

Weekly News



High Street Uniting Church

We acknowledge the traditional custodianship of the
Bunurong people in this region

Week of 11th February 2024: Epiphany (6) - Listen to him!

Coming up

- Wed 14th:** Ash
Wednesday service at
7:30pm
- Thurs 15th:** Baxter Village
Communion at 2:30pm
- Fri 16th:** Material for HST
due.
- Tues 20th:** Elders
meeting at 1:30pm
- Sun 25th:** Distribution of
HST
- Tues 27th:** C.O.G
meeting at 7:30
- Thurs 29th:** Don't forget
it's a leap year!

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Rev. Ross Writes...



Elijah features prominently in our Lectionary readings this week. Standing beside Moses and Jesus in the transfiguration story and his own story of being taken to heaven at the start of the second book of Kings.

Elijah's ascension is probably one of the weirder stories in scripture, with a chariot and horses of fire and being taken in a whirlwind, but I think it's a highly stylised narrative to highlight the importance of Elijah and the huge task in front of Elisha. When Elisha asks Elijah to inherit 'a double share of you spirit, Elijah responds "If you see me as I am taken from you, it will be granted you." It isn't so much the seeing that Elijah refers to, it's the understanding. Elisha needs to grasp how important the role of prophet is for holding Israel to their covenant

and faith. It is said that Moses was responsible for the birth of faith in Israel, and Elisha was responsible for the faith not dying.

Our faith is a fragile thing in this world of attractions and distractions and as incredible as the stories of Elijah and Elisha are, they are important reminders of how much God wants us to stay connected to our faith. The same message comes through the Transfiguration. The disciples seemed slow to understand Jesus' identity and mission and, like Moses at the Red Sea and Elijah on the mountaintop, a grand display of the power and presence of God was needed. We don't need a prophet in the sense of someone to tell us the future, we need a prophet who calls people back to God.

God calls to the heavens above

And to the earth, to judge the people.

"Gather to me my faithful ones

who have made a covenant with me by sacrifice.

Those who bring thanksgiving

as their sacrifice honour me;

to those who go the right way,

I will show the salvation of God." (Psalm 50: 4 -5, 23)

Walkie Talkies this week

Tues 13th: Softball ground,
Robinsons Road

Thurs 15th: Pines Flora and Fauna
Reserve, Tamerisk drive? TBA

8:30am start in Jan, Feb & Mar.

For more information, contact Ley
on 0408 355 622

2024 HSUC AGM

This year the HSUC Annual General Meeting will be held between services on Sunday, 17th March.

**Reports and nominations will be due
by Sunday, 3rd March.**

Gardening Club 2024

Gardening Club officially starts on Monday, 12th February at 1:00pm. The club will continue meeting on the second Monday of each month - any changes will be announced in the news sheet.

BYO Tools and drink bottle! Any time you can give would be greatly appreciated.

Please contact Anita Setterfield on 0400 103 480 for more information.



Thank you!

A very big thank you to everyone who brought in coffee jars for L.E.G.s. We now have more than enough for activity!

~ L.E.G.s



Presbytery Prayers

This week we ask you to join us in prayer for Berwick (St Andrew's) congregation, including Rev Hoon You (Supply) and Chair Rev Dr Tony Floyd.

World Day of Prayer 2024

The service this year will be held at **St. Paul's Anglican Church** on **Friday, 1st March**. It will begin with a quick **morning tea at 10:00am**, with the **service to begin at 10:30am**.

All are invited to attend and hear what Palestinian Christian women have to tell us. They call us, the global church, to be united in treating all with justice and love.



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Traditional Rosters

Sunday, 11th February 2024

Bible reader: Keith H.

Prayers of the People: Ross P.

Stewards: Neville P, Jill C.

Morning tea: Marilyn S, Bev F, Robert L.

Sunday, 18th February 2024

Bible reader: Aubrey M.

Prayers of the People: Keith H.

Stewards: Aubrey M, Marilyn S.

Morning tea: Karin J, Mick J.

Further details can be found on our website or on the noticeboard in the Church

More Information

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On a tablet or laptop computer

Go to:

<https://zoom.us/j/95468493260>

Password: 3199

(or go to <https://zoom.us/join> and use the meeting number below)

On a phone without video:

Call: (03) 7018 2005

Meeting ID: 954 6849 3260 #

Participant ID: #

Password: 3199 #