

Offerings to Middle Ridge Uniting Church:

Bank Account Details for direct giving:-

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Second Offering -

Second Offering March will support Scripture Union and be directed to Harlaxton State School Chaplaincy.

Please use reference '2nd Off SU' if making a direct deposit to the MRUC bank account or to donate direct go to [Harlaxton SS Chaplaincy - SU Australia](#) or for tax deductible donations donate to Scripture Union Aust.

Rosters - Being part of the life of the church

	8 March	15 March	22 March
Preaching	Rev David MacGregor	Rev David MacGregor	Rev David MacGregor
Data Preparation	Karen Kong	Ross Brown	Bob Burgess
Data operator	William Clarke	Ross Brown	Bob Burgess
Sound Operator	Lukas Christensen	Alan Skerman	Alan Skerman
Camera Operator	Glenn Adamson	Doug Spinks	Glenn Adamson
Elder	Alan Skerman	Brigitte Sheraton	Paul Fuller
Song Leader	Lisa Christensen	Wes Jones	Wes Jones
Music	Elizabeth Crook	Lorraine Fuller	Jason Pelcher
Welcome	Linda Adamson	Jan & Felix Gorbacz	Bill & Brigitte Sheraton
Morning Tea	Ali Trappett, Judith Gibbins, Corrie Brown	Gay Colyer, Margaret Anderton, Fullers	Jo & Peter Cox

Congregation Contacts

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Lectionary Readings

March 8 2026 Lent 3

Exodus 17:1-7, Psalm 95,
Romans 5:1-11, John 4:5-42

March 15 2026 Lent 4

1 Samuel 16:1-13, Psalm 23,
Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41

March 22 2026 Lent 5

Ezekiel 37:1-14, Psalm 130,
Romans 8:6-11, John 11:1-45

God, you offer us the water of life. We turn to you in trust, knowing that your faithful provision can meet all our needs. May our gratitude propel us out to share the good news of new life with other thirsty people. Amen.

Seasons of the Spirit



8 March 2026

Middle Ridge News

We rejoice in meaningful relationships with God, ourselves and the community.

Living out our values of
Faith, Love, Courage and Gratitude.

Worship in the Wilderness

a sorrowful journey



Holy Spirit, fill us anew. Let your power overflow in our communities across the globe. Use us to be a blessing to others. Inspire us by all who use their own struggles to bless those around them. Thank you, Loving God, for hearing our cries and bearing our burdens. We trust in your unfailing love and your mighty power to transform situations.

Amen

From 2026 World Day of Prayer Service prepared by Christian Women in Nigerian with the theme 'I will give you rest: Come'

A SORROWFUL JOURNEY

Hello friends in Jesus

Our Lenten journey through the wilderness continues. These past two Sundays we've reflected on a Spirit-led journey and then a Simple Journey.

Sunday 8 March we're reminded that this journey can often be full of sorrow, including a particular expression of sorrow called **lament**.

Do you realize that about 40% of the Psalms' 150-strong collection are psalms of lament, the psalmist crying out, often in no uncertain terms to God.

We who follow Jesus are sometimes reticent to bare our souls (and the pain contained there) to God, somehow feeling that's being disrespectful. There's no place surely for almost telling God off!

Be assured that God is God of constant, eternal love, who in Jesus takes on all that's full of lament in our lives, just as God receives our praises and thanksgiving too! And remember, Jesus on the cross calls out to God, straight from Psalm 22: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

Take to heart that Jesus meets us in our sorrow, he turns it — slowly, faithfully — turns it upside down — into resurrection life for the sake of the world. Amen.

Shalom,

David

David MacGregor (Rev.)
0414 392 802

Let us join together in prayer

To join the Presbytery Prayer Team please contact Rev Russell Reynoldson, Presbytery Minister, at admin@downspresbytery.org.au or 0427 962 781



Annual Congregation Meeting 22 March Nominations for Church Council

Kay Fritz	2 years
Karen Kong	3 years
Glenn Adamson	2 years
Margaret Spinks	2 years

The Annual Reports book is being prepared and will be distributed / available prior to the meeting.

Couples and Friends

Friday 13th March at 9:30am in Activity Hall.
For details contact Mal Armstrong 0408437006 or mjarmstrong4@bigpond.com.

Thank you for your generosity to February Second offering which raised \$934.50 for Orange Sky supporting people experiencing homelessness and hardship through access to clean laundry and genuine, non-judgemental conversation. At least \$98 extra has been donated direct to Orange Sky.



Weekly Activities

Sundays 9.00am	Church Service—all ages included
Tuesday 9.30am	Praying for the life of the Church in Church Foyer All Welcome Ray Kirkman , Kay Fritz
Tuesday 7pm	Tuesday Evening Bible Study (Zoom) Linda Adamson 46370065
Wednesday 9am for 9.30	Wednesday Ladies Bible Study Contact Jo Cox 0409 620 993
Thursdays 7.30pm	Blake's Discipleship Group (Zoom) Alan Skerman 0437 771 324

Coming Soon—Alpha

Monday evenings 7pm-8:30pm for dessert and discussion commencing April 27th.

Expressions of interest are open now via the website or at <https://forms.gle/vSv1uECUeQEYqHkg7>

Alpha is a safe space to explore life, purpose and the Christian Faith.

Pray that Alpha will change lives.

Pray about who you will invite.



Easter Madness High School
Holiday Camp on 10 -13 April
at Alexandra Park Confer-
ence Centre. See notice-
board. <https://eastermadness.com.au/>



We now have 2 rubbish bins available under the Jacaranda tree outside the rear entrance. Please fill one before putting rubbish in the second one.