

Real People with Relevant Faith for Our Community

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18 November & 25 November

Front and Centre

Worship

Sunday 18 Nov

Luke 19:1-10 Ian Weaver

8am, 9.30am **Sunday 25 Nov**

Mark 12:41-44 Ian Weaver

8am, 9.30am

Sunday 2 Dec

John 20:19-31 Ian Weaver 8am, 9.30am

Coming Events

20 Nov Friendship Group

24 Nov Brigades Display Night

24 Nov Evangalism training @ Samford Valley Community Church

1 Dec Men's Breakfast

1 Dec Service of Solace @ Keperra Sanctuary

20+21 Dec Kids Holiday Club

23 Dec Community Carols

30 Dec Combined Worship Service at Epac 9.30am

Next Newsletter will be **2 December**

Welcome to everyone reading this newsletter. It is hard to believe we're just five weeks out from our Community Christmas Carols event to be held on Sunday 23rd December from 5-8pm, with Sausage Sizzle, Bouncy Castle, Face Painting, etc., preceding Carols at 6:45pm. (Remember this will be the only service that day and replaces our Christmas Eve service), so services over the Christmas period will be:

Sunday 23rd Dec - Community Carols 5-8pm

Tuesday 25th Dec - Christmas Day - 8am

Sunday 30th Dec, 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th January - combined service at EPAC, 9:30am

As you can see the school have very kindly offered us the use of their air-conditioned Performing Arts Centre again for which we will no doubt be very grateful.

Thank you to everyone who was able to contribute to the consultation process. After an exhausting program the task now lies before the Church Council to discern any considerations and/or actions that should now be initiated. Please pray for us as we meet Monday night, 19th November.

If you liked the idea of a 15 minute interview to share your thoughts, I'd also love to offer that to anyone at anytime (subject to diary restrictions – please make appointments through the office). Please feel free to visit me at my office or I

can certainly come to your home or even meet somewhere for coffee.

Speaking of the office, Helen's partition wall went in on Wednesday so you will now notice a significant difference when you arrive at the offices but you are assured of the usual friendly welcome from Helen and the rest of the staff. I am very grateful for Helen's "administry" amongst us – she is very much the oil that makes the machine work. Please do always include her in your prayers for the ministry team - she is our "frontline minister" and critical to so much of our mission and ministry.

I've also just confirmed that the painting of the offices will commence on 7th January with the carpet to follow. That means I'd be thrilled if a few folk could help me shift furniture on Thursday 3rd and/or Friday 4th January – I'll even shout you some Subway for lunch!

Lastly today, I'd love you to join me out at Samford Valley Community Church next Saturday 24th November from 9-12. The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association are providing some free training in sharing your faith naturally. Please let Helen know during office hours if you can make it. I know we've been busy but this training will set you up nicely for inviting people to our Carols and other events!

God bless, Ian.



Follow-Up Questions

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 18TH - LUKE 19:1-10 - JESUS MEETS ZACCHAEUS

How do you think Jesus knew Zacchaeus's name? What else do you think he knew about Zacchaeus? What does Jesus know about you? What would you talk about with Jesus if he came to stay at your house? Would you welcome him gladly?

What must it have been like to see Zacchaeus up the tree? Do you think this was normal for chief tax-collectors, (and otherwise wealthy people)? Why do you think he was so desperate to see Jesus?

What do you think made Zacchaeus give half his possessions to the poor? How rich would you have to be to give away half of your possessions? What challenges you about this?

What do you make of the Jesus statement, "this man too is a son of Abraham?" What does it mean/imply? In what ways are Christians, "sons of Abraham"?

How does verse 10 match the life of Jesus? Describe how Jesus saved the lost. (Who were the lost?) Who does Jesus save today? (How are people "lost" today?) What does this mean for our own discipleship?

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 25TH - LUKE 20:45- 21:4 - THE POOR WIDOW'S OFFERING

The teachers of the law and the well-to-do cop another barrage from Jesus in this passage. How would you sum up the issues Jesus had with them? What do you see as their fundamental problem?

How does the level of giving demonstrated by the widow challenge you? What means of income did she have, do you think? How would she have lived . . . the next week?

In the hierarchy of all the things you need to spend money on; how does giving money to God rate? Do you see it as a need or a choice? Make a list of all the ways can you "give money to God". Which do you find easy/hard?

What do you see as the underlying principle here? How might you give all to God? What are some practical ways that come straight to mind? Are they easy or challenging? How might you discern which to take action on?

Explore Groups

Explore groups are a great way to Explore faith as a growing disciple by meeting regularly with others to study God's Word, and spend time in prayer and reflection. Explore groups also build relationships and promote pastoral care.

How can I join? Speak with one of the Ministry Team Members, or one of the Church Council Members.

I'm interested, but not available when existing groups meet? Please let the church office know. We may be able to start a new group at a different time.

