



EMMANUEL

—Uniting Church—

Real People with Relevant Faith for Our Community

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29 December & 26 January

Front and Centre

Worship

Sunday 29 Dec

9.30am
Dom Chan
Revelation 21

Sunday Jan 5

9.30am
John 10:1-16
Malcolm Coombes

Sunday Jan 12

9.30am
Luke 23:26-43
Dom Chan

Sunday Jan 29

9.30am
Acts 1:1-20
Dennis Shanks

Sunday Jan 26

9.30am
Acts 10:9-33
Nathan Robertson

Coming Events

Dec 29 - Jan 26

Summer Worship
9.30am (one service)

Feb 2 8am Services

recommence &
Kick Start 9.30am

Next newsletter
2 February

As 2019 draws to a close, and we begin to step into 2020 we would like to take the opportunity to thank the Emmanuel community.

2019 has been quite the journey, and as I reflect on the year I can't help but be thankful for the way the people of Emmanuel have been "Real People, with Relevant Faith, for Our Community."

We've had people involved in being God's salt and light in Schools through Chaplaincy, RI, and Kids Hope. Creating an environment for families to be welcomed into the community through Boys and Girls Brigades, Playgroup and Sunday School. Emmanuel has been a worshipping community supported by members of the worship team - not only those out the front, but the people behind the scenes doing things that others don't see. We've had people working hard to ensure that the building is in working order, and the newsletters are able to be ready for Sundays. We've had fellowship groups, explore groups, and leaders that have run both. We've had the Church Council leading the church alongside the Ministry Team. There's been a lot that we have done in the year. However, I realise that what we do is not the whole story of Emmanuel. It's not the whole story, because our identity is not only in what we do but in whose we are.

We belong to Christ, and our namesake "Emmanuel" means

that God is with us. God is with us as we go out being disciples. God is with us when we are with our families, friends, and workplaces. God is with us and I am thankful that we are a Christ following community who reflects this reality. It is an important distinction to make as we step into 2020, beginning with a time of rest over January.

A time when we prepare for the year ahead.

A time when we can intentionally make the time to listen to God. A time when we can breathe and be thankful.

In this time of rest, a time when a lot of our normal activities are put on hold, how will you spend time with God? How will you remind yourself that you are loved by God and can find your identity in Him?

As we step into 2020 together, I look forward to seeing how God works in and through Emmanuel, and I pray blessings and safety over all who are resting and travelling during this period.

Grace and Peace

Dom Chan

Follow-Up Questions

Sunday 29 December – Sunday 28 January

We hope that you have been enjoying Digging into Discipleship during 2019 and deepening your understanding of God's word and your relationship with him during this time. During our Summer worship period, we will not provide weekly follow up questions in the newsletter, but there will be weekly Dig in at Home resources on the 'Devotions' Tab on our App and Website. Instead, we have included here information on the 'Discovery Bible Study' method for you to try. It can be used as a handy help in D.I.Y. bible study and is also useful in helping lead a bible study or explaining something you've read to another person. It's designed to work best in a small group of 4-7 people, especially in terms of practising what you might explain to others but you can use it on your own, it just removes the discussion and multiplication part.

Discovery Bible Study

- Choose a bible passage of about 10-15 verses –maybe one that relates to the Sunday preaching (below) or material you or your Explore Group is working through. Then it's over to the Holy Spirit.
- Read the passage in multiple ways
- first read around the room
- then one read with others listening
 - then with everyone pitching in to try and recall what they have read without looking at the passage.

Next, discuss these 4 questions:

- What does this passage tell us about God, Jesus, people and/or life?
- Does it give us any promises, principles, commands or warnings?
- What is God saying to me through this, and what am I going to do about it?
- Who can I tell about what I have learnt here, within the next week?

The first 2 questions are about **exploration** – what is the passage saying? You should spend half your time on these questions. This is giving space for the Holy Spirit to be speaking through all the members of the group. Follow this with a short pause for people to think on their own about what God might be saying to them (especially important for the introverts in the group!)

Question 3 is all about **application** – these two discipleship questions help people process their "Kairos" / light-bulb moments. If you're not sure what this means here, please ask.

Question 4 is about **reproduction** – this helps people to think not just as a disciple, but also as a potential disciple-maker.

Have a go over summer . . . maybe invite someone for a coffee and do it together informally while you get used to it. It's fun and you don't have to be an expert. Try it on these readings which we'll be using over Summer...

