



# TALKING POINT

KNOWING JESUS CHRIST AND MAKING HIM KNOWN

SUNDAY 17th JUNE 2018

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## **You're Always There for Me**

*By Joanna Fuchs*

When the world comes crashing in  
And chaos rules my mind,  
I turn my heart to you, Lord,  
And pure, sweet peace I find.

You lift me out of trouble  
You comfort me in pain;  
You nourish, heal and cleanse me,  
Like cool, refreshing rain.

In times of joy and bliss,  
When things are going right,  
You lift me even higher,  
And fill me with delight.

You listen to my prayers;  
You hear my every plea;  
I'm safe because I know  
You're always there for me.



### **Notices**

If you know of any pastoral concerns, issues, such as people who are ill or in hospital, any bereavements please let Tony know so that arrangements can be made for him to pay them a visit. Telephone, text message or email are best ways of contacting Tony.



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



Sunday 17th June

|           |          |               |
|-----------|----------|---------------|
| Traralgon | 9:00 am  | O. Qaranivalu |
| Glengarry | 11:00 am | O. Qaranivalu |
| Rosedale  | 9:00 am  | Congregation  |

Next Sunday 24th June

|           |          |            |
|-----------|----------|------------|
| Traralgon | 9:00 am  | T. Johnson |
| Glengarry | 11:00 am | B. Hutton  |
| Rosedale  | 11:00 am | T. Johnson |

Rosters for 24th June

|                    |  |
|--------------------|--|
| Stewards           | M. Goodwin<br>R. Graham                                |
| Elder              | S. Scarlett  |
| Children's Address | S. Scarlett  |
| Welcome Door       | D. Fisher<br>R. Giblett                                |
| Newcomers          | G. Arthur  |
| Reader             | T. Steyn   |
| Morning Tea        | J. Smart<br>C. Rhimes                                  |
| Accounting Team    | R. Graham<br>I. Leversha<br>F. Mattheyse<br>I. McGloin |
| Flowers            | S. Arthur  |
| Grounds            | D. Sibly<br>I. Whitehead                               |

MUSICIANS FOR 24th JUNE

|           |         |                          |
|-----------|---------|--------------------------|
| Traralgon | 9:00am  | I. Conabere<br>K. Doonan |
| Glengarry | 11:00am | B. Hutton                |
| Rosedale  | 9:00am  | J. COX                   |

DATES FOR OUR DIARYMonday 18th June

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

Tuesday 19th June

|         |                     |
|---------|---------------------|
| 7:30 pm | Tuesday Bible Study |
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Wednesday 20th June

|          |                |
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| 12:15 pm | U.C.A.F. Lunch |
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Thursday 21st June

|         |                    |
|---------|--------------------|
| 9:00 am | Prayer Group       |
| 9:15 am | mainly music       |
| 7:30 pm | Thursday Homegroup |

Friday 22nd June

|         |               |
|---------|---------------|
| 7:00 pm | Singing Group |
|---------|---------------|

Monday 25th June

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

Tuesday 26th June

|         |                     |
|---------|---------------------|
| 7:30 pm | Tuesday Bible Study |
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Wednesday 27th June

|         |                       |
|---------|-----------------------|
| 7:30 pm | Wednesday Bible Study |
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Thursday 28th June

|         |              |
|---------|--------------|
| 9:00 am | Prayer Group |
| 9:15 am | mainly music |

Friday 29th June

|         |               |
|---------|---------------|
| 7:00 pm | Singing Group |
|---------|---------------|



mainly music ...

**Thursdays @ 9:15 am. Rosters for  
the new term are on the notice board.**

**Marilyn**

LECTIONARY READINGSSUNDAY 17th JUNE

|                                       |              |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13                  | Psalm 20     |
| 2 Corinthians 5:6-10<br>(11-13) 14-17 | Mark 4:26-34 |

SUNDAY 24th JUNE

|   |                                 |
|---|---------------------------------|
| 1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11,<br>19-23), 32-49 | Psalm 9:9-20<br>or<br>Psalm 133 |
| or<br>1 Samuel 17:57 - 18:5,<br>10-16   |                                 |
| 2 Corinthians 6:1-13                    | Mark 4:35-41                    |

**Remembering a special event 40 years ago.**

I purchased some CD's' at the last book sale here, and among them I found an audio recording of "Traralgon Methodist Church Centenary evening Service 12th June 1977"

which includes a sermon by a former minister (Wilf Griffiths) and also a reminiscence of earlier days by Rev Doug Riström.

If anyone would like to hear this or have a copy of this recording I can oblige. Alex Palmer Tel 51778107.



September Camp 2018 registrations are open.

September Camp is a camp created for years 4-10 students to mingle with peers during the first week of the September School holidays at Lake Tyers Beach Caravan & Camping Park. Participants spend time learning about the Christian perspective of life through activities and developing peer relationships.

Safe Church (^) practices apply.

All adult leaders are WWCC (Working With Children Check) approved and have participated in Safe Church Training within the last 12 months.

The Uniting Church operates under the Basis of Union (#) document.

Costs are kept as low as possible to enable all to come.

EARLY BIRD PRICE: \$125 (until August 21<sup>st</sup> 2018)

FINAL PRICE: \$150 (August 22<sup>nd</sup> 2018 until September 17<sup>th</sup> 2018)

*Sponsorships may be awarded in cases of hardship or multiple children.*

Forms are available from [ucjacc@gmail.com](mailto:ucjacc@gmail.com)

Or phone or text 0408761080 with email or postal address details and forms will be sent.

