



Ipswich Uniting
CHURCH

Growing together and reaching out to make disciples of Christ

WORSHIP SERVICES

8.30am, 10.30am & 12.30pm
Cnr Eileen St & Glebe Rd
Booval

MINISTER'S MESSAGE

19th May 2024

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In recent years, before I joined you as minister, you as a congregation have given much thought and pray to the future of God's church in Ipswich. Those thoughts and prayers led to a willingness to amalgamate the 4 previous congregations and to come together on one site. We came together because we believed that there was yet more that God had in store for us. With faith and confidence we committed ourselves to a time of growth and renewal.

The church council believes that now is the time for us to find a set of words to describe what that future will look like. These words are what are known as a Vision Statement. A vision statement gives us a picture of what the future will look like. Please read the church council report for more information about this. To help you see what I mean, here are some examples from others churches:

- *Living out what we believe*
- *A place where faith and real life intersect*
- *To see people saved, healed, set free, disciplined, equipped, empowered, and serving*

Many years ago, a church in the USA was found with a vision of being a church for the unchurched. Over the years they put into practice ministries and activities that helped

them achieve this vision. They ran they offered outreach programs to bless the people of their community. They ran Alpha courses. They made their Sunday services accessible to those who had little or no faith and introduced a Wednesday night service for those deep in faith. They tried all types of small groups, to grow people in faith. And they constantly reminded themselves of the importance of seeking and saving the lost. They have done this now for over 30 years. During that time they have changed what they have done, but not the reason why they do it. They have seen people continually come to faith. But have never said that they have reached the end of their vision.

And in this church each person found a way to be part of reaching the vision. Some served in their outreach ministries, including mechanics who worked on cars that were given to needy families. Others provided hospitality as people came into the church building. Some cared for others. Others offered leadership in groups. These people ran many different and distinct ministries. But they were all aligned by there vision to be a church for the unchurched.

This is the power that a vision statement can have for us. It will show us what the future will be like and show us how each of us can be part of achieving that.

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Church Office Hours

Office Administrator

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CHURCH COUNCIL - Meets 2nd Monday each month

Hannah Jackson, Chair
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Barry Westphal, Deputy Chair

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PRAYER:

- In the coming week members of our church will be interviewing potential candidates for our vacant pastor positions. Please uphold this in prayer, asking God to give us clarity for the right people to serve with us in our mission and ministry.

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At our congregational meeting on Sunday 9 June, we will talk more about this. But until then, please prayerfully consider what is the future that you believe God has in store for us.

Grace and peace

David Fender

Working Bee in the Gardens

25th May at 7:00am



Please bring your gardening tools!

Let's clean up our gardens.

NOTICES

Bible Reading for Sunday 19th May:

John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

Congregational Annual General Meeting

Our AGM will be held on 9 June at 12.00 midday (please note change of time from last week). Business will include: discussion of our vision for the future of our church; consultation on the future of property; receipt of the annual report; endorsement of the budget; election of congregation office bearers. Further information will be provided closer to the meeting. Any other items of business need to be forwarded to the church office prior to Thursday 23 May.

Soapbox Laundromat

The Finance Committee has been able to secure a lease with Soapbox Laundromats to install a laundromat and dog wash in the car park at Jacaranda St. This is a fully commercial Laundromat for which the congregation is receiving a rental payment. On the congregation's behalf the Finance Committee continually seeks ways to maximise the income from our properties, consistent with our values, to provide additional funds for the church's mission.



With Love to the World

Issues beginning 13 May are in the church now. Look out for your copy in the church foyer or contact the church office. Cost: \$7.00 (please use the envelopes provided in the church foyer).

✓ *Future focussed*

✓ *Inclusive*

✓ *Grace filled*

✓ *Innovative*

✓ *Relational*

✓ *Justice oriented*



CHURCH BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

Account Name:

Ipswich Uniting Church

BSB No: 014314

Account No: 430841926

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 9.00am.

The much anticipated TL Exchange Visit is here ...

Thank God for the safe arrival in Darwin of our friends Mr Soffian Abprianus, Ptr Wisrahayati, and Ms Yersiana Bolo Mau.

