

A. Prayer Points

Pray for rain, for the central highlands is looking quite dry;

- i. Pray for farmers in southern Australia enduring the mouse plague;
- iv. The struggle against COVID-19 continues: there is a fresh outbreak in Victoria, and there are other places like Fiji where there are outbreaks without media hype. Please keep praying;
- v. Give thanks for the medical progress and even healing of some, but please continue to pray for others with ongoing health issues, be that physical or mental;
- vi. With that in mind, pray also for those with illnesses not visible to the naked eye or prominent in the public gaze;
- vii. Pray for the *Following Jesus* series and all who will share in its presentation;
- viii. VAD legislation will be introduced into the Queensland parliament shortly. There will be a conscience vote on this legislation. Pray for all MP's, including our own Lachlan Millar, as they turn their minds to this key issue;
- ix. Give thanks for safety and a good witness at the Emerald Show. See further below;
- x. Pray for those mourning the loss of loved ones, especially the Folker family from Yamala;
- xi. Rev Suzy Sitton and her husband Stan as they prepare to move to Proserpine;
- xii. The upcoming Emmaus Walks; and
- xiii. Rev Ashwin Acharya from St Pat's will be ordained a priest in Rockhampton on Thursday 17th June. Pray for Ashwin as he takes this significant step in his Christian walk.

B. A Table of Some Coming Events

| Date | Activity | Leader | Venue | Sermon Text | Notes |
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| Fri 11 Jun | Bible study, 10.30 am | | Church hall | Carrying a cross, Lk 14:25-35 | COVID-19 face to face activity. Following Jesus I |
| | Prayer meeting, 11.30 am | | Church hall | | COVID-19 face to face activity. |
| | TnT medieval night, 6.00-8.00pm | Craig, Carla | Emerald Christian Assembly | | COVID-19 face to face activity under ECA supervision. |
| Sat 12 Jun | Refurbish church after new carpets, 9.00 am | | Church, church hall | | COVID-19 face to face activity. |
| Sun 13 May | Public worship, 10.00 am | Jim | Church | Carrying a cross, Lk 14:25-35 | COVID-19 face to face activity. Following Jesus I |
| Tue 15 Jun | Church council, 7.15 for 7.30 pm | | Office under manse | | COVID-19 face to face activity to domestic dwelling regulations. |
| Fri 18 Jun | Bible study, 10.30 am | | Church hall | Growing into maturity, I Peter 1:22-2:3 | COVID-19 face to face activity. Following Jesus II |
| | Prayer meeting, 11.30 am | | Church hall | | COVID-19 face to face activity. |
| Sat 19 Jun | Men's breakfast, 7.30 am | | Church hall | | COVID-19 face to face rules. |
| Sun 20 Jun | Trip to Clermont for worship, 7.30 am depart | Jim | Clermont Uniting Church | | COVID-19 face to face activity under Clermont supervision. Frontier Services Sunday |
| | Public worship and communion, 10.00 am | Jenny | Church | Growing into maturity, I Peter 1:22-2:3 tbc | COVID-19 face to face activity. Following Jesus II |
| Thu 24 Jun | Worship, Avalon, 2.00 pm | Jim | Avalon | | COVID-19 aged care facility rules. |
| Fri 25 Jun | Bible study, 10.30 am | | Church hall | Keeping in step with the Spirit, Gal 5:16-26 | COVID-19 face to face activity. Following Jesus III |
| | Prayer meeting, 11.30 am | | Church hall | | COVID-19 face to face activity. |
| Sun 27 Jun | Public worship, 10.00 am | Jim | Church | Keeping in step with the Spirit, Gal 5:16-26 | COVID-19 face to face activity. Following Jesus III |

C. Livestream Link

Sunday 13th Jun: https://youtu.be/LxAnA195t_A

D. Emerald Show Parking

We were busy on Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd June 2021! There were record attendances at the show this year, so our car park presence was very necessary. A comment was made that the church could have a job for life here, given the organisation and capacity we provided in the car park field. Thank you to all who assisted, and especially to Doug who co-ordinated the whole activity. Next year we hope to have the church's name and aim printed on our high vis vests, further enhancing our witness for Christ in the community at activities like this.

E. 'Rural Reflections'

The book of devotions for rural Australia produced by Emerald Lutheran Church is at the printers. It should be available locally in a couple of weeks. A flyer about it is in this bulletin. The elders have agreed in principle to have Stephen Jaensch, the local Lutheran pastor, come and 'launch' the book in Emerald Uniting Church, and for this a tentative date of 1st August (fellowship lunch day) has been booked. Stephen is also encouraging people to purchase online, so if you'd like your copy before then please go to the web address on the flyer.

