



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

UPDATE

SUNDAY 27th May 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: John 15:26-16:15; Romans 8:22-27

In our reading from John's Gospel, the Spirit is called *Paraclete*. The word has been translated into English as helper or advocate or counsellor or guide or companion. The Spirit is all of them. The Spirit is a companion who helps, counsels, advocates, and guides us in our life journey, especially in times of great adversity.

In our Romans reading, the Apostle Paul hits the nail in the head when he says that the entire creation is groaning in pain. The presence of God's Spirit in our life does not stop us from experiencing pain and suffering. The Spirit is with us not to shield us from evil, but to comfort us in times of tragedy.

Some of the victims of the recent bombings of churches in Surabaya, Indonesia, were a mother and her two young sons. The mother survived the blast, even though she was seriously injured in her stomach and legs by the metal shrapnel. But her two young sons were killed. They were only eight and eleven years old.

While she was being treated in the hospital, the funeral arrangement for her two sons was underway. She was given only four hours by the doctors to leave the hospital, on a gurney, to see the bodies of her sons and say goodbye to them for the very last time.

But this mother, this young mother, holds no grudge against those who killed her sons. She has forgiven them. Her grief does not turn into hatred. She wants to follow in the footsteps of Mary whose son, Jesus, was also killed senselessly by strangers. If you are looking for a sign that the Spirit is working in someone's life, this is it.

Pentecost is not the day when we celebrate the end of all sufferings and tragedies in the world. Pentecost is the day that reminds us of a Friend who walks beside us in the midst darkness. When everything else has failed, the Spirit will provide us with the strength from within to carry on.

So let us be aware of the presence of the Spirit within us. Let us hear its gentle voice, guiding us to the light, comforting us in sadness, and giving us courage in fear. And let us invite others to open their hearts to the movement of the Spirit around and within us. Amen.

Bible Readings 3rd June 2018:

1 Samuel 3:1-10(11-20); Psalm 139:1-6,13-18; 2 Corinthians 4:5-12;
Mark 2:23-3:6

WEEK'S EVENTS FROM 27TH MAY – 2ND JUNE 2018

Today 9:30am

Morning Worship led by Rev Toby Keva

Today's flower is to remember the first anniversary of the passing of Dixie, Margot's sister and Fay's daughter. Rest In Peace, darling girl!

Today 5:00pm

Afternoon Service

Prayers

Remember the people of Angola and Mozambique.

Coming Events

Sunday 3rd June: Morning Worship Service at 9:30am & Afternoon Service at 5:00pm – conducted by Rev Toby Keva with Holy Communion

As Christians, living in a multi-faith and multi-religious society nowadays can be challenging; but there are also opportunities. How do we make friends with people of other faiths without losing our identity as Christians? **Friendship in the Face of Difference** study guide is a response to the question. You can choose between the evening session on **Wednesdays at 7 pm (starts on June 6)** or morning session on **Fridays at 10 am (starts on June 10)**. Each session will last for about one hour. All are welcome. Please put your name and email address on the list in the atrium.

Men's Group will meet on Thursday 7th June at 10:00am.
Topic: Aged care planning – guest speaker – Brenda Will

Op Shop Committee Meeting will be held on Monday 11th June at 3:45pm.

Notices

Peter Ogden will participate in the 'HBF Run for a reason' event to be held on Sunday 27th May. He will be involved in the 4km walk from central Murray St to Gloucester Park and is seeking to raise funds for Parkinson's WA. Should you wish to support him in this the means is via <https://hbfrun2018.everydayhero.com/au/peter-ogden>

Saturday 9 June, 1:00pm to 4:00pm, at Wesley Chapel, 91 James St, Guildford: workshop on the Code of Conduct for Lay Leaders

A three hour seminar, designed for Church Council members and other Lay Leaders, on the *Code of Conduct for Lay Leaders*. The Uniting Church has adopted a national code for lay leaders. This session helps lay people in positions of leadership in their local congregation to explore the expectations that the Church has regarding appropriate and ethical behaviour.

The seminar follows on from a *Safe Church Refresher* at Guildford during the morning.

Attendance for the whole day will cost \$40. Register for *Safe Church* separately with Cindy Gorton at cindy.gorton@wa.uca.org.au or [08 9260 9846](tel:0892609846) and indicate you are attending in the afternoon as well.

Attendance for the afternoon seminar will cost \$15 (not including lunch). Please register with Kerry George at cedal@wa.uca.org.au or [08 9260 9800](tel:0892609800).

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

Rosters – 3rd June 2018

Announcements	Gerry Ligtermoet
Bus Driver	Dean Lockwood
Reader	Sitera Vuniwaqa

Elder	Ken Paton
Stewards	John Burns & Gerry Ligtermoet
Communion Stewards	Val Watts & Judith Ffoulkes
Morning Tea	Pauline Harkup & Joan Willis
Accompanist	Joy Williams
AV System	Nell Morgan & Cameron Harris
KUCA	Pam Harris

Four week averages: Attendance 81: 7