Solfa

2nd & 4th Mon 9:30am

KYB

Tues 9:45am

Living Water

1st & 3rd Tues 10:00am

Wednesday Morning

Wed 9:15am

Wednesday In the Word

Wed 7:30pm

Bunnies Explore Group

Tues 7:00pm

Wednesday Wonderers Fortnightly Thurs 7:00pm

Thursday Thinkers

2nd & 4th Thurs 7pm Women's Bible Study

Mon 12.45pm

Walking Women

Thurs 6pm





Pastoral Care

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At Emmanuel, pastoral care is "for everyone by everyone" and this often happens within an Explore Group. For other Pastoral Care needs we have a dedicated team of volunteers headed by Bronwyn Kelly who can be contacted in the first instance on 3354 4961.

Prayer Points

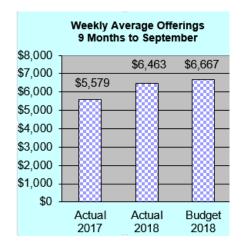
- Please pray for Andrew Fowler. For healing and for his family as he heals.
- For our community Tiny Town, Enoggera State School, Brigades, Playgroup, Fellowship Groups, Men's Breakfast.
- Pray for our Church Council and Ministry Team as they digest and reflect on the outcomes of the consultation and discern what the next steps are.
- For everyone preparing for Christmas. For the organisers of Christmas events, Schools as they wind down, individuals as they prepare and for the anxiety or stress that it might trigger for them.

Prayer Chain

Other matters requiring prayer attention can be passed to Bronwyn Kelly in confidence who will enlist the help of or our Prayer Team.

Finances

Please contact our Treasurer Barry Jardine if you want any further information.



Notices & Coming Events

FRIENDSHIP GROUP - Our last get together for the year will commence at 10.30am on Tuesday 20th November at the Church. After a short program, we will car pool to The Artist Cafe at Mitchelton for lunch at 11.30am.

Please RSVP to Pam Kleinschmidt on 3355 3324 if you would like to join us.

Life and Witness Consultation from the 2nd November until the 11thNovember Carolyn Kitto will be facilitating this consultation. In order to get the most out of this we would like to invite you to attend a group or personal interview with the Carolyn.

If you could prayerfully consider attending an interview and please contact Helen in the office (during office hours) to arrange a time to meet with Carolyn. Thank you

Emmanuel Holiday Club - Dig into Christmas is fast approaching and registrations are now open. Visit www.emmanueluca.org.au/ events and follow the links to the registration page. All participants, helpers and leaders that plan to attend on the day **must** pre-register (even if you are only helping for a few hours) so that Jess can plan appropriately.

Advent Resources -Names of Jesus Advent Calendar

Follow along at home as we dig into the Names of Jesus this Advent. Order your own at

www.jesusadventcalendar.com for \$35

Jess also has some other free Advent resources available, contact her or visit the stand in the foyer for the next two Sundays.



Service of Solace Christmas can be a painful time for those who have experienced a recent loss. For many, Christmas is a happy and joyous occasion spent with family and friends. For others, as Christmas decorations begin to appear, we are confronted with the fact that 'life goes on'. It is important to continue to give ourselves the space to grieve

For this reason, the Pastoral Care Team would like to invite you, your family and friends to join us for a Service of Solace at the Community Centre, Keperra Sanctuary Retirement Village, 998 Samford Road, Keperra on Saturday December 01, 2018 at 2pm and afterwards join us for afternoon tea.

For catering purposes please contact Bronwyn Kelly on 33544961 or the church office on 3355 2162 to let us know if you are able to at-

If this date is unsuitable for you, St Paul's Uniting Church, Minimine Street, Stafford is holding a Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance on Sunday, 23rd December at 3pm. If this is better please contact the phone numbers listed above and one of our Pastoral Care Team will meet you there.

Bronwyn Kelly

Pastoral Care team leader

Thanks to the generosity of those who contributed to 'Operation **Christmas Child'**, 82 children will have the joy of opening shoe boxes. Praise God and continue to pray for the children who will receive them. Thanks Heather Hall

The next Men's Breakfast is here on Saturday 1st December at 7am. Our guest speaker is our very own Ian Weaver. Want to know more about this ministry and how to get involved have a chat to Ian, Ray Witheyman or Michael McEwen or check out the website at www.emmanueluca.org.au/events







The church

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December 20 & 21 | Emmanuel Uniting Church, 92 Laurel St, Enoggera

Dig into the Christmas story | Swimming | MYO Shirt | Games Singing | Craft | Instructor lead dancing | Make new friends

Register & more details: www.emmanueluca.org.au/events

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A hearing aid loop is installed on the car park side of the church.

Banking Information

This is for anyone who would prefer to use Internet Banking for their Offerings, Special Appeals or payments for events e.g. Lights Camera Christmas, Community Helping Hand etc.

BSB: 334 040 Account Number: 553 839 228

Account Name: UCA – Emmanuel Uniting Church Enoggera

Note: Please ensure that you include name and a brief reason for the payment.