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26 August and 2 September

Real People *with* Relevant Faith *for* Our Community

Front and Centre

Worship

Sunday 26 August

Matt 18:1-6

Ian Weaver

9am Combined

Sunday 2 Sept

John 7:53-8:11

Barry Jardine

8am, 9.30am

Sunday 9 Sept

Luke 10:38-42

Ian Weaver

8am, 9.30am

Coming Events

1 Sept 2pm Peter Blakes Ordination

1 Sept 7pm Eisteddfod Prize winners concert

5 Sept Day Fellowship

8th Sept Deep Foundations

9th Sept Shoe Box Launch

Next Newsletter will be 9th September

Welcome to everyone reading this Newsletter.

Today is a good day to celebrate belonging to Emmanuel. Many churches around the world celebrate Patronal Festivals (the festival where your Patron Saint is honoured) and this can be ours. *Perhaps* every year on the last Sunday in August we will gather for this purpose. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to making this day happen, especially Jess, Russell and Cheryl and all those who've supported them. What wonderful people we have in our church!

With new signs, flags, audio/visual equipment in the hall, and some much-needed renno's in the admin area, and new furniture in the foyer on their way, it feels like we're getting ourselves set for some fresh beginnings. Two other things, which will help us on our way in 2019, are a Congregational Consultation in early November and next month I will be launching a new initiative called "Deep Foundations" in which I will gather all those in leadership at our church for some extra input and training. There is good reason for optimism into the future.

In which case, it will be great to offer our annual tithing commitments and any other general thanksgiving offering today as a sign of our investment into the ministry of our church. If you are not able to make such a commitment today (or have simply forgotten your pledge forms), you are welcome to deliver them to the office in due course.

Today also marks the end of our

period of prayer and fasting to consider our response to the 15th Assembly decision to allow for Same Gender Marriage in the Uniting Church. As part of our ongoing discernment process, at Church Council the other night, I was asked to facilitate two conversations at our church to allow for comments, questions and just being heard on the issue by any member of the congregation who wishes to. To that end there will be two conversations held on Tuesday 4th September: one at 9:30am and then again at 7pm, here at church. They will be no more and no less than conversations between interested people. If you would like to do some further reading on the issue we have made available three documents: the Assembly's Working Group on Doctrine report "Marriage & Same Gender relationships"; a pastoral Letter from the President of the Assembly; and a proposal called "Standing Firm by Stepping Aside". There are a limited number of printed copies available in the foyer today or you can ask for them to be emailed to you via the office. I have also included my critique of the current situation at the request of Church Council.

So, plenty to read, plenty to think about and plenty to celebrate – let's keep giving God all we have and remember that because of Jesus and in the power of His Spirit we do indeed experience *Emmanuel* – God with us!

God bless, Ian.



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Follow-Up Questions

SUNDAY AUGUST 26TH - MATTHEW 18-1-6 - WHO IS THE GREATEST?

Have you ever met anybody famous? What happened? How did you feel? What makes that particular person so famous?

What do you know of the social status of children in 1st Century Palestine? Why do you think Jesus chose a child as his living illustration?

In what ways should we be like children? In what ways shouldn't we be like children?

In verse 5, do you think Jesus is still talking about children? Why/Why not? What should our posture be towards children? What should our posture be to ones *like* children? How is it that we can be welcoming Jesus when we welcome them?

(Ref: vv6-8) What kind of language/literary device is Jesus using in these verses? Should it therefore be taken literally? What then did Jesus actually mean?

(Ref Chapter 17:22-23) How does Jesus exemplify "greatness"? How can we emulate him?

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 2ND - JOHN 7:53-8:11 - GO AND SIN NO MORE

Why is there a text note (in your bibles) about this passage? How should we treat it? Does it "ring true?" (Compare with Mark 16:9-20 – does that ring true? How should we treat it?) How do we normally decide if a text is reliable or not?

Which laws from the Old Testament are the Pharisees and teachers of the law talking about? Why do you think the punishment was so harsh? Why do you think Moses handed down that law?

