



DECEMBER 2019

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land we meet on - the Jarowair & Giabal people.

Pray For Our Local Churches & Leaders

December 01: Redeemer Lutheran Church (Ps Michael & Naomi Lockwood)

December 08: Toowoomba Chinese Wesleyan Methodist Church (Ps Kim & Eva Kwok)

December 15: Outlook Christian Church (Rev John & Janine Merriweather)

December 22: Christian Life Centre (Ps Geoff & Joan Haase)

December 29: Garden City Baptist (Ps Tim & Gweneth Bunch)



Christmas services

Carols service on Christmas Eve
(Tuesday 24th December) at 7:00pm

Christmas Day service
(Wednesday 25th December)
at 8:00am

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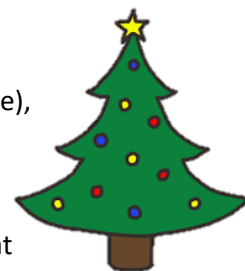
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LIFEWORKS CHRISTMAS PARTY

On Sunday 15th December (following 9am Greenhouse service), Lifeworks will hold our 2019 Christmas party. Please bring a plate of food to share for this special morning tea.

This will be a great time of fun (including jumping castle for young kids), food and fellowship. This morning will be a great opportunity to practice our generosity following the Sunday series, an opportunity to invite family and friends to join you, and an opportunity to celebrate the year that has been.



PINE CONES NEEDED

If anyone has access to pine cones, Kath Warner is requiring them for a School RI Christmas presentation at Pilton in December. Please let either Kath Warner or Tim Griggs know if you have any pine cones available.

FAMILY BBQ AND BIKE RIDE

Are you are looking for an opportunity for family time together, and bike riding during summer days is too hot, then this could offer a great possibility. **On Friday 13th December**, Life Cycle group will organise a BBQ and Bike Ride at Lifeworks carpark. All welcome to come and share in a BBQ dinner together, and whether you are an experienced rider, a casual rider, a beginner rider or an observer- you are all welcome. Come at 6:30pm for dinner, and then bike riding between 7:00 and 9:00pm. Please bring your own bike and helmet, and also your own meat for the BBQ (salads, bread rolls and drinks provided).



SONDAY
kids

Kids (Prep to Year 6) are invited to a special children's message following Children's Talk. The children will hear a similar message to the adults and enjoy a few activities, they will return at the end of the service.

Worship Services: Every Sunday 9:00am

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LIFEWORCS GIVING BY DIRECT DEBIT

BANK DETAILS: Westpac Bank

BSB: 034-242 **Account:** 359011

Account Name:

Lifeworks Uniting Church

What's on

Mainly Music

Wednesdays – 9.30am
(during school term)

Mainly music is a fun music group for parents or primary care givers to enjoy together with their young child. Babies and Toddlers welcome!

Keenagers

WEDNESDAY 04 December, 11am.
Christmas party! At Lifeworks

Bridges

Bridges will be meeting on **the 05th of December** at **7:30pm**.

Craft Group

Craft group will meet again on **Saturday 14th of December** at 9:30am

Church Council

Church Council of Elders meets on
Monday 16th of December @7:00pm.

NOW Night of Worship

A casual, contemporary, interactive, fun for all ages. NOW takes place during school term **Friday nights, 6:30-7:30pm**

NEXT Youth Group

NEXT Youth Group is a community for all in Years 7-12. It is a fun program that includes games and activities, music, discussions and food. It runs at Lifeworks during school term on **Friday nights following NOW, 7:30-9:00pm**

\$3 pp (\$5 for 2 or more siblings)

Notice:

Rev Tim will take annual leave from 28th December 2019 to 13th January 2020.

Second offerings

Second offering for November amounted to \$307.45 for Christmas Appeals (Red Bags and Uniting World). Our December 2nd offering will support UnitingWorld overseas aid projects.

The Second Offerings for the following months are as follows:

- **December 2019:** UnitingWorld's 'Everything in Common'
- **January 2020:** Local Disaster Recovery/Relief
- **February 2020:** Local Disaster Recovery/Relief

Members and guests will notice that our new church has been designed as a multi-function building. Numerous activities take place in the main auditorium, the shed, and in the meeting room. Various groups call it home: a congregation of Portuguese-speaking Brazilians worship here on Saturdays; *mainly music* gathers each Wednesday during school terms, a Weight Watchers group has its get-together in the meeting room on Wednesday evenings; Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) offers care until 6pm on weekdays; a large sewing group gathers in the shed each Tuesday from 10am until 2pm, making various items from Christmas stockings to doona covers.

It should not be surprising, therefore, to see evidence of these different uses and personnel around the property. Children's art works and supplies may be posted on noticeboards, lost property may lie about in the foyer, or other signs of activity may be noticed in odd places. This may be distracting to some folk, but to others it may be a sign that we are a people with a mission, offering service to the community around us.

DV-ALERT TRAINING

On Friday afternoon, 23 leaders from across Downs Presbytery for DV-Alert (Domestic Violence) training. This training is funded by Department of Social Services and provided by Lifeline. Whether we were experienced or not in domestic and family violence situations or training, this was beneficial for all in attendance.

We clarified the definition and scope of training being: *“Domestic and family violence is the unequal distribution of power where one person has the power and control over the other person and uses forms of abuse and violence to intimidate, dominate and maintain that level of control”*.