The trio were met at Darwin Airport on Wednesday by Stuart and Ros Macmillan, from Uniting Church in Darwin, and hosted overnight in their home. We are grateful for this wonderful hospitality shown to our visitors.



Opportunities to support the visit—its not too late, but please write your name on the list in the foyer so we know who is attending:

- **Worship Services:** 8:30 am & 10:30 am Sunday 19 & 26 May
- **Worship Services:** 3:00 pm on 19 May (Ellenborough St)
- **Crafternoon:** 1:30 pm—3 pm Tuesday 21 May in the Kid's Space – *a friendly afternoon of crafting and sharing with our visitors—see Noela if you are interested.*
- **Farm Visit Kalbar and Lunch at Moogerah Dam:** 9:00 am Wednesday 22 May, meet at the church
- **Lone Pine Visit:** 11 am Friday 24 May—*Been to Lone Pine lately? Come and share our Aussie animals with our TL friends. See Noel about cost for tickets.*
- **Indian Dinner**
5:30 pm Saturday 25 May—*Buy your tickets today—spaces are filling fast.*

Please contact Noel & Noela Rothery,
(e: noelrothery51@gmail.com; mob 0422 750 024)
David Fender, Bruce Raymond and Ian Stoker
if you need further details.

Tickets will be on sale on Sunday morning between services. There are still some spaces available.

Indian Dinner
Come and enjoy a 2 course meal of Traditional Indian Cuisine

Ellenborough Street Hall
Ipswich Uniting Church
Sat 25 May at 5:30 pm
(meal will be served at 6 pm)

Our three Timor Leste visitors,
Mr Soffian Abprianus, Pastor Wisrahayati, and Ms Yersiana Bolo Mau
will be guests of honour at the dinner.

Admission by ticket only
from Bruce and Liz Raymond (0418 738 194)
Adults \$20; Children 6-12 \$10;
Children 5 and under free

Drinks on sale on the night.
All proceeds to IUC/Ekaristi Partnership.

Ipswich Uniting Church Team Timor
Schedule for visit by
Mr Soffian Abprianus, Pastor Wisrahayati, and Ms Yersiana Bolo Mau
15 May to 27 May 2024

Hosts & People responsible for visitors during stay: Noel & Noela Rothery

** Activities marked with asterisk indicate opportunities for IUC people to participate.

Please write your name on the lists in church foyer, or speak to Team Timor people.

Date	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
16 May Thursday	Return to Darwin Airport	Depart Darwin 1:35 pm	Arrive Bne Airport 5.55 pm Noel Rothery and David Hunter will meet them at the airport.
17 May Friday	10 am – Meet with Rev David Fender at the church	**Visit Ipswich Show	Dinner with David and Anita Hunter
18 May Saturday	**7:30 am to 9:00 am Men's Breakfast Visitors will do presentation	**11 am Train at Redbank Station to Toowong, walk to Ferry Terminal, ferry to South Bank. See the sights at South Bank and Brisbane.	Rest Time
19 May Sunday	**8:30 am Worship **10:30 am Worship	Lunch with Church Council **3pm Ellenborough St Service	Rest Time
20 May Monday	Set up for lunch	12:30 pm Informal Lunch with Moderator, Civic Leaders, Church Leaders	**6:30 pm Prayer Time
21 May Tuesday	9:30 am Silkstone State School with Rebecca Hewitt	**1:30 pm Crafternoon with ladies of IUC	Rest Time
22 May Wednesday	**9:00 am Farm Visit Kalbar	Lunch at Moogerah Dam	6:30 pm Music Team rehearsal?
23 May Thursday	9:30 am Brassall Bible Study group, lunch	1:30 pm Ipswich West Special School	4:30 pm Music rehearsal Dinner with Fenders
24 May Friday	9:00 am Uniting Kids	**Lone Pine Visit	Youth Group or Rothery Cell Group?
25 May Saturday	Rest Time	Indian Dinner Prep	**5:30 pm Indian Dinner Ellenborough Street Hall
26 May Sunday	**8:30 am Worship **10:30 am Worship	3:30 pm Review	Rest Time
27 May Monday	Depart Bne Airport 9.05 am David Murphy and Noel Rothery will transport visitors to Airport.	Arrive Darwin 12.50 pm Depart Darwin 2.15 pm Arrive Dili 3:10 pm	