

The things we collect and the things we leave behind

As many of you will be aware, our family has just moved house. While there is joy in this move in being able to move into our own place, we have spent many hours over the last few weeks going through all the 'stuff' we have collected over the years, and working out whether items are worth keeping, giving away, or sending to the dump.

Our modern lifestyle seems to have products for every use that you can dream of; lots of devices which are supposed to make household tasks easier, but which often require their own care and attention to prevent them from breaking down.

While we are probably pretty average in terms of the amount of stuff we have gathered over the years, I am recognising the pain that stuff causes, to have to think about all the items we have and whether these are useful any longer. The temptation for me is to get rid of everything that requires this time and energy and thinking. Perhaps part of that is impatience, but perhaps partly wondering how much stuff and how many 'things' do we really need.

Part of my role is caring for people who are older and nearing end of life. I've had conversations with people over the years who recognise that they have gathered a lot of stuff over time, and who wonder what will happen to their stuff when they die. Will this be a burden for their families to sort out? Will their families argue over their stuff? Will anyone even care about their stuff or will most of it go to Lifeline or the dump? Very rarely does the stuff seem to be a cause for joy, but rather fretting and pain.

So, the big question is, 'what do we leave behind?' Is our legacy going to be a big pile of stuff and things for people to sort through, or are we going to hear the call of Jesus to live more simply and instead focus on leaving behind a legacy of love, laughter and kindness?

Of course not all stuff is bad, and families can be blessed by items with particular meaning being handed down. I have one such item, a mahogany 'what-not', which is around 200 years old and was owned by my great-great grandmother. So, I have this piece of furniture, but could I tell you anything about that great-great grandmother? I'm not even sure I know her name.

So, let us hear the words of Jesus, that our heart should not be invested in stuff and things, but in the kingdom of God:

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. (Matt 6:19-21)

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Intercessory Prayer Team

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We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land - the Jarowair and Giabal people.

October 2024 Services

Sunday 3rd November 9am (Holy Communion)

Worship Leader: Marg Thorpe
Preacher: Rev Adam Tipple

Sunday 10th November 9am

Worship Leader: David Hogg
Preacher: Rev Ruth Harding

Sunday 17th November 9am

Worship Leader: Rev Adam Tipple
Preacher: Rev Adam Tipple

Sunday 24th November 9am

Worship Leader: Kerrie Andrews
Preacher: Rev Adam Tipple

Livestreams - please see [Facebook](#) for the latest link.

Giving Details

If you would like to give to Lifeworks, you can use the following methods:

Electronic direct deposit

Bank: Westpac Bank

Name: Lifeworks Uniting Church

BSB: 034 242

Account Number: 359 011

Write a cheque to Lifeworks Uniting Church, and post in the mail to: PO Box 18093, Clifford Gardens, Qld, 4350

Cash can be left in the offering bag on Sunday mornings.

We thank-you for your generosity!

Quick Links

www.lifeworksuniting.org.au

[YouTube](#)  [Facebook](#) 

Midweek online prayer link (Weds 7am) <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81432040065...>
Password: B1x6cs

Prayer Points

- Give thanks for the baptism of Max Franklin and pray for Max and his family.
- Pray for Lil Green and she recovers from illness and a time in hospital.
- Pray for Advent and Christmas, and our sermon series, that this will be a time of our congregation drawing closer to God, and hearing the call to live more 'Adventurously'.
- Give thanks for the ministry of Rev Yvonne McRostie as she conclude as Presbytery Minister, and pray for the presbytery as new leadership is sought.



News and Announcements

AGM Outcomes

Thanks to all who attended the AGM on 27th October. Some of the decisions that were made:

- Gordon Gillmore elected for a year as an Elder swerving on Church Council.
- Michael Harth appointed for another year as Auditor.
- The Annual Report was received and the budget adopted.
- Tim Nicholls was re-elected as Chairperson for the next congregational meeting and Paula Nicholls as Secretary.

