



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

UPDATE

SUNDAY 21st April 2024 at 9:30am

Service conducted by Youth
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.

MISSION AND VISION

- ❖ We aim to be a diverse community with the crucified risen Lord Jesus Christ as our guiding light spreading the good news of reconciliation to all.
- ❖ We aim to welcome all newcomers, encourage spiritual growth in all members of the community, nurture faith in children and young people and care for those in need,
- ❖ We will strive to achieve this by committing ourselves to God through love, worship, prayer, bible study and diligent management of our time, talents and resources.

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A CHILD OF GOD.

In the reading from Acts 3:12-19, we may ask ourselves, Who is Peter to have such boldness to stand before the authority to testify about who Jesus is? - the one Jesus called to walk on the sea, doubted and sunk (Matthew 14:22-33). In fact, in the synoptic gospels, Christ prophesies that Peter will deny him three times (Luke 22:55-62; Matthew 26:69-75 and Mark 14:66-72), and he does so, coming to feel guilt for his human weakness. But something remarkable happens. Peter encounters the truth and is empowered by the Spirit of God, which changes the narrative of his past. He recognizes his new identity in Christ. When we come to Jesus, he offers us a gift of salvation, enabling us to live as God's transformational representatives in creation. On the other hand, as children of God, we should also expect that many people today will have trouble understanding our values and sense of identity.

In a culture of individualism, we find our place in a community, the body of Christ. In an age that seeks security through violence, we stand for solidarity, forgiveness, and peace. In a society that finds personal identity through social networking, we discover our true name in baptism and following Christ. Our birth certificate states our natural identity, and our baptism certificate declares our true identity. We are loved, claimed, and redefined as nothing less than God's children. Yet, we often live with double identities, old and new. The old identity, too plain to ignore and too powerful to escape, pulls us down in despair. Encased in our past, we struggle to believe in the new identity, thinking it's too good to be true. We look into our hearts honestly and with fearless self-searching, and we have to say, "A child of God? Not me!" John understands that this new identity is difficult for some to accept, so he urges: "*my brothers and sisters, let no one deceive you.*" (1 Jn. 3:7a). Be confident in Jesus that you have been accepted. The living God, who was and is in Christ, lovingly overcomes ignorance and death so that the world may experience the life that proceeds from the knowledge and experience of God.

It is through Jesus that we are claimed and accepted as God's children, a truth that should guide our every thought and action.

By Rev Samuel Annan

Bible Readings 28th April 2024:

Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8

ROCKINGHAM CONGREGATION

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

Week's Events from 21st – 27th April 2024

Today 9:30am

Morning Worship Service: led by Youth
Elder on Duty: Cam Crothers

Following a long illness, **Basil Manassis passed away** last Sunday. Basil was a kind and gentle man, a faithful servant of our Lord. Our thoughts and prayers are with Robyn and the family.

Wednesday 9:00am

Office will be open instead Thursday due to Public Holiday

Friday 5:30pm

Music Practice

Coming Events

Sunday 28th April: Worship Service at 9:30am – conducted by Rev Samuel Annan

Lost Property Box: Please check the Lost Property Box (located in the hall between kitchen and store room) for any left behind items before the end of April, all left over items will be relocate.

Name Badges. Gerry will be placing an order for magnetic Church Badges on Mon 29th April. If you would like one please add your exact name to the list in the Foyer or email Gerry the exact spelling at Geogerry@icloud.com.

Women's Connect Group

Wednesday May 1, 9:30am – 11:00am, at the Church
THE STORY by Randy Frazee
Session 14 - A Kingdom Torn in Two

Op Shop BUSY BEE on the 4th May at 7.00am - 8.30am.

General garden clean up. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.
Everyone welcome.

Youth and Children's games

Saturday 4th May from 4:00pm -7:00pm at Church hall
Mystery Night (Food & Drinks)

If you recently joined us and **wish to be a full or confirmed member of our congregation**, please write down your name on the sheet in the atrium. The council has decided to include your details in our Contact List and will officially like to introduce you to our congregation as a confirmed member. If you have any questions or queries about this and the collection of data, contact Rev Samuel or any of the Elders.

Church Volunteers

We are seeking volunteers for the Following positions: bus drivers, readers, stewards, morning tea servers, AV-systems, and communion stewards. If you would like to fill any position please put your name and details on the list in the atrium. Your help will be much appreciated.

Notices

In your prayers remember the lands and people of Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia.

House Cleaning

Mag Lyse is providing private house cleaning service. For costs and additional information please contact Mag on 0416 945 144

If you want to watch the live-streaming of our Sunday service, simply follow this link:

https://www.facebook.com/RockinghamUnitingChurch/videos/?ref=page_internal

Otherwise, you can go to Facebook and search Rockingham Uniting Church.

Sunday 28th April 2024	
Bus Driver	Neil Miller 0473 867 123
Reader	Norma Svendsen
Elder & Announcements	Shirley Garrod
Stewards	Kerry Dunn & Gerry Ligtermoet
Communion Stewards	
Morning Tea	Lenette Taylor & Ann Toerien
Accompanist	Joy Williams
AV System	Jordan Lockwood & Adrian Graetz
KUCA	Rachel Annan

Four week averages: 71 Adults, 6 Children