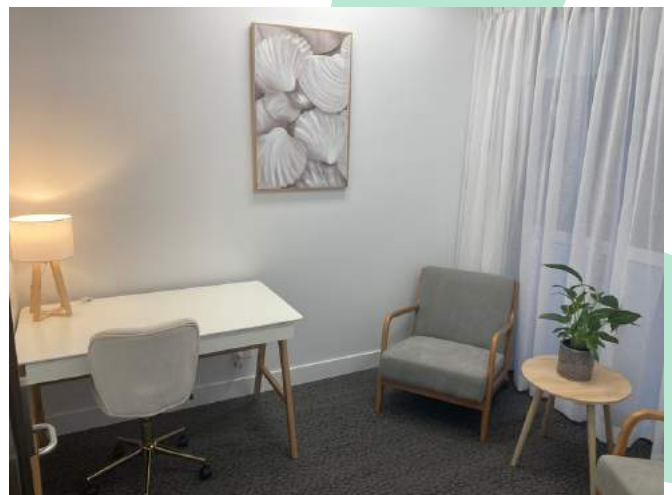
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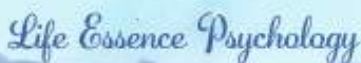


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Community Hub Schedule

Monday

Playgroup

9:30-11:30am

KYB Women's Group*

11:30am-1:30pm

Eden Dementia Social Group

8am-4pm

Tuesday

Playgroup

9:30-11:30am

Eden Dementia Social Group

8am-4pm

Wednesday

Playgroup

9:30-11:30am

Quilters

12-3pm

ATSI Women's Yarning Circle

6pm-8pm

Thursday

Playgroup

9:30-11:30am

Adult Fellowship*

1st Thurs/month 9:30am

Weight Watchers

6-7pm

Friday

Playgroup

9:30-11:30am

Youth Group*

7-9pm

Saturday

Repair Cafe

1st Sat/month 7:30am-12pm

Men's Breakfast

2nd Sat/every 2nd month

7:15am-9:15am

Cardigras - Car Show

3rd Sat/month

Sunday

RUC Service*

9:00-11:00am

Hymn-a-long*

Every 4th Sun/month

True Vine

Samoan Service*

11:30-1:30pm

Evening Community*

5:30pm-7pm

Please pray

Our World - Israel & Palestine, Global Climate, Bush Fires, Youth Crime, China, War in Ukraine-Russia, Inflation pressure, Housing and Homeless crisis, Cost of living pressures. From 5-12 Nov, the Global Church is invited to pray for our brothers and sisters who experience persecution for their faith. 1 in 7 Christians around the world are persecuted!

Our people-

Val Evans, Peg Morgan's family, Kerri-Anne Dooley, Judy Clark, Ko Irvine, Eva Brown, Elma Trott's family, Margaret Trial, John & Clare Glover, Sharaga family, Jim Bindon, Lola Sova, Sandra Watt, Gay & Neil Johnstone, Vera Fiddymment.

Overseas friends -

Kirsten (safe); David & Suzanne (Thailand), Rev Eric & Ruth Lawson (Ireland).

God's Church - Building leaders and teams, discerning God's Spirit for the Vision, Mission & Values Renewal, Congregational meeting, Church Council and upcoming election of 2024 leaders, future Children & Families role.

Hub Mission - New Cafe tenant, filling Sessional Rooms, being a Community Hub Church, Residual Land Steering Team.

The people in the Redcliffe community and our ministry to them- SleepBus (coming soon) & volunteers, Christmas Hamper Appeal, Christmas events - Carols, Lunch, etc!



Church Council

Want to get in touch with your Church Council? You can email us at: chaircc@redcliffeuniting.com.au. All non-email correspondence for Church Council should go via the church office: posted to 1 Richens St, QLD 4020, or dropped into the office or letterbox on Richens Street. Minutes of Church Council meetings are available on request. This year, CC plans to meet on the third Wednesday of each month, so if you have anything you want discussed, please send it by the Friday before the third Wednesday. Thanks.



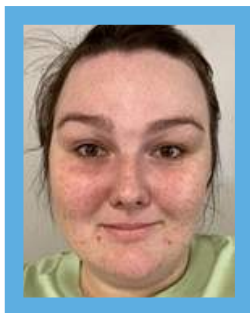
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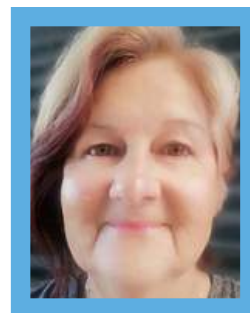
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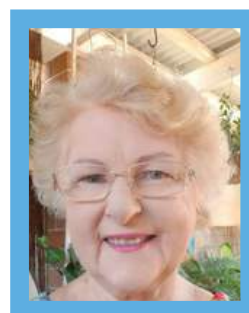
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C. H. Spurgeon

(1834 – 1892)

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