December 29	Revelations 21	January 5	John 10:1-16
		12	Luke 23:26-43
		19	Acts 1: 1-20
		26	Acts 10: 9-33

For families with children, the weekly Dig in at Home Resource with videos and other activities will be available under the devotions tab in our App and Website.

In 2020 we will continue to Dig in to 'Epic Teachings of the Bible' together as a whole congregation, and we look forward to journeying with you then.

God Bless and Shalom,
Jess, Dom & Helen

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

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

Pastoral Care

Pastoral Care & Prayer Team

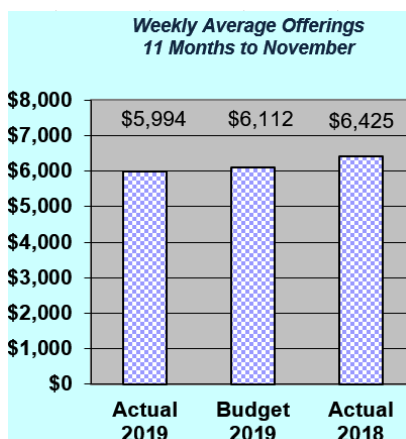
At Emmanuel, pastoral care is **"for everyone by everyone"**. What does this mean? It means that we care for each other in our family, this often happens within our Explore Groups. We also have a dedicated Pastoral Care team lead by Bronwyn Kelly if you want to know more about how this works or to get connected with meal support or want to connect with others with prayer you can contact Bronwyn Kelly who can be contacted in the first instance on 3354 4961 or pastoralcare@emmanueluca.org.au

Prayer Points

- ✝ For the Brian and Claire Hoole as they prepare to join us in Ministry.
- ✝ For Tiny Town and Ashely their new Director.
- ✝ For families doing it tough this Christmas especially those affected by fire and drought.
- ✝ Brigade members going on National camps over the school holidays.

Finances

Thank you to everyone who has returned their stewardship pledges.
Weekly Average Offerings are approx. \$430/week below Last Year's Offerings which is in excess of \$20,000 per annum.



Notices & Coming Events

Brigades News Some of our Brigade members are attending National Camps over the summer break. Both Brigades ask if you could pray for those who are attending National camps during January. For more information about Girls' and Boys' Brigade please check out our app/ website. Weekly Brigade programming recommences in the second week of school going back GB 6th Feb and BB 5th Feb.

Newsletter We would like to extend a huge thank you to Margaret Douglas for her countless hours of volunteer service over many years organising the Newsletter roster and also helping with the folding of our Emmanuel Newsletter. Thank you Margaret In 2020 we are looking for a new Newsletter champion. Someone to work with Helen in the office to coordinate a team of volunteers to fold our fortnightly newsletter. If this sounds like you, please contact Helen Smith in the office. Thank you.

Group News

Most groups have now finished for the year and after a time of rest planning for 2020 will commence. If all group leaders can confirm church room bookings with the office as soon as they can to avoid disappointment. Bookings can be made by emailing buildingbookings@emmanueluca.org.au Thank you to those groups who have already done this. If all groups could please complete their Safe Program paperwork before recommencing in 2020.

Congregational News

Emmanuel is pleased to announce that Rev Brian Hoole has accepted the call to be our next Senior Minister. Brian brings 25 years of ministry experience, and with his wife Claire is looking forward to being part of the Emmanuel journey from Feb 2020.

Postage Stamps

Please continue to collect used **postage stamps**. There is a blue plastic



container in the cupboard in the foyer. (The stamps are a fundraiser for Qld Synod) Thank you. Carole Simpson

Thank you for continuing to save used stamps. This year approximately \$1200 was raised.

Pastoral Care During the holiday season many of our regular groups take a break from meeting regularly. If any pastoral matters come to your attention please take the time to check in with the people in and outside your groups, to offer support. If you feel you need help in supporting someone, please contact the pastoral care or ministry team so that we can try to assist.

At Emmanuel, pastoral care is **"for everyone by everyone"**, and this means for and by you. Please check up on and check in with each other, and if something is worrying you please share it with someone. Together we are family, and together we share Christ's love, care and compassion every day.

Stay Connected and Informed

To keep updated with all that is happening at Emmanuel be sure to download the app or check out the website.



Leave and Office Closure

The office will be closed from 24th December to 30th December also on January 1st 2020.

Jess will be on leave from 26th Dec to 19th Jan.

The ministry team would like to wish everyone a safe and Summer Holiday and we look forward to continuing to do mission with you all in 2020. Thank you all for your support, prayer and patience in 2019.

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Sundays Worship Times
Dec 29 - Jan 26 @ 9.30am

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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.