MIDDLE RIDGE UNITING CHURCH

11October 2026

VISION STATEMENT

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

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

- ◊ Placing our trust in God's abundance
- ◊ Enjoying a rich cycle of interactive worship ➡meaningful reflection ➡ serving the world in the name of Jesus Christ.
- ◊ Mentoring, empowering, and sending disciples
- ◊ Building a dynamic small group life; places of nurture and authentic relationship.
- ◊ Filling a real need in the community

Lectionary Readings

Oct 11 2026 Pent 20
Exodus 32:1-14, Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23, Philippians 4:1-9, Matthew 22:1-14

Oct 18 2026 Pent 21
Exodus 33:12-23, Psalm 99, 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10, Matthew 22:15-22

Oct 25 2026 Pent 22
Deuteronomy 34:1-12, Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17, 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8, Matthew 22:34-46

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PASTOR'S PEN

Luke 8:1-3

[1]Soon afterwards he went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. The twelve were with him, [2] as well as some women who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, [3] and Joanna, the wife of Herod's steward Chuza, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their resources.

I often use a great APP called "Pray as you Go" as part of my daily devotional time, and recently this was the Bible Reading used.

As part of the reflection, you were asked to dwell on these women following Jesus; what did you think about it, were they his friends, and how they had "provided for them out of their resources."

As I thought on it through the day, I started praising God for "friends" – for those people who come into your lives – sometimes all of your life, and sometimes – just for a season. It seemed to me that God allows us to be in "community"; allows us people around us, – to feed us, to comfort us, and hopefully to be the Hands of Jesus when needed.

As we look towards Advent in the not too distant future, how and who can we provide for out of our Resources? How will we, as friends of the community at large, and to each other, serve Jesus in this special way? May the Holy Spirit guide us in our own lives, and in our "church" space.

Blessings for now,
Pastor Jenny 0493005755

Notice of Congregation Meeting

Sunday 18th October as part of Sunday Worship.
Items of business:
- To discuss the Discernment report & Vision statement
- Seek agreement on how to progress Action points

Copies of Discernment Report available. See Margaret Spinks.

Second Offering for October will support Protea Place, a trusted hub for women seeking support. Women access the centre through referrals from funded programs, government agencies, community organisations, and through word-of-mouth self-referrals. Protea Place provides a safe, welcoming space where women can connect with practical assistance, support services, and pathways toward safety, stability and independence.

Thank you for your generosity to support Base Services through the 2nd offering in September.
Total giving $1169.40 including some donations made directly to the Base Services.

UNITING CHURCH JUBILEE ANNIVERSARY JUNE 2027

Representative/s of MRUC are invited to attend a discussion at St Stephens Hall Sunday 11 October at 3pm.

Contact: Wendy Williams – warrillowww@gmail.com

In this special year, let us tell our story to the community.

Did You Know?

Car Parking, when visiting the church during the week, is behind the church building in the car park surrounding the playground. On Sundays we can also use the car park on the left of the driveway as well.

There are community groups using the premises on a regular basis including Probus, faith communities, dance, karate, music, and children's therapy.

Thank you for making them feel welcome if you meet them on site.

Church Council Snippets

A plaque explaining the Uniting Church covenant with the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress will be erected in the foyer

Ross Brown and Bob Burgess were elected to Church Council at a general meeting in Nov 2024 for a term of two years. Bob Burgess has been seconded to continue on church council until renominations open at the next Annual Meeting. We thank Ross for his time and efforts as Church Councillor. Our prayers are with he and Corrie for speedy recovery and return.

Baptism approved for 11 October 2026

Alpha Course - Breakfast gathering from 31 January – 21 March

We celebrate recent Messy Church with many returning and new families in attendance. Thanks to all involved and for prayer support.

Congregation meeting will be held 18th October as part of Sunday worship to review the discernment process and vision and progress the Action Plans.

A Coffee Catch up is planned for early December

NCLS surveys will be available during Oct or Nov

Presentation from Connect 100 encouraging connection/collaboration with UnitingCare organisations.

The soffit outside the Activity Hall will be removed in the next couple of weeks to allow access to assess potential water damage.

Air conditioner has been replaced in the footcare room.

Major Sewerage blockage was cleared recently. Signs will be installed in toilets to help avoid recurrence.

Markets for Mission
planning Meeting
Tuesday 13th October
11am in the Foyer.

Weekly Activities	
Sundays 9.00am	**Church Service—all ages included**
Tuesday 9.00am	**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	**Bloke's Discipleship Group** (Zoom) Alan Skerman 0437 771 324

Rosters - Being part of the life of the church

	11 Oct	18 Oct	25 Oct
Preaching	Ps Jenny Noble	Ps Jenny Noble	Rev Bruce Warren
PowerPoint prep	Bob Burgess	Alan Skerman	Karen Kong
Data projector	Bob Burgess	William Clarke	Louise/Harry Bland
Sound	Matthew Skerman	Alan Skerman	Lukas Christensen
Camera	Doug Spinks	Glenn Adamson	Doug Spinks
Elder	Paul Fuller	Linda Adamson	Alan Skerman
Song Leader	Lisa Christensen	Wes Jones	Lisa Christensen
Bible Reader	Gemma Gibbons	Margaret Burgess	Judith Gibbins
Musician	Elizabeth Crook	Lorraine Fuller	Greg Bland
Welcome/Offering	Gay Colyer	Carolyn Skerman	*Volunteer please*
Morning Tea	Jo & Peter Cox	Kaye Kirkman, Christine Gilshenan	Carolyn Skerman, Deb Thomas

NCLS

2026 National Church Life Survey

Our church will take part in the National Church Life Survey in October/November. Paper and online forms will be available.
From this we can gain valuable insights to shape the health and vitality of our church.