We discussed categories of abuse/violence being;

- Physical Violence
- Sexual Violence
- Psychological/Emotional abuse
- Financial Abuse
- Social Abuse
- Stalking
- Cultural/Spiritual Abuse
- Verbal Abuse
- Technology facilitated Abuse

We heard about;

- Cycle of violence and abuse
- Warning Signs of Domestic and Family Violence
- Power and Control (Violence) versus Equality and Empowerment (Non-violence)
- Various myth-busting facts
- What we can do/How we can make a difference
- Considerations when reporting

TESOL Course

What is it? **Teaching English as a Second or Other Language** is a service to non-native-English speakers. All over the world, people are clamouring to learn English. Thousands of Toowoomba residents are among them. Whether they have come here as migrants, working-visa holders or refugees, people from countries where English is not spoken need to learn this language in order to complete education, gain appropriate employment, or to keep up with their children who speak only English at school.

Many folk who were brought to Toowoomba after spending agonising weeks, months or years in refugee camps were previously skilled or professional people. To see in this city former school principals working as trolley collectors for supermarkets, or highly trained medical professionals working as barbers, is saddening.

Helping them to improve their English is the goal of the TESOL programs at TAFE and at HumeRidge Church. Derek and Annette Curnow were among 20 people who undertook the latest round of Certificate IV TESOL training at HumeRidge, with a view to helping the Portuguese speaking Brazilian folk who worship at Lifeworks on Saturdays. Other graduates of the latest course will mostly assist with the weekly English classes and homework club at HumeRidge. The cost of the 12-week course is usually \$2000 per participant.

FIRST RELIGIOUS LAW CONFERENCE

On Saturday morning, Rev Heather den Houting (Qld Synod General Secretary) shared with the Presbytery about the first Religious Law Conference that was held this year. In attendance were 100 people from most religions (including most Christian denominations). General Secretary spoke about the 11 topics that were discussed at this conference that are or will impact Australian society and in turn our church life.

- Managing and Conducting Investigations
- Management of Persons of Concern
- Settlements in Child Abuse Matters
- Civil Liability of Clergy Child Abuse
- Duties of Religious Boards
- Religious Freedom and Discrimination
- Document!
- Employees or placements?
- Managing Volunteers
- Bullying and Harassment
- Mental Well Being
- Basic Religious Charities

ST. GEORGE UNITING CHURCH

During the weekend, we were informed that about 80 people (including the Minister) in St George had decided to leave the Uniting Church. Ten people continue to stay committed and in unity with the Uniting Church and will explore possibilities of ministry in St George.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

On Sunday morning, we worshipped together at St Stephen's Uniting Church, which included the closure of ministry service for Marius Kruger (Presbytery Resource Minister).

As we (very) quickly move towards the Christmas season Lifeworks will again be supporting Wesley Mission's red bag appeal and Uniting World.

Right now, more than 430,000 Queenslanders are living on or below the poverty line. With the gift of a Red Bag full of Christmas groceries, decorations and toys you are giving struggling Queenslanders a Christmas to remember.

Find a WMQ Red Bag in the Lifeworks foyer, and a flyer with shopping list suggestions for the Christmas hamper.

Please return full Red Bags to Lifeworks by Sunday 8th December.

Also as we edge closer to Christmas, we can start thinking about how we can celebrate Christmas at the same time as giving gifts that change lives. We can share the vision of our church partners in the Pacific, Asia and Africa as they respond to poverty and injustice in their communities. **Watch out for our Everything in Common stall through November/December, and look at the many gifts that can change the lives of individuals, families and communities.**

Lids for Kids

You all treat your recycling duties responsibly, right? So you never put bottles or jars in the yellow bin with their lids still attached, right? Now, it is possible to recycle those plastic caps you have been tossing out. **The good news is that the plastic lids can be turned into prosthetic limbs for amputees and disabled children.** Lids for Kids make and donate 3D printed bespoke aids for children in need across Australia and in under-served countries. Lids for Kids has local donation points, including our own Lifeworks OSHC. Another is at the Clifford Park Special School opposite the Racecourse in Hursley Rd. However, please remove the foam seal inside milk bottle caps before donating.



EASTER IN TOOWOOMBA

For the last four years, on Easter Saturday, Toowoomba's CBD has been filled with the sounds of music, the smells of gourmet foods, and the smiles of the people. We are inviting the church of the city to Blank Space on Thursday November 14 to pray for and give to the Streets & Lanes Festival. We want you to know up front that we will be asking you (unpressured!) to give financially to make sure the heart of the festival stays strong. If you are unable to do that, you are still absolutely welcome to this important night!

On the night, along with singing, praying, and giving, you will hear more of the vision for Streets & Lanes, including the Toowoomba Busking Festival. So please, if you love this city and love the Streets & Lanes Festival, lock this night in as a 'must attend.'



Christmas hamper shopping list

- ☐ Christmas cake
- ☐ Long-life custard and milk
- ☐ Tinned meat (hams, salmon, tuna, chicken, corned beef)
- ☐ Tea and coffee (small)
- ☐ Puddings
- ☐ Chocolates, biscuits and lollies
- ☐ Savouries and nuts
- ☐ Tinned fruit
- ☐ Soft drinks or cordial
- ☐ Christmas bonbons
- ☐ Non-perishable tinned food items
- ☐ Toiletries (male and female)
- ☐ Toys for children (6-10 years)



For more ideas and drop-off locations, visit redbagappeal.org.au

Elders Council at its November meeting resolved to make a change to the car parking process. **From the beginning of the New Year, all traffic will go clockwise. In other words, you must turn left on entering the driveway.** Use of the road entrance as a roundabout will be discontinued. Access by vehicle to the front door will be around the back v ia the western (shed) end. It is hoped that this will improve safety in the car park.



Notices for the next newsletter

If you have any notices for the next newsletter, please call or message **Sonya Huth** on **0447723347** or email office@lifeworksuniting.org.au.

Notices must be sent by no later than the 3rd weekend of the month