



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

# UPDATE

**SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> March 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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## **Reflection based on John 12:20-33 and Jeremiah 31:31-34**

"Greeks", as mentioned in John's gospel, are to be distinguished from Greek-speaking Jews. Because they made the pilgrimage to Jerusalem for the Passover feast, they may be Gentiles; nonetheless, what the Fourth Evangelist (John) intends to underscore is that they are non-Jews, representatives of the Gentile world. Like Philip and Andrew, in the call narrative of John 1:35-46, John suggests Andrew and Philip were the first Jewish disciples to be called by Jesus. Their presence here establishes a connection between the call of the first Jewish disciples and the arrival of the first Gentile disciples. This prefigures the church's future mission to the Gentiles and the inclusion of Gentiles (non-Jews) in God's promises. Suggesting that Jesus invites all, and in him, there are no Jews or Gentiles; all who come to him are accepted and included.

Philip and Andrew became a channel through which these people could see Jesus. God invites us to be a channel through which the world can see Jesus; we don't need to be perfect. God calls us to sow whatever seed we have in our hands because it is when we sow that we can reap. Jesus is our perfect example.

He said,

*"Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain, but if it dies, it bears much fruit." (John 12:24)*

I am not a good farmer, though, but I know that it takes a seed for us to get produce. When it dies and germinates, that tiny seed gives us a lot of produce. When we stop planting seeds, we shall all starve. Farmers' actions keep us nourished and alive.

Jesus is showing us two things here:

- 1) We, too, must be ready to follow Jesus's footsteps and be willing to use our gifts, talents or whatever we have to help people see Jesus. If we want to see God's kingdom flourish, God is calling us to start this together, but it begins with you and me.
- 2) Jesus is telling them about his impending death using the farmer's scenario. He will be crucified, but his death and resurrection will be the beginning of the church. It will fulfil the new covenant we read from the prophet Jeremiah. He is the word and will be in the hearts of many who come to him.

Through Jesus, we have a new understanding and revelation of who God is and what God wishes for all. In reflecting on Jesus's suffering, self-giving, death, and resurrection during this Lent season, we, too, reflect on our humanity. During this, there is a call to know that we are loved and accepted by Jesus, and it also calls us to be a channel of blessing for others.

By Rev Samuel Annan

### **Bible Readings 31<sup>st</sup> 2024:**

Easter Dawn Service: Luke 24:1-12;

Easter 9:30am Service: Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2,14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; John 20:1-18

## **ROCKINGHAM CONGREGATION**

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

### **Week's Events from 24<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

**Today 9:30am**

**Morning Worship Service:** led by Rev Samuel Annan

**Elder on Duty:** Rachael Thaiyalan

#### **Passion Week from 25<sup>th</sup> March**

During this week (From 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> March). There will be 30mins reflection Service on the "***Jesus's words on the cross.***" This Service will be at the Church from 6:30 to 7pm.

#### **Maundy Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March**

We will have a service and a Passover meal all at the church hall. Kindly bring a snack to share during this Service. The Service will be from 6:30pm to 7:30pm.

#### **Good Friday Service, 29<sup>th</sup> March**

There will be a Service at 9:30am on this day.

**Friday 5:30pm**

**Music Practice**

#### **Easter Dawn and Morning Service 31<sup>st</sup> March**

There will be Easter dawn service at about 6:15am (at sunrise time) at the west of the jetty in the foreshore which is opposite the 'Spill the Beans' café at the corner of Fisher Street. This service is open to all, invite a friend to join us.

**Easter Sunday service at our Church at 9:30am.**

## **Coming Events**

**Easter Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March: Worship Service at 9:30am** – conducted by Rev Samuel Annan

#### **Women's Connect Group**

Wednesday April 3, 9:30am – 11:00am, at the Church

THE STORY by Randy Frazee

Session 12

## **Rockingham Uniting Church Children's Playground**

6<sup>th</sup> April from 9:30am to 11:00am

Please join us as we present our new playground to the community!

Snacks & drinks are provided for all

4 Erindoon Way, Waikiki

### **Youth and Children's games**

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April, 4:00pm-7:00pm

Karaoke Night Boys vs Girls

### **Men's Group**

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April, 10:00am

Boule at Churchill Park, Rockingham. Ladies welcome.

### **Mission Shaped Ministry (MSM)**

The MSM is a one-year course on how to start and sustain a Fresh Expression of church. It's about how to re-invent church for 21st century culture. MSM 2024 will be held face to face over four weekends: April 27-28, June 22-23, August 24-25 and October 26-27. Each of these Saturdays at Mt Pleasant Uniting Church and Sundays at Nedland Uniting Church. You need to attend both days and all four weekends to fully participate. We want to register all who are willing to participate. Kindly contact Simon Cartwright to register if you would like to participate fully in this.

## **Notices**

**In your prayers** remember the lands and people of The Czech Republic, Poland, and Slovakia.

### **PASTORAL LISTS**

With the addition of new Elders there have been changes to the Pastoral List. You may have a new Elder. Please check the noticeboard in the Hall for the updated list. If you are not on the list and would like to be included, please contact either Rev Samuel or an Elder. Thank you.

**Congratulations** to Simon Cartwright, Kylie Harrison and Naibuka Laqere our newly elected Elders and to Ken Paton and Sharon Ritchens our re-elected Elders. We pray for their willingness and faithful service to our Lord in this role.

The role of Elder as outlined in the Uniting Church Regulations 'is one of spiritual oversight and may also be exercised in pastoral visitation, teaching encouraging members of the Congregation to share in mission; assisting the Minister in leadership of worship and administration of the sacraments and other areas in the life of the Congregation.'

### **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.

**Collection of Data:**

We would like to compile the day and month of each member as part of our record to help us celebrate your birthday with you. We will provide a sheet on Sunday to collect this information.

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

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

<b>Good Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2024</b>	
<b>Bus Driver</b>	Neil Miller 0473 867 123
<b>Elder &amp; Announcements</b>	Shirley Garrod
<b>Stewards</b>	Brian Williams & Christina Harman
<b>Accompanist</b>	Joy Williams
<b>AV System</b>	Niclas Hanisch & Adrian Graetz

Four week averages: 61 Adults, 1 Children

<b>Easter Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024</b>	
<b>Bus Driver</b>	Brian Williams 0415 127 192
<b>Reader</b>	Nell Morgan
<b>Elder &amp; Announcements</b>	Helen Williams
<b>Stewards</b>	John Burns & Rachael Thaiyalan
<b>Communion Stewards</b>	
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Kylie Harrison & Lyn Dyson
<b>Accompanist</b>	Ken Paton
<b>AV System</b>	Jordan Lockwood & Adrian Graetz
<b>KUCA</b>	