



UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA  
Rockingham Congregation  
4 Erindoan Way, Waikiki 6169

# UPDATE

SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2018 at 9:30am

Today's Service conducted by  
Rev Toby Keva

Please join us for morning tea following worship

## Welcome to Rockingham Uniting Church

Our hope is that all who come through our doors find Spiritual rest and nourishment, and that you will experience the presence of the living God in our midst.

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### **Read: Joshua 24:1-2, 13-18**

One woman once had a failed investment. She was hoping that she could retire comfortably with the income from the investment. But the investment did not work out so she had to take a job to earn money. But the job often came with challenging situations. When the pressures in her job increased, she would feel resentful for her failed investment project. She poured herself out in prayers, asking God why the investment did not work out the way she hoped.

God reminded her that the greatest treasure, the most valuable asset she had was God himself. All the other assets in her life were of less value than the knowledge that God was always present in her life.<sup>1</sup>

Indeed, friends, there are many things in our life that are competing for our devotion. There are other gods in the world that promise us fullness in life. These gods can take the form of wealth or power or lust or even time and health.

When the people of Israel finally settled in their new land, Joshua, their leader, challenged them. He asked them to choose between God and the other gods that were worshipped by previous generations or by other nations in their new land. There was no middle ground. They could only worship one: God or the other gods.

And the people chose wisely. They knew that the other gods may promise many things, but they would only bring slavery and death. Only God who offered them freedom and new life.

Friends, it is hard to focus on God when we are pulled to many different directions by other forces. Time itself can be a distracting and limiting asset to our spiritual life in this modern world. But every day, we are invited to choose God over anything else. Only then can we truly find wholeness and everlasting joy in our life; the kind of joy that no one can take it away from us. Amen.

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<sup>1</sup> *Real Treasure*, a reflection from Sarah Eom in The Upper Room Daily Devotional for August 21, 2018.

### **Bible Readings 9<sup>th</sup> September 2018:**

Proverbs 22:1-2,8-9,22-23;    Psalm 125;    James 2:1-10,(11-13)14-17;  
Mark 7:24-37

## **WEEK'S EVENTS FROM 2<sup>ND</sup> – 8<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018**

**Today 9:30am**

**Morning Worship** led by Rev Toby Keva with Holy Communion

**Todays single flower** is to commemorate the 3rd anniversary of the passing of Robert & Maureen Skeet's son (& stepson) Philip. We thank God for the progress of their 3 orphans.

**Prayers**

**Remember** the people of Benin, Ivory Coast and Togo.

**Thursday 7:30pm**

**Elders Meeting**

### **Coming Events**

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September: Morning Worship Service at 9:30am** – conducted by Rev Toby Keva

**Op Shop Committee Meeting** will be held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September at 3:45pm.

**Men's Group** will meet at 10:00am on Thursday, September 13. Topic: The 8 Tenants of Progressive Christianity

### **Notices**

**Thank you to all** for your support to our family over the last couple of weeks. Your generous support through prayer, cards, flowers, food and visitation is much appreciated.

Thank you again.

Neil, Gwen, Sarah, Mark and family

#### **Contact Book changes:**

Please cancel the telephone number in the Contact book, 9529 4630 and replace it with the Mobile Numbers

ROBERT: 0438 986 204

MAUREEN: 0473 238 541

**Offering Envelopes** are ready to be picked up in the atrium on the table.

## **ROCKINGHAM CONGREGATION**

**Weekly Worship with Children's Activities each Sunday 9.30am (with Communion on First Sunday of each month).**

We aim to be a fellowship of Christians making the crucified, risen and exalted Lord Jesus Christ to be known, loved, worshipped and obediently followed. We aim to be always open to newcomers and to serve the community and the world, doing all this by the power of the Holy Spirit.

We aim to achieve this by committing ourselves to God in spiritual growth through prayer, bible study, and stewardship of time, talents and resources

<b>Rosters – 9<sup>th</sup> September 2018</b>	
<b>Announcements</b>	Nell Morgan
<b>Bus Driver</b>	John Burns
<b>Reader</b>	Sitera Vuniwaqa
<b>Elder</b>	Mary Paton
<b>Stewards</b>	Kerry Dunn & Brian Williams
<b>Communion Stewards</b>	
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Val & John Watts
<b>Accompanist</b>	Ken Paton
<b>AV System</b>	Dean Lockwood & Cameron Harris
<b>KUCA</b>	Nat McKeig

Four week averages: Attendance 72: 7

**HAPPY  
FATHER's  
DAY**