



# TALKING POINT

KNOWING JESUS CHRIST AND MAKING HIM KNOWN

SUNDAY 12th November 2017

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## Program for Opening the Church on a Regular Basis

Some time ago (10<sup>th</sup> September Talking Point) the Front Page covered the idea of opening our church to the Community for Prayer, Meditation, Reading and Study / education based on the Vision and Mission Statement to be found in our current Mission Plan - still essentially "Knowing Jesus Christ and Making Him known."

The strategic elements associated with this Mission purpose, to provide a foundation for how we should concentrate our efforts as a faith community to engage people wherever they are on the faith journey and journey together towards a deeper faith, are –

- Relevant and inspiring worship in which people of all ages can ***draw near to God and be equipped for mission in the world.***
- Pastoral care and support of our people, especially in times of need.
- ***Programs for children and families*** where they can be drawn to Christ and find encouragement and nurture.
- A vital community life where, through sharing and caring, the faith and love of Christ is nurtured.
- Ways in which our Church can work for justice and compassion, locally, and in the wider church world.
- ***Encouragement for our people to develop and use their many gifts to minister God's love and message in the church and wider community.***
- Good stewardship of our properties to provide the best possible facilities for our programmes and opportunities ***and opportunities to be at mission in our local communities.***

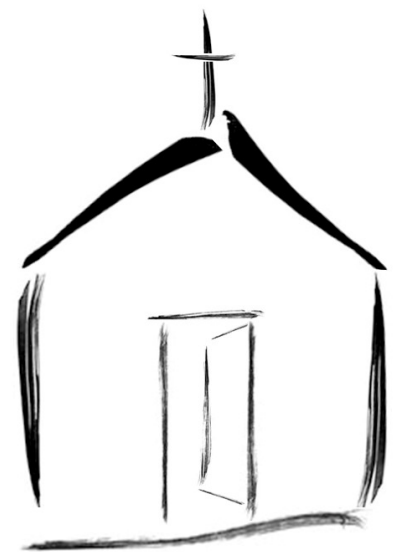
A number of areas in these strategic objectives (some highlighted in italics above) lend support to the opening of our church on a regular, routine, basis to further these aims.

A roster for this purpose is being developed which will be posted on the Notice Board in due course to allow those in the congregation willing to support this initiative to note when they might have one or two hours to spare at any of the times mentioned.

In this way it is hoped to maintain a schedule where the church is open for the Community generally to utilize our Portico (weather permitting), Foyer, Chapel and Worship Area for Meditation, Prayer, Reading and Study with church members available to assist where this is desired.

Spring has sprung; time for us, perhaps, to spring into action so that opportunities abound.

**Tony Boulton**



**Traralgon District Uniting Church**

Incorporating: Traralgon, Traralgon South, Glengarry & Rosedale.



**This Sunday 12th November**

<b>Traralgon</b>	9:00 am	Frontier Services
<b>Glengarry</b>	11:00 am	Congregation
<b>Rosedale</b>	9:00 am	Traralgon
<b>Traralgon Sth</b>	9:00 am	Traralgon

**Next Sunday 19th November**

<b>Traralgon</b>	9:00 am	Tuesday Home Group
<b>Glengarry</b>	11:00 am	O. Qaranivalu
<b>Rosedale</b>	9:00 am	O. Qaranivalu
<b>Traralgon Sth</b>	9:00 am	No local service

**Rosters for 19th November**

<b>Stewards</b>	R. Giblett M. Goodwin
<b>Elder</b>	T. Boulton
<b>Children's Address</b>	I. Conabere
<b>Welcome Door</b>	L. Davey D. Dorman
<b>Newcomers</b>	S. Arthur
<b>Reader</b>	M. Stephens
<b>Morning Tea</b>	R. Hare H. Douglas
<b>Accounting Team</b>	J. Newling I. Leversha B. Pallot A. Bolton
<b>Flowers</b>	C. Rhimes
<b>Grounds</b>	I. Leversha I. McConville

**MUSICIANS for 19th November**

<b>Traralgon</b>	9:00am	K. Doonan
<b>Glengarry</b>	11:00am	M. Crisp
<b>Rosedale</b>	9:00am	J. Cox
<b>Traralgon South</b>	11:00am	No local service

