



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

UPDATE

SUNDAY 23rd June 2019 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: Proverbs 8

Friends, there is a transcendent nature in humour. When it is used properly, humour can work to preserve life, even at the most dangerous time.

You would remember the incident when two Australian miners were trapped in Beaconsfield, Tasmania. During the ordeal, the miners asked the rescuers to send them the classified ads on the local newspaper. They joked about looking for other jobs on offer while they were trapped. Later on, they would attribute their ability to survive in such condition to their jokes.

Indeed, we often forget that God can work and communicate to us through humours. Now, as 'good' Christians, we like to imagine God as a serious person who deals seriously with serious matters in the world. But, to think that God is so serious that he never has fun is to ignore many parts of the Bible.

In our reading from Proverbs, wisdom is personified as a "little child". Here, wisdom is with her Father as He creates the sky, the sea, and the land. God takes delight in wisdom as wisdom takes delight in God's creation. They are both having fun, creating the world, enjoying each other's company and work. The Common English Bible captures this beautifully in its translation of the passage. In it, wisdom says, "I was having fun, smiling before him all the time, frolicking with his inhabited earth and delighting in the human race (Proverbs 8:30b-31)."

So, we can see here that fun is the main force that God uses to create the world. Fun is embedded in creation from the very beginning. Without fun, the world would never be created. To join God in His act of creation, and to receive wisdom, we need to learn to have fun.

Friends, having fun can be the cure that we are looking for in this ailing world. The creative power of God is released when we have fun. Life itself can be renewed when we have fun. The book of Proverbs (17:22 - NRSV) says, "A cheerful heart is a good medicine, but a downcast spirit dries up the bones." Amen.

Bible Readings 30th June 2019:

2 Kings 2:1-2,6-14; Psalm 77:1-2,11-20; Galatians 5:1,13-25; Luke 9:51-62

WEEK'S EVENTS FROM 23RD – 29TH JUNE 2019

Today 9:30am

Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday Service led by Rev Toby Keva

We will hear about and support the work of Coastal District Care Centre Emergency Relief in helping people in need in Rockingham area.

Friday 10:00am

Prayer Time

Come for a quiet time of prayer and reflection. The Minister will be available during the time for pastoral prayer or counselling.

Saturday 9:00am

Music Band Practice

Coming Events

Sunday 30th June: Worship Service at 9:30am – conducted by Rev Toby Keva

Men's Group will be held at 10:00am on Thursday 4th July at the Church.
Topic: The Abuse of Power – Church, State & Personal. Romans 13:1-14

Notices

Prayer: Remember the people of Kenya and Tanzania.

MAKE YOUR OFFERING USING EFT

Have you considered making your offering by using Electronic Funds Transfer? If you wish to do so our banking details are as follows:

BSB: 086-918

Account No: 01-599-0422

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

Sunday Rosters – 30th June 2019	
Announcements	Nell Morgan
Bus Driver	Lois Lewis 9593 2328 or 0407 087 549
Reader	Barbara Shearer
Elder	Cam Crothers
Stewards	Kerry Dunn & Margaret Edwards
Communion Stewards	
Morning Tea	Val & John Watts
Accompanist	Joy Williams
AV System	Jennifer Ligtermoet & Cameron Harris
KUCA	

Four week averages: Attendance: 81 Adults, 7 Children