



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

UPDATE

SUNDAY 8th October 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 Readings: *Psalm 25:1-9; Philipians 2:1-13*

In our reading from Psalm 25, we are reminded of one image of God in the Bible that we often forget: God as a teacher. We often talk about God as our shepherd, our king, our father, our creator, our shield, our rock, our light, etc. But God as our teacher is a significant metaphor of God that we cannot ignore.

The author of the psalm asked God to teach him in the right way. He was struggling with the consequences of the bad decision that he made when he was young. But he did not see himself as a lost cause. He wanted to turn his life around. He asked God to give him instructions so that he could live a better life; a life worth living. Indeed, he approached God like a student approaching his teacher, hoping that God would teach him some valuable lessons to help him turn his life around.

Friends, together with the psalmist, we all are students in a school that we call life and it can give us plenty of lessons to learn. We may welcome some of the lessons with open hands, others we may loathe. Even more: life can give cruel lessons.

But we have a teacher who can teach us and guide us in the right direction, even when life seems to be unbearable. God is our ultimate Teacher.

But God is not only a teacher who teaches us abstract thoughts or ideas. In Jesus Christ, God became a role model for us to follow. Christ emptied himself of his status as the Son of God and exchanged it with the lowest status in the Roman society: the status of a servant/a slave. In Jesus, God teaches us that the highest calling of our humanity is to serve others, even to offer our lives for others. Through Jesus' humble death on the cross, God teaches us how to be the people that God intends us to be.

So, friends, we have a great Teacher in our life indeed. And this Teacher does not only give us instructions to follow; this Teacher shows us how to become our best possible selves. This Teacher became a real role model that we can always try to imitate and emulate as we continue our study as His life-long students in life.

Bible Readings 15th October 2017:

Exodus 32:1-14; Psalm 106:1-6,19-23; Phil 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14

WEEK'S EVENTS FROM 8TH – 14TH OCTOBER 2017

Today 9:30am	<u>Morning Worship</u> led by Rev Toby Keva
Today 5:00pm	<u>Afternoon Worship</u>
Prayers	<u>Remember</u> the people of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Nicaragua and Panama.
Monday 3:45pm	<u>Op Shop Meeting</u>
Wednesday 10:00am	<u>Craft Group</u> meet in the Church Hall. All welcome, even if just for a chat and a cup of tea.
Thursday 10:00am - 11:30am	<u>MENS GROUP</u> Topic: China-Australia Relations

Coming Events

Sunday 15th October: Morning Worship Service at 9:30am & Afternoon Service at 5:00pm – conducted by Rev Toby Keva

Trinity School for Seniors Art and Craft Exhibition You are invited to come along and view the stunning works by talented members of the Trinity School for Seniors (TSFS) community. The free exhibition starts from Sunday 15 to **Thursday 19 October** at Trinity Arcade Main Hall and will feature paintings, drawings, woodcarvings, jewellery, needlework and handmade cards. Many of the items on display will be for sale. Open Sunday 11.00am to 2.00pm, Monday 11.00am to 3.00pm and Tuesday to Thursday 9.00am to 3.00pm.

Church Fete

If you have any books, plants, or items for the white elephant and craft stalls, please bring them to the church in the next two weeks. Should you require transport please contact Neil on 0409 882 029 or Ken on 0413 806 538

LOOKING AHEAD: The Annual Church Christmas Luncheon will be held on Sunday 17 December from 11.30am at the Meadow Springs Golf Club.

Notices

Do you have an Epson Printer taking 73N ink cartridges? Please see Peter Ogden for a no longer needed twin pack.

The Uniting Church Adult Fellowship recognises members who have **turned 80 or 90 years** of age. We were notified recently that a number of people eligible for recognition had not received this.

If you turned 80 or 90 years of age in 2016 or 2017 or know a member who did, could you please let either Toby or Kerry Dunn.

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 – 15th October 2017	
Announcements	Gerry Ligtermoet
Bus Driver	Cam Crothers
Reader	Seni Nawanawa
Elder	Seni Nawanawa
Stewards	Norma Svendsen & Alison Poole
Communion Stewards	
Morning Tea	Kerry Dunn & Margaret Edwards
Accompanist	Michael Barker
AV System	Julie & Robin Moore
KUCA	Laurie Freeman

Four week averages: Attendance 88: 12