Why do you think the woman (and not the man) was brought to Jesus? What does that tell you about 1st Century Jewish culture?

Take a look back at John 7:25 onwards. Why do you think the Pharisees were trying to trap Jesus? What do you think John is trying to tell us in this passage?

Why do you think Jesus didn't condemn the woman? What *exactly* does he say to her? How should we treat this passage in relation to other sin in people's lives? What about the sin in our own lives?

What do you think Jesus would say / is saying to you?

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

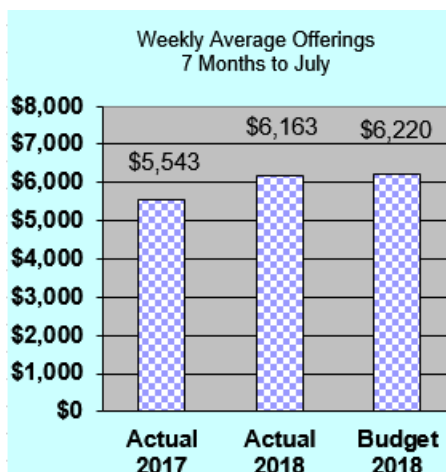
- ✦ For guidance of the future in respect to the Assembly decision.
- ✦ For the farmers and those affected by the drought.
- ✦ Those sick and in hospital.
- ✦ For ESS and Tiny Town and their families
- ✦ Thank you God for our friends and family who make up Emmanuel.

Prayer Chain

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

Finances

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



Notices & Coming Events

During September and October we will be conducting 'Operation Christmas Child'. We would really appreciate donations of cloth bags to include in the shoe boxes. Queries may be directed to Heather Hall, 33530328 or 0429 036 230.

Day Fellowship The month of August is when Day Fellowship collects toiletries and letter/note paper for prisoners and their families. All members of our congregation are invited to contribute donations of suitable items for this appeal. A collection carton will be available in the lobby during August for your donations which would be appreciated.

Proposed visit to Noro, Solomon Islands during next school holidays – Sep 24 – Oct 7, 2018. Expressions of interest to Maureen asap will be welcomed. Ph 3354 1171, leave message, mobile 0419 469 873 or email rwitheyman@bigpond.com

The Eisteddfod Prize Winners' Concert will be held on 1st September commencing at 7pm. This is a free concert available to anyone who would like to come and a wonderful opportunity to see some amazingly talented children perform their prize winning entries again. We sincerely thank all volunteers who have generously given of their time to enable this event to run so smoothly. Thank you. Coral Robertson, on behalf of the Eisteddfod Committee.

Day Fellowship meets on Wednesday 5th September

9.30 am morning tea (Lulu, Eunice) 10 am business meeting then Carol Perry will show photos of a trip to New Zealand. All welcome phone inquiries to Carolyn 33534551.

September Camp 2018 Registrations are now open. 24th – 28th September at Qld Camping and Conference Centre, Mt Tambourine. For High School Students. Campers \$295 Leaders \$200 to register check out our website for the link or go straight to www.moretonriverspresbytery.org.au/camps

Girls' Brigade Papua New Guinea

This term 70th Brisbane Girls' Brigade is collecting money for Girls' Brigade in Papua New Guinea.

Money raised will help build an office and womens' shelter.

Bring along loose coins and put them in the mini house in the foyer before and after church each Sunday.



Trinity College Upcoming Events



- Open Evening – 10 September 2018 (7pm-9 pm)
- Open Day – 11 September 2018 (9am – 4pm)
- Trinity Unplugged - Guest Speaker : Sam Chan "Things I wish I knew when telling my friends about Jesus", Thursday 1st November 2018



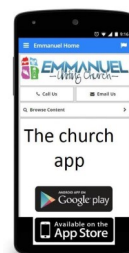
Men's Breakfast

The Queensland Police
Force/Service - Old and New
with Greg Early

Saturday 6 October
7am here @ Emmanuel

RSVP 30th September



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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.