

14 November 2021



# Middle Ridge News

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

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

## Upcoming Activities

Sat 27th November 6pm Christmas Bowl Dinner - Activity Hall  
RSVP Margaret Spinks 0400710277

## Weekly Activities

**Sundays 9am Church Service**

**Mondays**  
1pm Monday Bible Study (Zoom) Margaret Spinks 0400710277  
7pm Table Tennis evenings in the Activity Hall  
Peter Noble 0416048211 / Mal Armstrong 0408437006  
5.15-6pm Calm Your Farm - In Church Foyer

**Tuesdays**  
9.30am Prayer Group in the Church Foyer  
7pm F'nightly Young Adults Home Group - Shauna Jones 0488496642

**Wednesdays**  
9.30-11am Wed Ladies Bible Study in church foyer  
Joanne Cox 0409620993  
7pm Wed Bible Study (Zoom) - Linda Adamson - 46370065

**Thursdays**  
7.30pm Bloke's Discipleship Group (Zoom)  
Alan Skerman 0437 771 324

### LIVING WATER

In worship, learning and serving this week, we have an opportunity to encourage one another in faith and hope, to see God's faithful presence in our midst, and to take action to help make the world reflect the kingdom of God.



### At home this week : Give hope

Jesus emphatically tells us not to get caught up in pronouncements about the end of the world.

Speaking to the disciples he points out that life will go on, and there will be good times and horrible times, and yet the world will carry on. Over and over again, scripture reminds us that it is how we live now that matters, not what might happen later.



- Look for stories in the news this week that give hope in uncertain times. Talk about them together.
- This week, start to make preparations for a REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR. Set up a basket or hamper in your kitchen or dining room. Instead of receiving something each day of Advent, mark each day by GIVING something each day. Place non perishable food items in the hamper and get it ready to place under the empty Christmas tree at church for LifeLine.

## Rosters - We can all be part of the life of our church

	14 November	21 November	28 November
Preaching	Rev Kate Fraser	Rev Kate Fraser	Rev Kate Fraser
Music	Lorraine Fuller	Greg Bland	Greg Bland
Welcome/Check In	Marg Spinks	Marg Spinks	Marg Spinks
Data operator	Jenny Hartley	Emily Irwin	Jenny Hartley
Sound Operator	Alan Skerman	Glenn Adamson	Matthew Skerman
Camera Operator	Glenn Adamson	Paul Irwin	Doug Spinks
Video Edit	Marg Spinks	Marg Spinks	Bob Burgess
Morning Tea servers	Joan Armstrong, Kay Fritz		Annie and Sharon Baker
Steam Cleaning	Sharon Baker, Bev Nairn	Carolyn Skerman, Ali Trappett	Bev Nairn, Kay Fritz
Elder	Brigitte Sheraton	Alan Skerman	Linda Adamson

### Congregation Contacts

#### Middle Ridge Uniting Church

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Sunday Service - 9.00am

### Lectionary Readings:

#### 14 November - What Lasts?

1 Samuel 1:4-20, 1 Samuel 2:1-10,  
Hebrews 10:11-14, (15-18), 19-25,  
**Mark 13:1-8**

#### 21 November - Reign of Christ

2 Samuel 23:1-7, Psalm 132:1-12,(13-18),  
Revelation 1:4b-8, **John 18:33-37**



**Church in the Round**  
14th November 2021  
9am

We welcome the Christensen Family and friends for the baptism of Eleanor.

**Markets for Mission**  
Saturday November 13th

Supporting Hospital Chaplaincy training

**Thank you to everyone involved in the Markets this weekend.**

*November second offering*  
*Everything in Common Gifts*

*unitingworld*  
<https://everythingincommon.com.au/>

**Uniting World Everything in common gift stall operating now in the foyer.**

Each gift card represents a project helping people lead lives of dignity and hope, and your purchase directly supports the work.

**Choose a gift card; dedicate it to a loved one; change lives.**

Every gift you buy helps take us closer to the kind of world we all hope for!

Chickens \$10  
Packs of 8 Christmas cards \$15  
Goats poo \$15  
Goats or pigs \$50  
School supplies, clean water, education, toilets and much more.

**Signed Tablecloths**

Some recently rediscovered tablecloths containing embroidered signatures were used in worship a few weeks ago. We are thankful to Jenny Noble who has done some research into the history of some of the names on these cloths and offers the following:

**White cloth with white embroidery**

Research has revealed that the white tablecloth was signed between 1920 - 1924 and most likely commemorated the opening of the Toowoomba Congregational Church in Hume Street on 19 June 1920. The building was moved to this site in 1976.

For more information see the notes on the noticeboard or contact Margaret in the office who can email you some links to historical records about the church.

**White cloth with coloured embroidery**

Made 1975-1979

Most likely this cloth was signed at the opening of the Union Church on the site of Middle Ridge Uniting Church on 5 December 1976. The brass plaque in the wall next to the ramp entry to the old church commemorates this event. In this way, the Congregational and Methodist Churches 'jumped the gun' and got organised ahead of June 1977.

Thank you for your generous offerings to support Middle Ridge Uniting Church.  
Bank Account Details for direct giving:-  
Account Name: UCA Middle Ridge UC  
BSB: 034142 Account No: 144021  
MRUC Containers for Change code: C10181273



**You are warmly invited**  
**to a Christmas Bowl Dinner**  
**in the Activity Hall**  
**Saturday 27th November 6pm**


**A time of friendship and community.**

Donations supporting the Christmas Bowl appeal will be collected on the night.



Please RSVP by Tuesday 23rd Nov to Margaret Spinks 0400710277 or [mruc@bigpond.com](mailto:mruc@bigpond.com) advising any dietary restrictions.

Orange Sky has arrived in Toowoomba!



The world's first free mobile laundry service for people experiencing homelessness

- an idea founded in a Brisbane garage by two 20-year-old mates, Nic and Lucas

Orange Sky Toowoomba  
Looking for volunteers  
Tuesday and Thursday lunch time shifts  
Wyalla Coin Laundromat.

Here is the link to know more  
<https://orangesky.org.au>

To register your interest to be a volunteer make an account and apply  
<https://osa.volaby.org/sign-in>

If you want more information  
Rev Yvonne McRostie is a volunteer and is happy to talk 0427 962 781|