World Day of Prayer

The World Day of Prayer is a global event that happens every year in March. It provides the opportunity for Christians from all denominations across the world to share fellowship as they come together to pray for a specific area. The focus for 2025 is the Cook Islands and the theme is Wonderfully Made.

As you may be aware, Lifeworks is hosting a service for this event next year. Planning for it is well underway. Our service will be at 6.30pm on Friday 7 March. Please make a note of that in your diaries and calendars! This is an exciting opportunity for us to connect with other churches in our area, as well as our wider community.

Nearer to the day we will be looking for a lot of assistance with such things as publicity, music, data, greeting, providing supper, setting up and cleaning. If you would like to help in any of these areas, it isn't too early to let me know, preferably by email so that I can add you to the email list and ensure that you stay up-to-date with everything. Thank you.

Mary Tibben amtibben@bigpond.com

Rev Yvonne McRostie

Yvonne concludes her time as the Presbytery Minister for the Presbytery of the Downs at the end of November. There is a special farewell for Yvonne on 1st December at St Stephen's Uniting Church from 2.30pm. Details in this newsletter.

We give thanks for Yvonne's service and the blessing she is to Lifeworks and to the whole Presbytery, and pray that this final month in the Downs will be a blessing to her.

A promotional poster for the World Day of Prayer 2025 in the Cook Islands. The background is a beach scene with waves. The text is centered: 'World Day of Prayer 2025' in large black font, 'Cook Islands' in red, and the theme 'I made you wonderful' in red. Below the text is a colorful illustration of three women in traditional Cook Islands attire sitting on a beach under a palm tree. A sailboat is visible in the distance. At the bottom, the event details are listed: 'Friday March 7th 2025', 'Lifeworks Uniting Church', '615 Boundary St Glenvale', and 'Contact: Mary Tibben amtibben@bigpond.com'.

World Day of Prayer 2025

Cook Islands

'I made you wonderful'

Friday March 7th 2025

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Max Franklin Baptism

It was great to be able to celebrate the baptism of Max Franklin (pictured above) after the service and AGM on Sunday 27th October. We were glad to welcome Max and his family to Lifeworks, and to have some of our Elders meet the family. We ask for God's blessing for Max and for his parents Jamie and Andrea.

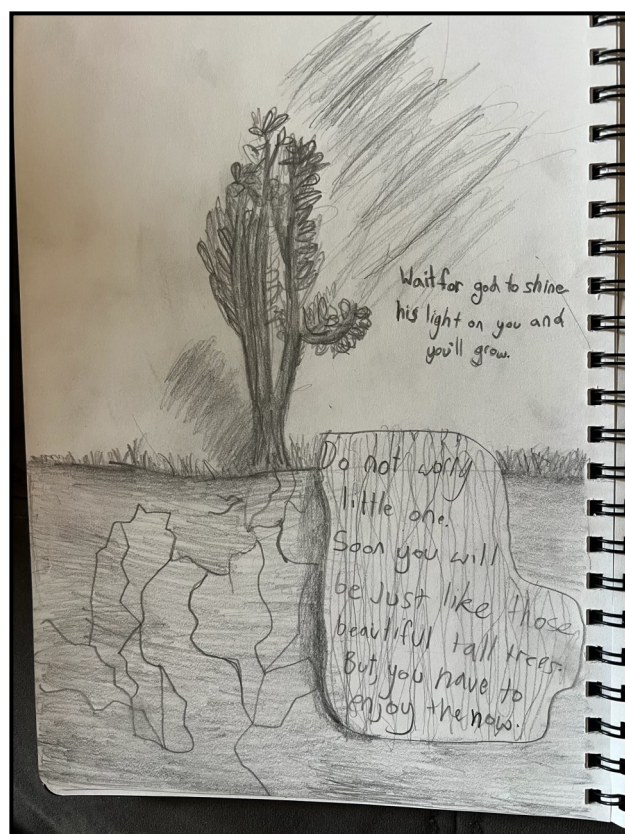
Another Reflection from Camp

Rose Tipple did the following drawing of a tree and its roots, and shared this reflection at our camp:

'Wait for God to shine his light on you and you will grow.'

