



THE CHURCH NEWSLETTER
Emerald/Fernleigh Uniting Church,
Cnr. Borilla & Yamala Sts., Emerald
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19TH JULY to 26TH JULY



Mission Statement: As followers of Christ we seek to know Him , worship Him and share His love with all people.

Regular Meetings: 3rd Tuesday.....Church Council/Worship & Pastoral Care Meeting at the Church Office.

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The Power of Forgiving Yourself

You know what's strange? We'll forgive almost anyone—except ourselves. Someone wrongs us, and we say, "It's okay, we all make mistakes." But when we mess up? When we fail? When we do something we promised ourselves we'd never do again? We lock ourselves in a prison of guilt and throw away the key.

Here's the truth most of us are living: We believe God forgives us, but we don't forgive ourselves. And that belief is tearing us apart from the inside. Look at **1 Corinthians 6:19-20**. Paul writes, "Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price." You were bought at a price. Not just saved. Not just forgiven. Bought. Paid for. The transaction is complete.

So why do we keep living like we owe something? Why do we walk around carrying guilt for sins that have already been paid for? It's like someone paid your mortgage in full, but you keep making payments anyway. So how do you forgive yourself? Not by pretending you didn't do anything wrong. Not by minimizing it. But by accepting three truths: First: God has forgiven you. Completely. Not halfway. Not conditionally. Completely. Second: You are not defined by your worst moment. David was an adulterer and murderer—and God called him a man after His own heart. Peter denied Jesus three times—and Jesus built His church on him. Third: Your freedom honors God more than your guilt. When you forgive yourself and walk in freedom, you're declaring that Jesus' sacrifice was enough. You're showing the world what grace looks like.

Jesus didn't die so you could spend your life feeling guilty. He died so you could be free. Free from sin. Free from shame. Free from the prison you've locked yourself in.

And here's the thing—forgiving yourself doesn't mean forgetting what happened. It means learning from it and moving forward. It means saying, "I messed up, God forgave me, and now I'm going to live the life He's called me to live."

So today, if you've been holding onto guilt for something God has already forgiven, let it go. Not because it wasn't serious. But because the cross was. Forgive yourself. Walk in freedom. And honor the price that was paid for you.

<u>Roster Sunday 19th July</u> Emerald 10 am worship		<u>Roster Sunday 26th July</u> Emerald 10 am worship	
BIBLE READINGS:		BIBLE READINGS:	
COMMUNION	Minetta, Pat, Doug,	COMMUNION	
ELDERS	Philipa	ELDERS	
DOOR STEWARDS,	Bruce & Jennifer	DOOR STEWARDS,	Pat & Tuppy
BIBLE READER,	Bruce & Jennifer	BIBLE READER,	Pat & Tuppy
OFFERING:	Bruce & Jennifer	OFFERING:	Pat & Tuppy
REFRESHMENTS:	Janelle & Wayne	REFRESHMENTS:	Bruce & Jennifer
MOWING:	Derek	MOWING:	Derek
CLEANING:	Doug & Philipa	CLEANING:	Doug & Philipa

Prayer List:

Don & Iola, Helen Simmons Jr & family, Joyce, Nick, Steve,

Bible Study has restarted in this new year. Normal times are listed below.

Thursday night at 7pm.

Prayer time is on Tuesday at 1:30 pm at the church.

Tuesday 7.00 pm online

Thursday 9:00 am at church. Please check with Minister Greg times and dates during school holidays.

Below is the Neighbourhood Centre Dessert Roster

Tuesday, 11 August 2026	Shuvandi
Tuesday, 8 September 2026 Jan	
Tuesday, 13 October 2026	Pat
Tuesday, 10 November 2026	Naapuku Silver
Tuesday, 1 December 2026	Lizzy



Upcoming Events;

Obviously all events incur a great deal of work, so please consider how you can assist

18TH JULY..... There was a BONFIRE being held at the Lees Property at 5pm and we hope that all who attended had a great night

<u>Upcoming Roster:</u> 2 nd August	
Mowing	Bruce
Cleaning	Lizzie, Ken & Taboko