



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

UPDATE

SUNDAY 3rd September 2017 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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Last Sunday's Bible Reading: *Matthew 16:13-20*

In our reading from the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus asked his disciples an important question. He wanted to know what they thought about him. Simon Peter was the only one who dared to answer the question and he was right on the money. He proclaimed that Jesus was the Messiah, the Son of the Living God. This proclamation led Jesus to say to Peter those famous words that had lent themselves to many interpretations: you are Peter and on this *rock* I will build my church.

But Jesus did not necessarily talk about Peter when he said that upon this *rock* he would build his church. The context of the passage actually points to Peter's revelation of Jesus identity as the *rock*. The church, *the ekklesia*, thus is built not upon Peter, but upon Jesus' identity as the Messiah, the Son of the Living God.

This revelation of Jesus' identity is indeed the *rock* upon which the church, throughout many generations, has been built. This revelation is the anchor that has given the church the stability to survive not only persecutions, but also other obstacles that it has had to face in its 2000-year history.

So the foundation of the church is not Peter, but Jesus' identity as the Messiah, the Son of the Living God. This revelation has been and will always be the map that guides the church as it charts its way in the ever-changing ocean of history. Without this map, the church will be lost, just like a boat in the past will be lost in the ocean without the guidance of a lighthouse, stood firmly on a rock. The church has to have Jesus as its foundation.

Friends, people often say that there is only one thing that does not change, and that one thing is change itself. The world around us is changing all the time and we may feel pulled to different directions. But as long as we have Christ at the centre of our lives, we can traverse the ocean of life with courage, strength, and wisdom. As long as we follow Christ and his values, we know that we will not be lost even when the storm is strong.

Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of the Living God! Let this proclamation be the rock upon which we build our lives. Amen.

Bible Readings 10th September 2017:

Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 149; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20

WEEK'S EVENTS FROM 3RD – 9TH SEPTEMBER 2017

Today 9:30am **Morning Worship** led by Rev Toby Keva with Holy Communion

Today's single flower is to commemorate the 2nd anniversary of the passing of Robert & Maureen Skeet's son, Philip
Continued prayers for the three-orphaned children. Thank you

Today 5:00pm **Afternoon Service** with Holy Communion

Prayers **Remember** the people of Benin, Cote' d'Ivoire and Togo.

Wednesday 10:00am **Craft Group** meet in the Church Hall. All welcome, even if just for a chat and a cup of tea.

Thursday 9:00am **Office will be open:** Western power will be doing network maintenance on Friday from 8:00am – 4:30pm and shutting off the power.
Could I please have all notes for the Updates by Thursday morning. Thanks.

Thursday 10:00am - 11:30am **MENS GROUP**
Topic: World Food Security

Coming Events

Sunday 10th September at 9:30am Morning Worship Service – conducted by Rev Toby Keva

Op Shop Meeting will be held on 11th September at 3:45pm.

Church Fete

We are looking for volunteers to help with our Church Fete on Saturday 28th October. If you can help out at one of the stalls, please put your name on the sheet on the atrium table.

Notices

Offering Envelopes are ready to be picked up in the atrium.

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 – 10th September 2017	
Announcements	Nell Morgan
Bus Driver	Cam Crothers
Reader	Pauline Harkup
Elder	Cam Crothers
Stewards	Norma Svendsen & Pauline Harkup
Communion Stewards	
Morning Tea	Kerry Dunn & Margaret Edwards
Accompanist	Joy Williams
AV System	Jennifer Ligtermoet & Cameron Harris
KUCA	

Four week averages: Attendance 89: 9

HAPPY 
*Father's
Day*

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