



TALKING POINT

KNOWING JESUS CHRIST AND MAKING HIM KNOWN

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GOD-TRACKING IS PRAISING GOD IN THE HALLWAY

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[Psalm 27:14](#)

Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.

“And while you’re waiting for God to open that door, praise him in the hallway!” I read the Facebook posting on my timeline and smiled. I immediately remembered what the scriptures say in Revelation. John the Apostle was given messages to the 7 churches of Asia Minor. To the church of Philadelphia, he was told to write that what Christ opens no man can shut and what he shuts no man can open. Then he went on to say that God himself had placed before the Philadelphians an open door.

God-tracking is all about acknowledging God in all our ways and seeking him by faith. If we do this then God will lead us according to his plans for our lives. In the process of tracking God’s plans, we often encounter so called, “doors” of opportunity. In other words, we’re presented with options to walk through new doors in life as God gives us opportunity. Sometimes these doors are way open and all we need do is step on in. However, sometimes we find ourselves in a large palatial hallway with several doors before us (or opportunities), all closed. It is here that we need to pause before grabbing the first available door handle and thrusting the door open, on our own initiative. It is here that we need to wait on God and wait for God to orchestrate the circumstances of our lives to fall in line with his plans, before a new door opens to us. It’s in this waiting that we need to patiently praise God and submit to his will. So, while you’re waiting for God to open that door, praise him in the hallway!



Traralgon District Uniting Church
Incorporating: Traralgon, Traralgon South, Glengarry & Rosedale.



This Sunday 22nd October

Traralgon	9:00 am	Rev. T. Johnson
Glengarry	11:00 am	S. Scarlett
Rosedale	9:00 am	Rev. T. Johnson
Traralgon Sth	9:00 am	Anglican

Next Sunday 29th October

Traralgon	9:00 am	September Camp
Glengarry	11:00 am	Congregation
Rosedale	9:00 am	No local service
Traralgon Sth	9:00 am	No local service

Rosters for 29th October

Stewards	L. Samson S. Stephens
Elder	T. Steyn
Children's Address	M. McKeown
Welcome Door	C. Rhimes M. Stephens
Newcomers	G. Arthur
Reader	M. McKeown
Morning Tea	M. Mattheys I. McGloin
Accounting Team	C. McKeown B. Pallot D. Steyn C. Rhimes
Flowers	B. Palmer
Grounds	I. Whitehead B. Boucher

MUSICIANS for 29th October

Traralgon 9:00am	I. Conabere
Glengarry 11:00am	G. Martyn
Rosedale 9:00am	No local service
Traralgon South 11:00am	No local service

DATES FOR OUR DIARY**Sunday 22nd October**

Fourth Sunday GIFT Group
(No lunch to follow)

Monday 23rd October

9:30 am Playgroup
1:30 pm Monday Bible Study

Tuesday 24th October

7:30 pm Tuesday Bible Study

Thursday 26th October

9:00 am Prayer Gathering
9:15 am mainly music
7:30 pm Thursday Homegroup

Friday 27th October

7:00 pm Singing Group

Monday 30th October

9:30 am Playgroup
1:30 pm Monday Bible Study

Tuesday 31st October

7:30 pm Tuesday Bible Study

Wednesday 2nd November

10:00 am Chatterbox

Thursday 2nd November

9:00 am Prayer Gathering
9:15 am mainly music

Friday 3rd November

7:00 pm Singing Group

LECTIONARY READINGS**SUNDAY 15th October**

Exodus 33:12-23 Psalm 99
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Matthew 22:15-22

SUNDAY 29th October

Deuteronomy 34:1-12 Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 Matthew 22:34-46

**THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READING WILL BE
FROM EPHESIANS**

**mainly music ...**

mainly music is on every Thursday at 9:15 am during school term. The new roster is on the notice board, please put your name down if you are willing to help. Contact Marilyn or Theresa if you have any queries.

Can you help?

We have a new teaching assistant at Traralgon College who will be with us for 2 years. She has just come over from China. She is looking for a bike so she can ride to school.

Do you have anyone in your networks who has a ladies bike that they may be willing to part with or lend on a 2 year loan?

If so please let me know.

Thanks very much,
Blessings,

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Playgroup

Monday 9:30 am - 11:00 am
during school term.



Interested persons please contact Theresa or Sue

*Contributions for the front page of
Talking Point would be much appreciated.*

Thank you

**RESERVE THESE DATES FOR THE FILM
"SILENCE"**

Michael Easton and Ian Leversha will be hosting the film "Silence" and a follow-up discussion at our church in November.

The film will be screened on **Tuesday 14** and the discussion on **Tuesday 21 November**.

More details will be provided early in November.

"Silence" is a film by Martin Scorsese, based on a book by a Japanese Christian about the persecution of Christians in Japan in the 16th Century.

It raises a number of deep spiritual issues that are worthy of much reflection and discussion.

Singing Practise

Sunday 5th November @ 5:00 pm

All welcome!



AFTERNOON SERVICES

**Due to low attendance numbers it has been decided
by the Executive Church Council
NOT TO CONTINUE
with the monthly Afternoon Services
until further notice.**

Notices

- ◆ If you know of anybody who is in hospital, please let Tony know so that arrangements can be made for him to pay them a visit.
- ◆ Thursday morning Prayer gathering will be held in the minister's office

PRAISE AND PRAYER

**As part of God's wonderful family let us pause
and give thanks for:**

- ◆ the blessings of faith that nurture and strengthen our walk with Jesus, those simple and yet often taken for granted joys
- ◆ a land of beauty and plenty that provides our needs
- ◆ the peace and security we enjoy in our nation

and we pray for:

- ◇ the ongoing ministry of mainly music, the Playgroup and the children and parents who attend both
- ◇ the Fabric Art Group that they would continue to bless our congregation and the broader community with their fabric art
- ◇ the peace and security of peoples in nations where there is none
- ◇ those who are affected by war and of whom we never hear
- ◇ all those whom we know are struggling with illness, sickness or any other difficult circumstances, and for those who grieve the death of a loved one
- ◇ that we would all be people who seek to share the love of Christ in deed and in word, that we would be sharing in witness and evangelism

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers



Worship with Lectionary Year B



Are you involved in leading worship?
Are you looking for some worship/preaching inspiration?
Then this event is for you.

What: Explore 2018 Lectionary, and share worship resources.

Guest Presenter: Rev Dr Sunny Chen
Sunny brings a wealth of experience in leading worship and teaching Theology. Currently a chaplain, and the Chaplaincy Coordinator at the University of Melbourne, he also teaches New Testament Greek at Pilgrim Theological college.

When: 10am - 4pm Saturday 28 October 2017
Cuppa from 9:45am.

Where: Traralgon Uniting Church,
Park Lane, Traralgon.

Who: All involved in leading worship, including
worship leaders, Lay preachers,
Pastors/Ministers.

Cost: \$5 Morning & Arvo tea provided.

Lunch: Bring some lunch to share

RSVP: Michael Easton 0458742362,
dustyministry@gmail.com

What to bring: Bible, Worship resource to share, Lunch to share.



A Mission and Education Committee event
of UCA Presbytery of Gippsland.



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