



Ipswich Uniting
CHURCH

Growing together and reaching out to make disciples of Christ

WORSHIP SERVICES

8.30am, 10.30am &
12.30pm

114 Jacaranda St,
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MINISTER'S MESSAGE

14th May 2023

Future Focussed is one of our congregation's core values. On Monday night, the church council agreed on the following definition for Future Focussed.

We will constantly seek God's future plans and purposes, grateful that God has led us to this point. Inspired by the spirit we press forward.

As I think about this value, I'm reminded of Jesus' words in Matthew 16:18, "On this rock, I will build my church and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it."

The context of this passage is Peter's declaration of faith in Jesus as the Messiah. Jesus commends him for this. We are to fix our eyes on Jesus and his ministry and where that is leading. There are many other things that we can focus our attention on. Some of them are good and worthwhile. They could be the latest fad, or the thing that the church down the road is doing, or the brilliant idea that we came up with in church council. Apart from Jesus and his mission, we look in the wrong direction.

Future focussed means that we make decision based on what is yet to come, not what happened in the past. We learn from the past, we are shaped by the past, we celebrate the past, we remember the past. But we cannot repeat the past. The society we live in, our culture, attitudes, lifestyle have all moved. Therefore, the way we do ministry now needs to be continually adapting.

The business world often engages the concept of being future focussed. For them it is anticipating the next movement and acting on it now. Kodak was once the leading producer of cameras and camera film. It failed to look to the future and see the disruption to its business that digital photography would bring. The result is that they lost their dominance as they failed to move into the digital world.



What we offer is far more important than cameras and film. We are in the business of presenting the good news of Jesus Christ and drawing people into life in him.

Our task therefore is to remain open to what the Holy Spirit says to the church and where he calls us to act. As we do this we find an exciting world of new possibilities in faith, discipleship, ministry and mission open before us.

If is something that the church of God has done throughout the ages. The planting of churches in Ipswich, establishing Sunday Schools and Youth Groups, engaging in community outreach and so many other activities that we have done, have all been actions in the present that have looked to the future. As a future focussed church, we are asked to continually act now with an eye to what is yet to come.

Grace and peace

David Fender

SMALL GROUPS

If you are not yet part of a small group and would like to join a small group, please let us know.

1. Sign up in the foyer of the church.
2. Complete an online registration [by clicking here](#).
3. Ring the church office.

PRAYER REQUEST

Please pray for:

- The rebuilding of the auditorium at Glebe Road as a centre for our worship, witness and service.
- We have identified over 50 people in our congregation who, due to age or illness, are unable to gather with us on Sunday morning. Pray that they will not be forgotten and that they will remain connected to the church.
- Ask God to show us how we make his message relevant to our neighbours today.



IPSWICH UNITING CHURCH PRAYER CHAIN How to Use the Prayer Chain

Margaret Bastin, is the Ipswich Uniting Church Prayer Chain Co-ordinator. From now on, all prayer requests for the Prayer Chain will go onto the Chain through Margaret, so please send requests directly to her.

To contact Margaret, either email her at margb4016@gmail.com or phone her on **0434 450 919**.

- Always ask permission from the person concerned, before you send a request for prayer to the Prayer Chain.
- Please check wording with the person concerned before you send it to Margaret, so that there everyone is clear about the prayer that is requested.
- Ask for an update from the person concerned when the situation changes, particularly when there is answered prayer.

Jesus said, "Whatever you ask for in prayer with faith, you will receive." (Matthew 21: 23)



8:30am Worship Roster May/June 2023



Date	Welcomer	Communion Prep and serving	Vocal	Piano/ Organ	Reading	Sound	Data	Offering Counting	Morning Tea
14 May	L Millward J Goulding Y Bassett		K Brackin G Timbs	L Raymond	D McGreevy	A Westphal	B Westphal	B Holmes C Myatt	J Fischer K Fischer K Carseldine
21 May	J Goulding N Rothery N Rothery		D Murphy M Bastin	W Fender H Tan	J Goulding	C Lloyd	J Fischer	C & J Alexander G Pyle	A Westphal H Wilson D Taylor
28 May	N Rothery N Rothery A Westphal		K Brackin G Timbs	W Fender	L Millward	D Murphy	Noela Rothery	B Holmes J Smith	J Lee J Goulding Y Bassett
4 June	C Alexander L Millward I Stoker	Noel Rothery K Fischer	G Timbs M Bastin	C Myatt L Wilson	D Bos	A Westphal	B Westphal	Y Bassett C Alexander	G Pyle V Greevy B Harding

Ipswich Uniting Church Preaching Plan—May/June 2023

	8:30am	10:30am	12.30 pm (Niuean)	3.00pm 27 Ellenborough St, Ipswich
14 May	David	David	No Service	No Service
21 May	David	David	Jameson	David (Holy Communion)
28 May	David	David	David	No Service
4 June	Brett Brett (Holy Communion)	Brett Brett (Holy Communion)	Jameson	No Service

GLEBE ROAD REFURBISHMENT

Good news!!

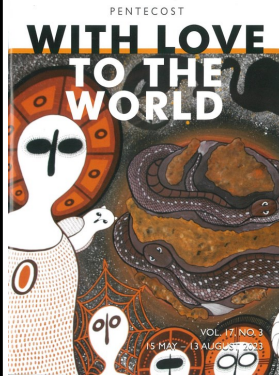
At last, a tender has been awarded and we have a tentative start date of 22 May. The builders have estimated that the build will take 16 weeks. That's around October that it will be finished. Of course, weather and supply issues may push this out.