#BASIS OF UNION: <https://assembly.uca.org.au/basis-of-union>

^Keeping Children Safe: <https://ucvictas.org.au/keepingchildrensafe/>

**U.C.A.F COME TO LUNCH.**

YOU ARE ALL INVITED TO JOIN THE UCAF MEMBERS FOR LUNCH AT 12:15 ON WEDNESDAY 20TH JUNE AT THE GREEN OLIVE. PLEASE CONTACT MARG HINSON ON 51778114 OR BEV PALMER ON 51778107 IF YOU CAN COME. MEN AND WOMEN WELCOME.



**Playgroup**

Mondays @ 9:30 am - 11:00 am

*Interested persons please contact Theresa or Sue*

**NATALIE's YWAM NEWS – June 2018**

Natalie Moore has returned from Alotau, Milne Bay, Papua New Guinea, due to arrive in Townsville with the YWAM (Youth With A Mission) medical ship, Ruach by June 15<sup>th</sup>.

"We did a 6 day voyage delivering medical supplies to Budibudi Island (68 hrs from our berth), stopping at Woodlark to get a guide for this remote area. With lots of motoring, rain, moderate swell and winds too strong for sailing, this trip was more endure than enjoy. I spent three days doing chart corrections, not just the ones we intend to use to reach Newcastle, but our entire folio (may be checked upon arrival). Charts should be updated monthly, but ours hadn't been done since Australia, thus nine months of updates for 70 charts kept me busy.

Life in PNG that I am leaving behind - being in a commercial wharf gives security, but is also restrictive. No personal freedom as we are not allowed outside the compound unaccompanied. We have to use the amenities ashore, and take a buddy to stand guard as there are no female facilities. No cheese or yoghurt. Every dinner features one of the only two meats available: beef mince or chicken breast. Heat is harsh on clothing - fading, rotting seams, mend it or put in rag bag? Beyond our compound, women have to be covered to their ankles. My day is a 6am walk with the captain, work 8am -6pm, bed 9pm.

The wharf is busy with cargo ships, cranes and forklifts moving containers. Alotau's main export is copra, so men have been shovelling a mountain of it into sacks. We seldom see other white people.

Thanks for your support, Natalie."

**On June 20th, the ship will be sailing further south to its home port in Newcastle for maintenance prior to returning to PNG in September. During July, until the ship sails again, Natalie will be speaking at some church services, including at Traralgon and is hoping for a casual work contract or relief teaching back in Coburg.**

**Your prayer support for YWAM's valuable service is very much appreciated.**

If you would like to support Natalie in her volunteer work with YWAM please talk with Colin McKeown.

## Routine Opening of the Church to Visitors

Over the last several months we have tried to interest people in Volunteering to be present while having the Foyer, Sanctuary and Chapel open for visitors and members to use for Reflection, Meditation and Prayer or other similar interests giving quiet enjoyment including use of our Library. An indication that the church is open included use of our Tear Drop signs together with an "Open Door;" a sign board is also planned.

Church Council has indicated a desire to see these efforts continued throughout the winter months, using late morning or early afternoon sessions, as well as continued in the warmer months.

Perhaps significantly, Church Council is very keen to see the fact that the church buildings are available in this way being advertised more broadly in our pamphlet and otherwise. Such advertising would require a high degree of certainty that we have sufficient volunteers to open the church at each of the times advertised.

Achieving that certainty requires a minimum of three or four volunteers for each session so that we can be reasonably sure that if someone is away there will be at least two volunteers on deck for each session thus ensuring we meet the advertised commitment.

Some activities which Volunteers might like to engage in include Bible Study, Prayer, Music, Reading, Trading Table; you name it .....

Because our Foyer is used by Friendship Club and Chatterbox on two Wednesdays each month, and to avoid disruption as much as possible we will commence sessions at 12 Noon and conclude them at 2.00PM giving a timing coinciding with most lunch hours.

The question is ..... "Can we sustain some 15 to 20 or more eager Volunteers for this effort to give us a reasonable level of certainty and acceptance both within our Congregation and within our local Community?" We hope to find this out by members of the congregation completing and returning the Response Slip below; a sufficient response will enable us to progress to the next phase of filling gaps to ensure coverage and of preparing advertising material, signs etc.

Thank you for your attention. Tony

**Our Annual "Books and Odd and Ends" Sale is on**

***Friday July 6th, 8-30am till 5pm, then Saturday 7th July from 8am till 2pm.***

Donations of items such as books, music, household goods, plants etc will be very much appreciated. (No mattresses or older TV's) If they can be left till closer to the time it will be very much appreciated as we are fast running out of room to store items. Lots of help required so that the set up, pack up and opening times run smoothly. Even an hour will be very much appreciated. Help will be needed on the Wed from 2-30pm to set up tables and start bringing items over from the shed. We need to go with the weather at this time of the year. Then on Thursday from 9am till 5pm to finish our sales areas in time for opening on Friday Help on Friday and Saturday with sales, tidying up, providing food for helpers (some soup would be lovely as it is the coldest time of the year) Help will also be needed to do a letterbox drop the week before of our small flyers. Let me know if you can help please. Any questions? please phone or email me on 5174 3889 or 0428743889 email [greg.samson@widedband.net.au](mailto:greg.samson@widedband.net.au) Thank you from Lorrel Samson and all the other wonderful F.U.N committee members and helpers.



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