F. New Church Carpets, New Cry Room, New Cabling

On Monday 7th, Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th June new carpets were laid in the church. They look fabulous! We plan to move all the furniture back on the morning of Saturday 12th June. Photos will be found elsewhere in this newsletter. Allied with the recarpeting has been a re-routing of PA and speaker cables beneath the stage to eliminate a trip hazard and improve the aesthetics. The refurbishment of the vestry and cry room is also complete. Quite a number of people have been involved in this major revamp of our worship space. Thank you to all involved.

G. Major Sermon/Bible Study Series 2021

Your W&PC elders have selected a theme (living the Christian life) and aligned bible study book (*Following Jesus*) for our major 2021 teaching series.

You'll see from the table below that we've dedicated a week to each of the eight topics in the bible study book. Each weekly topic (eg topic I: carrying a cross (Luke 14:25-35)) concludes with a sermon on that topic. Private and group study takes place on the Monday-Saturday, then the sermon is on the Sunday. You'll also note the Sunday preaching during those eight weeks will be shared by Jim and the elders. This is a good thing, because it means we'll be getting Sunday input from more than one Christian on how he or she seeks to follow Jesus in their daily lives.

There are plenty of bible study books available. They cost about \$13.00 each. If you'd like to join one of the group studies, you are of course very welcome to do so. But you may also like to buy the book and work through it privately, doing your own work on a passage and letting the Word, the Spirit and the preaching illuminate your conclusions. Either way we hope and pray this series will deepen your love for your Lord and your capacity to follow him in all life's ups and downs.



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| 7-12 Jun | Bible studies etc | | Carrying a cross | Luke 14:25-35 | Following Jesus I |
| Sun 13 Jun | Public worship | Jim | Carrying a cross | Luke 14:25-35 | Following Jesus I |
| 14-19 Jun | Bible studies etc | | Growing to maturity | I Peter 1:22-2:3 | Following Jesus II |
| Sun 20 Jun | Clermont/Capella Sunday | Jim | | | |
| | Public worship, communion | Jenny | Growing to maturity (tbc) | I Peter 1:22-2:3 (tbc) | Following Jesus II (tbc) |
| 21-26 Jun | Bible studies etc | | Keeping in step with the Spirit | Galatians 5:16-26 | Following Jesus III |
| Sun 27 Jun | Public worship | Jim | Keeping in step with the Spirit | Galatians 5:16-26 | Following Jesus III |
| 28 Jun-3 Jul | Bible studies etc | | Running the race | I Corinthians 9:19-27 | Following Jesus IV |
| Sun 4 Jul | Public worship, communion | Jim | Running the race | I Corinthians 9:19-27 | Following Jesus IV |
| | Fellowship lunch | | | | |
| 5-10 Jul | Bible studies etc | | Constructing a building | I Corinthians 3:10-15 | Following Jesus V |
| Sun 11 Jul | Public worship | Jim | Constructing a building | I Corinthians 3:10-15 | Following Jesus V |
| 12-17 Jul | Bible studies etc | | Fighting a battle | Ephesians 6:10-18 | Following Jesus VI |
| Sun 18 Jul | Public worship, communion | Jim | Fighting a battle | Ephesians 6:10-18 | Following Jesus VI |
| 19-24 Jul | Bible studies etc | | Becoming a servant | John 13:1-17 | Following Jesus VII |
| Sun 25 Jul | Public worship | Iola? | Becoming a servant | John 13:1-17 | Following Jesus VII |
| 26-31 Jul | Bible studies etc | | Entering a kingdom | Hebrews 12:14-29 | Following Jesus VIII |
| Sun 1 Aug | Public worship, communion | Doug | Entering a kingdom (tbc) | Hebrews 12:14-29 (tbc) | Following Jesus VIII |

H. Men's Breakfast at the Church Sat 19 Jun 21

One of the points which came out of the church survey was the suggestion for a men's breakfast on a Saturday morning. To that end, we're organising one for 7.30 am on Saturday 19th June at the church. The cost will be \$5.00 each. All men from the church are invited, and if they'd like to bring a friend or two they would also be welcome. Please let Jim know if you're coming.

I. CQ Wrap

The latest edition of the presbytery newsletter, CQ Wrap, is out. It is forwarded as a separate item in the electronic mail out of this newsletter.

... CARPET INSTALLATION JUNE 2021