**DATES FOR OUR DIARY**

<b><u>Monday 13th November</u></b>	
9:30 am	Playgroup
1:30 pm	Monday Bible Study
<b><u>Tuesday 14th November</u></b>	
7:30 pm	Tuesday Bible Study
<b><u>Wednesday 15th November</u></b>	
1:30 pm	UCAF
<b><u>Thursday 16th November</u></b>	
9:00 am	Prayer Gathering
9:15 am	mainly music
<b><u>Friday 17th November</u></b>	
7:00 pm	Singing Group
<b><u>Monday 20th November</u></b>	
9:30 am	Playgroup
1:30 pm	Monday Bible Study
<b><u>Tuesday 21st November</u></b>	
7:30 pm	Tuesday Bible Study
<b><u>Thursday 23rd November</u></b>	
9:00 am	Prayer Gathering
9:15 am	mainly music
7:30 pm	Thursday Bible Study
<b><u>Friday 24th November</u></b>	
7:00 pm	Singing Group

**LECTIONARY READINGS**

**SUNDAY 12th November**

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25      Psalm 78:1-7  
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18      Matthew 25:1-13

**SUNDAY 19th November**

Judges 4:1-7      Psalm 123  
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11      Matthew 25:14-30

**Playgroup**

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



*Interested persons please contact Theresa or Sue*



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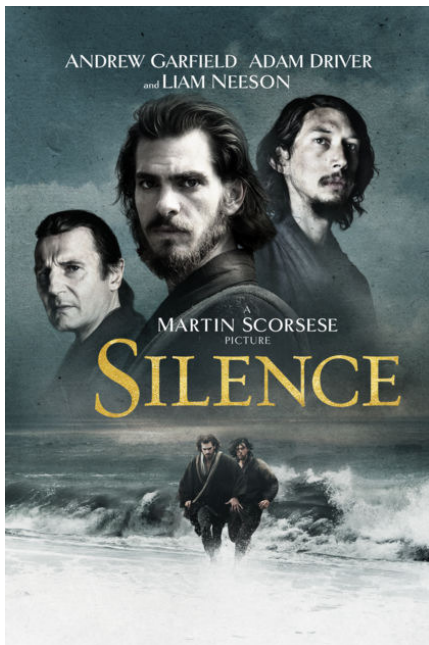
**mainly music is on every Thursday at 9:15 am during school term. The new roster is on the notice board, please put your name down if you are willing to help. Contact Marilyn or Theresa if you have any queries.**

**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.**

The film will be screened on  
**Tuesday 14 @ 7:30 pm**  
and the discussion on  
**Tuesday 21 November @ 7:30 pm**

"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.



**OPEN GARDEN DAY**

**Date:** Saturday 18th November  
**Time:** 10:00 am - 3:00 pm  
**Cost:** \$10.00 per person.  
Children free

There will be nine gardens open for inspection, including two farm gardens. A map with directions and descriptions of the gardens will be available at the Church Hall, when you pay the entrance fee.

Refreshments at a cost of \$5.00 will also be available all day, toilets as well.

*All money raised will be donated to Frontier Services*

**REV EUNICE SMITH**

On Sunday 19th November, Rev Eunice Smith plans to worship with us, to celebrate thirty years since she was ordained. She is keen to catch up with the people she knew when she lived in Traralgon for many years.

**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

WHEN LIFE  
GETS TOO HARD  
TO STAND,  
KNEEL



**PRAISE AND PRAYER**

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

- ◆ God's love and compassion
- ◆ family and friends who support us
- ◆ the beautiful Latrobe Valley and the lovely Spring Weather we are experiencing
- ◆ Frontier Services and the work they do

**and we pray for:**

- ◇ the family of Eileen Clarke who's funeral is tomorrow
- ◇ those who are struggling to find employment
- ◇ the sick, the lonely, the bereaved and all those struggling in various ways
- ◇ that each of us will witness to Jesus and share the love of God with people we know. Pray that people with whom we share the Gospel will come to know Jesus as their Lord and Saviour

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers**

# KID'S PAGE

## Give Me Oil In My Lamp

Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour. Matthew 25:13 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 25:1-13 (NIV)



T Z F E S G H O G Q N O G T A  
O B M P K S M I D N I G H T A  
G O M Q I N A N H E A V E N S  
C A Q L Q T I I E D I J K B L  
L P O B R I D E G R O O M A E  
M O J K E F D K L X M O H N E  
F E O G S W O I H A Z S R Q P  
V W E X G B I N O D A T H U X  
I T B T P C L G R W R T E E T  
R S R C U B O D A A M O Z T E  
G S D I K T Y O N T W D W K X  
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N V I H O M Z I Z H P W D O Y  
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FOOLISH	MEET	DROWSY	VIRGINS	BANQUET
MIDNIGHT	WEDDING	TRIMMED	RANG	KINGDOM
BRIDEGROOM	LAMPS	WISE	WATCH	COME
DOOR	ASLEEP	HEAVEN	OIL	WOKE

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