'Do not worry little one. Soon you will be just like those beautiful tall trees, but you have to enjoy the now.'

We thank Rose for her reflection and words.



please join us for

Rev Yvonne McRostie's Christmas farewell

St Stephen's Uniting & The
Presbytery of The Downs



Sunday 1st December

St Stephen's Uniting Church Hall,
7 Union St, Tmba, 2:30pm - 4:30pm

Presentation @ 3:45 Bishop Cameron
Venables, Revs John Case & Dylan Miegel

Community guests


St Stephen's & the district's [Presbytery's]
Uniting Church members are keen to thank Rev
Yvonne, celebrate the start of Advent with
her, & meet/reconnect with some of her and
our dear community friends as we farewell
Yvonne off into her new adventures.



In Lieu of gifts...

Actually, there IS a gift to be
presented on the day (text Rev
Tanya on 0461584660) & also,
donations of any amount can be
given for Orange Sky, a great
charity Yvonne volunteers with.

Christmas Activities & Games Space

Young'uns & the young-at - 

are welcome to enjoy cool

Yuletide fun. 



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But Where Shall Wisdom Be Found?

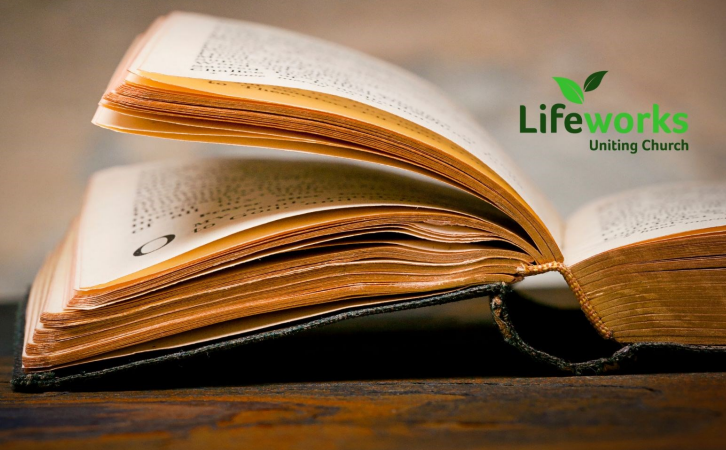
A four part preaching series on
the 'wisdom' books of the
Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament)

October 13th - Job

October 27th - Proverbs

November 3rd - Ecclesiastes

November 17th - The Song of Songs




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The Adventurous Life

Join us at Lifeworks for a deep dive into Advent
and Christmas, as Jesus invites us to live more
Adventurously

SUN 1ST DEC 9AM - STILLNESS
SUN 8TH DEC 9AM - SALVATION
SUN 15TH DEC 9AM - SUBVERSION
SUN 22ND DEC 9AM - SURRENDER
CHRISTMAS EVE 7PM - SUBLIMITY
CHRISTMAS DAY 8AM - SIMPLICITY

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LIFEWORKS UNITING CHURCH

November 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tues- day	Wednes- day	Thursday	Friday	Satur- day
					1	2
3 8.30am Prayer in the meeting room 9am Worship Holy Commun- ion	4	5	6 7am Midweek online Prayer 9.30am mainly music	7	8 Presbytery meeting in Warwick until Sunday	9 9am Lifeworks Craft Group Presbytery meeting in Warwick until Sunday
10 8.30am Prayer in the meeting room 9am Worship 4pm The Break- ing of the Bread	11	12	13 7am Midweek online Prayer 9.30am mainly music	14 9.30am Keenagers Morning tea	15	16
17 8.30am Prayer in the meeting room 9am Worship	18	19	20 7am Midweek online Prayer 9.30am mainly music	21	22	23
24 8.30am Prayer in the meeting room 9am Worship 4pm Games, Grub and God	25	26 6.30pm Admin Meeting 7pm Church Council Meeting	27 7am Midweek online Prayer 9.30am mainly music	28 9.30am Keenagers Morning tea	29	30