



# TALKING POINT

KNOWING JESUS CHRIST AND MAKING HIM KNOWN

SUNDAY 25th June 2017

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## **The Call to Eldership (Election of Elders)**

We have come to an important time in the life of our congregation, and that is the election of Elders/Leaders. We are calling for nominations for Elders/Leaders as the congregational election will be held on Sunday, the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July following the service of worship.

The Basis of Union of the UCA states that "The Elders' or Leaders' Meeting ... consists of the minister and those who are called to share with the minister in oversight. It is responsible for building up the congregation in faith and love, sustaining its members in hope, and leading them into a fuller participation in Christ's mission in the world." (Paragraph 15) The Elders/Leaders of the church are those who have "spiritual oversight" of the congregation and its members. Acts 20:28 states that the Elders/Leaders are to "pay careful attention to themselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made them overseers, to care for the church of God ..."

An Elder/Leader may be any member of the congregation who knows the love of God in Christ and has the gifts and graces for the privileges and responsibilities of caring for the people of God. Elders are those who give themselves to Christ, to prayer, to the study of the Word of God, and who have a heart's desire to care for others. Within the sphere of spiritual oversight, the Elder/Leaders have regular commitments towards that end. Some of these commitments include: prayer with the minister and the worship leaders before the service, leading the prayers of the people, making sure that the sanctuary is adequately set up for worship, visitation of those under their care, and other similar matters. Not all Elders are required to perform every responsibility.

Most Elders/Leaders serve on the Church Council, which meets bimonthly. However, some Elders choose not to serve on the Church Council. Once a quarter we hold an Elders/Leaders Gathering over a shared meal; this is not a "formal" meeting, but rather a time of faith formation, discipleship, reflection, and prayer.

It is not an onerous task to be an Elder/Leader, but rather it is a blessed calling of the Lord Jesus Christ. Having planted churches, the early church leaders called the people of God within the community to "appoint elders in every town" so that they would "... exercise oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have them ..." (Titus 1:5 and 1 Peter 5:2) If this is your call and desire, and I trust that for a number of you it is, then please feel free to speak to Tony Johnson, Alex Palmer or Sheila Whitehead. May the Lord provide for his church Godly women and men who will serve Him and His people.

Rev. T. Johnson

**The Australian Welsh Male Choir Concert is on this afternoon at 2:30 pm.  
Tickets will be available at the door**



**Traralgon District Uniting Church**

Incorporating: Traralgon, Traralgon South, Glengarry & Rosedale.



**This Sunday 25th June**

<b>Traralgon</b>	9:00 am	Rev. T. Johnson
<b>Glengarry</b>	11:00 am	B. Hutton
<b>Rosedale</b>	11:00 am	Rev. T. Johnson
<b>Traralgon Sth</b>	11:00 am	Anglican

**Next Sunday 2nd July**

<b>Traralgon</b>	9:00 am	Rev. T. Johnson
<b>Glengarry</b>	11:00 am	Congregation
<b>Rosedale</b>	9:00 am	Congregation
<b>Traralgon Sth</b>	9:00 am	Traralgon

**Rosters for 2nd July**

<b>Stewards</b>	B. Degnan B. Easter
<b>Elders</b>	B. Degnan G. Arthur G. Samson L. Samson
<b>Children's Address</b>	B. Hutton
<b>Welcome Door</b>	F. Mattheyse J. Newling
<b>Newcomers</b>	D. Croydon
<b>Reader</b>	S. Arthur
<b>Morning Tea</b>	M. Crisp G. Crisp
<b>Accounting Team</b>	J. Allcorn A. Bolton A. den Houting I. Leversha
<b>Flowers</b>	B. Palmer
<b>Grounds</b>	R. Graham D. Sibly

**MUSICIANS for 2nd July**

<b>Traralgon</b>	9:00am	K. Doonan
<b>Glengarry</b>	11:00am	TBA
<b>Rosedale</b>	11:00am	TBA
<b>Traralgon South</b>	11:00am	Traralgon