From now until the completion of the build, the main building at Glebe Road is out of bounds. Groups using the Fellowship Centre and Shalom House will continue to them. Please note though:

- There is some repair work to be done in both buildings, group leaders will be notified when this is scheduled and alternative arrangements made; and
- The driveway from Eileen St will be closed off. The only entrance and exit will be from Green St.

WITH LOVE TO THE WORLD

Issues beginning mid May are in the church now. Look out for your copy in the church foyer or contact the church office. Cost: \$6.00.



GLEBE GARDEN CLUB PLANT STALL



The Glebe Garden Club is an outreach ministry of the Ipswich Uniting Church which is open for church members and the community to join.

The palms that are currently at the front of the Jacaranda church auditorium have been supplied by The Glebe Garden Club.

On Saturday the 29th April, the Garden Club held a plant stall at GRUC, on the corner of Glebe Road and Green Street, Booval.

As shown in the photo, there was a huge number, and selection of different plant types at the stall.

The stall was open for 4 hrs from 8.00am till midday and proved to be a huge success.

The Glebe Garden Club is planning another stall at the end of August this year.

As I stated, this club is open to church members and the community.

You are very welcome to attend Garden Club functions on the 1st Saturday of each month in the GRUC Fellowship Centre, commencing at 1.30pm.

David Murphy
Secretary

LAB1 LISTENING AND CARING CAN HELP YOU PAY ATTENTION WHEN LISTENING TO OTHERS

Isaiah 42:20

**“You have seen many things;
but have paid no attention;
your ears are open,
but you hear nothing.”**

Learning the Language of Healing

Skills for Pastoral Care

A 36 hour course aimed at developing the skills of all those who care to listen and listen to care

When: Fri 26 May 9am-5pm	Where: St Matthew's Anglican Church Logan Road (Corner Swain St) Holland Park
Sat 27 May 9am-5pm	
Sun 28 May 1pm-4pm	
&	
Fri 9 June 9am - 5pm	Cost \$150.
Sat 10 June 9am-5pm	Register on line
Sun 11 June 1pm-4pm	https://www.trybooking.com/CGMRV

For more information contact:

Rev. Dr. Marian Zaunbrecher: 0417 017 704 or email marian.z@bigpond.com
Rev. David Baker, 0418 880 601 or email gensec@qct.org.au

Closing date for applications 21 May 2023
This is an ecumenical event sponsored by



LECTIONARY READINGS

May 14

Acts 17: 22-31 1 Peter 3: 13-22
Psalm 66: 8-20 John 14: 15-21

GARAGE SALE

We will be holding a Garage Sale at our Brassall location on Saturday 17th June from 7am to 12 noon. Volunteers will be needed to help with set-up on Thursday afternoon 15th June and Friday 16th June. Donations of goods to be sold can be dropped off at Brassall on Friday mornings from the 26th May between 9am and 11am. Further details to come. Talk to Glenda Pyle (Mobile No. 0419 100 024) or Alison Westphal (Mobile No. 0417 017 809) for more information.

POSITIONS VACANT

2 x PROPERTY MANAGERS

Ipswich Uniting Church is looking for 2 x Property Managers to look after our properties. The property manager will serve as the primary point of contact for matters related to maintenance and upkeep of our properties. You will be supported by the Property Committee. For more information or you wish to apply for the role, please send an email to the following address:

PropertyCommittee@ipswichuc.org.au

Ipswich Uniting Church

- ✓ *Future focussed*
- ✓ *Inclusive*
- ✓ *Grace filled*
- ✓ *Innovative*
- ✓ *Relational*
- ✓ *Justice oriented*



REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Various Prayer Groups, Life Groups and Bible Studies are also conducted in private homes. Contact office for more details.

Day	Time	Activity	Location
Mon	9:00 am	Adult Leisure Group	Ellenborough St
	6:30 pm	Prayer Meeting	Jacaranda St
Tues	9:30 am	New Life Op Shop	Ellenborough St
	9:30 am	Tuesdays Together	Jacaranda St
	9:00 am	Painting for Pleasure	Jacaranda St
Weds	7:00 am	Weeders and Waterers	Glebe Rd
	9:00 am (2nd & 4th)	Craft, Coffee & Chat	Jacaranda St
	9:30 am (1st Wed)	Womens' Fellowship	Jacaranda St
	7.15 pm	Weekly Music Practice & Rehearsal Meeting	Jacaranda St
Thurs	9:30 am	New Life Op Shop	Ellenborough St
	9:30 am	Mainly Music	Jacaranda St
Fri	9—11 am	Community Library, Coffee, Chat & Board games	Brassall
	9:30 am	UnitingKids	Ellenborough St
	7—9 pm	Swich Youth Group	Glebe Rd
Sat	1:30 pm (1st Saturday of each month)	Glebe Garden Club	Glebe Rd
	7:30—9 am (2nd Sat)	Mens' Breakfast	Jacaranda St

NEWSLETTER ITEMS

- To receive this newsletter by email each week, email office@ipswichuc.org.au
- For notices to be included in this newsletter please phone or email the church office by Thursday 9 am.

Church Office

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Church Council

Meets 2nd Monday of each month

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