



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

UPDATE

SUNDAY 21st January 2024 at 9:30am

Service conducted by Rev Samuel Annan
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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My Reflection on Sunday's Preaching (2 Timothy 1:6-14)

Paul was in prison when he wrote to Timothy, a young man in his 30s. Paul knew his end was imminent at the time and wrote this to his fellow beloved in the Lord Timothy in verse 14 (*¹⁴ Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us*). It was a time in the history of the church when people were offended when they heard Jesus was the Messiah; they thought it was a shame for the Saviour to be crucified on the cross.

But wrote this to Timothy amid these opposition to "guard the gospel you were given." this Gospel is about the birth, the life, the death, and the resurrection of Jesus. It is cross-shaped, vertical and horizontal—our relationship with God and one another. We deny the truth or shrink the Gospel when we fail to tell people about this truth and lead them to Jesus. We shrink the Gospel when we tell people that Jesus was a philosopher, a lovely young man, just like one of the prophets, not God. A call to be a disciple of Jesus is to follow Jesus' radical way, challenge the culture, care for the poor, fight against the injustices in our community, and love the unloved.

So, Paul told Timothy to guard this Gospel; this truth, we too are encouraged by Paul that we must defend this Gospel we must never compromise this truth. It should be part of our everyday conversations, proclaiming this wherever we find ourselves. We are not to expect that in sharing this too, we would not face opposition; we will face resistance, but that should not prevent us from preaching the truth about the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus. It is an urgent call to share with others this truth. Christ-centred Gospel confronts, transforms, and challenges us. Therefore, we must be ready; sometimes, we may be that difficult person because we are being challenged or challenging others, whichever this may be; in Paul's words, "be prepared to suffer for the Gospel." Ministry or a call to discipleship is a call to deny oneself. To take up one's cross and follow the radical Jesus. He calls us to a path that will be hard, a self-denying journey. The church is a community of saints and sinners; we must defend this truth in love. When we compromise the Gospel, we can sense the total absence of God's presence in our midst. Be ready to guard the truth, be challenged, and be confronted. Don't let this lead you to deny the truth- Jesus is the only way to salvation.

Bible Readings 28th January 2024:

Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 111; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28

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 January 2024

Today 9:30am

Morning Worship Service: led by Rev Samuel Annan

Elder on Duty: Cam Crothers

Friday 5:30pm

Music Practice

Coming Events

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

Annual Reports of Church Groups for FOCUS is required by end of January 2024. Please email to or leave a copy in the church office. Thanks, Margit.

Women's Connect Group

Wednesday February 7 at the Church. 9:30 am - 11:00 am

THE STORY by Randy Frazee

Session 8 - A Few Good Men and Women

Men's Group

Thursday 8th February

Our Faith journey and 2024 planning.

Notices

In your prayers remember the lands and people of Arabian Peninsula.

VAL KIRKHAM is currently in Aegis Shoalwater Care Facility, 72 Fourth Avenue, Shoalwater.

She would appreciate visitors, if anyone can go and see her, it would bring her much joy.

I am **taking a Respite from Card making**. Thanks to anyone who has contributed to filling up the Card Stand.

Regards Margaret Edwards

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 January 2024	
Announcements	Shirley Garrod
Bus Driver	Brian Williams 0415 127 192
Reader	Pat Nevin
Elder	Sharon Ritchens
Stewards	Kerry Dunn & Pat Nevin
Communion Stewards	
Morning Tea	Gwen & Neil Miller
Accompanist	Joy Williams
AV System	Jordan Lockwood & Adrian Graetz
KUCA	Summer Holiday

Four week averages: 83 Adults, 4 Children