**DATES FOR OUR DIARY****Sunday 25th June**

4th Sunday GIFT Group  
Australian Welsh Male Choir

2:30 pm

**Monday 26th June**

9:00 am

Playgroup

1:30 pm

Monday Bible Study

**Tuesday 27th June**

2:00 pm

**Afternoon Service**

7:30 pm

Tuesday Bible Study

**Thursday 29th June**

9:00 am

Prayer gathering

9:15 am

mainly music

**Friday 30th June**

7:00 pm

Singing Group

**Monday 3rd July**

1:30 pm

Monday Bible Study

**Tuesday 4th July**

7:30 pm

Tuesday Bible Study

**Wednesday 5th July**

10:00 am

Chatterbox

**Thursday 6th July**

9:00 am

Prayer gathering

**Friday 7th July**

7:00 pm

Singing Group

**Playgroup**

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



*Interested persons please contact Theresa or Sue*

**mainly music ...**

mainly music is on every Thursday at  
9:15 am during school term

Contact Marilyn or Theresa if you have any queries

**LECTIONARY READINGS****SUNDAY 25th June**

Genesis 21:8-21

Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17

Romans 6:1b-11

Matthew 10:24-39

**SUNDAY 2nd July**

Genesis 22:1-14

Psalm 13

Romans 6:12-23

Matthew 10:40-42

**Traralgon Uniting Church Council and Elders elections**

The following are the existing members of our Congregation's Council:

Gordon Arthur, Tony Boulton, Pamela Christensen, Bill Degnan, George den Houting, Ian Leversha, Fred Mattheyse, Colin McKeown, Ron Pinkerton, Greg Samson, Lorrel Samson, Sue Scarlett, Theresa Steyn and Sheila Whitehead

Elders not on Church Council are:

Heather Boucher, Dianne Collin, Bertha Easter, Barbara Hutton, Marilyn McKeown and Jan Smart.

Many of these members have completed their 5 year term and may be re-elected if desired.

They are:

Gordon Arthur, Tony Boulton, Heather Boucher, Bill Degnan, Barbara Hutton, Ian Leversha, Colin McKeown, Greg Samson, Lorrel Samson, Theresa Steyn, Sue Scarlett, Sheila Whitehead.

Nomination Forms are available today in the foyer.

Loving God, may we think on sparrows and the hairs on our heads and remind ourselves of your care for the world.

May we be open to courageous yet compassionate action when you call us.

May we feel the love you continue to have for our imperfect selves.

Amen



The Gideons International in Australia will be visiting us on the 9th July.

A retiring offering towards supporting this organization will be taken after the service on the **9th July**

**FABRIC ART**

**No 4**

It's now two thousand seventeen  
And our 40th birthday's here  
The world is tossed by turmoil  
But God's church is still afloat.  
We give thanks to God for guidance  
We know His Spirit's near  
With His hand on the tiller  
What do we have to fear?

**PRAISE BE TO GOD**

**No 5**

The future is before us  
It's God's future of course.  
Each new day holds challenge  
But we know that we can trust the  
God who's fed us so far  
To lead us further on  
As we continue in obedience

**TO CHRIST'S CALL**

To lead us further on

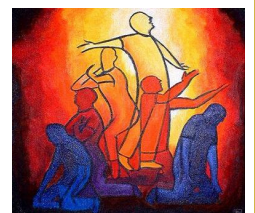
**PRAISE AND PRAYER**

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

- \* our Church, the Uniting Church and it's witness of Jesus over these 40 years
- \* all those marking significant anniversaries and milestones
- \* wonderful and faithful ministry of the Fabric Art Group

and we pray:

- \* for Dee Thompson as she recovers from surgery
- \* for Betty Drosen as she mourns Colin's death, and all who grieve the death of a loved one
- \* for the Uniting Church in Australia as we continue to witness to the saving love of God in Jesus Christ
- \* for all the smaller and struggling congregations across Australia and that they would continue to be faithful witnesses to Jesus Christ
- \* that suitably gifted people would take up nominations and serve as Elders/Leaders in our congregation
- \* that we would all be people who seek to share the love of Christ in deed, what we do, and in word, witness and evangelism



Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers

**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.

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During the cold winter months, the Thursday morning Prayer gathering will be held in the ministers office

### Share Winter Appeal

Each week, hundreds of parents and children are in crisis and seeking assistance. A donation to the Share Winter Appeal will make a real impact and go towards food, clothing, medical help and crisis housing for families and children in need. Appeal brochures are available in the foyer.

### **Morwell Midvalley Village Cinema**

**will have a special showing of**

### **The Case for Christ,**

**based on the worldwide bestselling book with the same title, on *Sunday 25th June @ 5:30 pm with a 6:00 pm start.***

**Seats are limited. Get your tickets online at [trybooking.com/PXTI](http://trybooking.com/PXTI) or call 0473 194 660 if you have any questions**

# KID'S TALK

## Let the Children Come

He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Mark 10:14b (NIV)



W B U Z E F L Z J L G M O W L  
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A R M S Y S D I Z N L W A Y Q  
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PEOPLE	JESUS	INDIGNANT	GOD	ENTER
BRINGING	TOUCH	COME	BELONGS	ARMS
LITTLE	DISCIPLES	HINDER	TRUTH	HANDS
CHILDREN	REBUKED	KINGDOM	ANYONE	BLESSED

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