



# IPSWICH UNITING CHURCH - Ellenborough St

**Our Vision:**  
*Growing together and reaching out as disciples of Christ*

**Our Core Values:**  
*Future focussed Inclusive Grace filled Innovative Relational Justice oriented*

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## Sunday worship 13 March 2022 9am

[click to watch service](#)

# Documents attached

Annual Report

Joint response for discussion at Location meeting

## LECTIONARY READINGS

**Mar 13** -2nd Sun in Lent - Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18, Psalm 27, Philippians 3:17-4:1, Luke 13:31-35 or Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a),

**Mar 20** - 3rd Sun in Lent - Isaiah 55:1-9, Psalm 63:1-8, 1 Corinthians 10:1-13, Luke 13:1-9

Mar 25 - Annunciation of the Lord - Isaiah 7:10-14, Psalm 45 or Psalm 40:5-10, Hebrews 10:4-10, Luke 1:26-38

**Mar 27** - 4th Sun in Lent - Joshua 5:9-12, Psalm 32, 2 Corinthians 5:16-21, Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

## CHURCH ROSTER

**13-Mar** - Minister, Rev Ross, Bible Reader, Julie G, Stewards, Del L & Helen C, Musician, Liz R, Song Leader, Lorelle, Projector, Anne, Audio, Peter H, Streaming, John H, Morning Tea, Rhonnie & Gayle, Tables Rod, Counting, Peter H

**20-Mar** - Minister, Rev Ross, Bible Reader, Anne E, Stewards, Rhonnie & Rod, Musician, Peter C, Song Leader, Band, Projector, Lorelle, Audio, Del L, Streaming, Ashley, Morning Tea, Chris H & Helen C, Tables Rod, Counting, Helen C

**27-Mar** - Minister, Rev Ross, Bible Reader, Peter C, Stewards, Gayle K & Lorelle, Musician, Ruth D, Song Leader, Chris, Projector, Peter H, Audio, Rob B, Streaming, John H, Morning Tea, Anne E & Jean G, Tables, John H, Counting, Gordon D

## LOCATION AND CONGREGATION MEETING

A **Community meeting** will be held for the people of Ellenborough St this Sunday after church. The Annual Reports are available at Ellenborough St. A Joint responses paper is also available which we may discuss at the meeting.

A **Congregational Meeting** will be held on 27th March. This meeting will occur at Ellenborough St at 2pm in the hall. Refreshments to follow.

**The Tongan Appeal offering** last Sunday at the Combined Service realised \$927. Thanks to all for your support and prayers.

**UnitingKids had terrible news** on Friday with the death of one of their mum through a domestic violence event on Thursday. This was the conclusion to events which occurred over a long period and was unforeseen and dramatic, leaving six children parentless. The UnitingKids leaders have been working with the mum for some time. Please pray for the kids, the UnitingKids' leaders and community.

### **COMBINED FELLOWSHIP MORNING TEA**

The Jacaranda Street Fellowship invitation to a Combined Fellowship Morning Tea has been postponed to Wednesday 6 April at 9.30am in the Church Hall 114 Jacaranda St. Morning Tea, Devotion, Birthdays, Any Celebrations.

*A Pre Easter Bonnet Parade - Prettiest - Original - Humorous - Entertainment*

RSVP By 23rd February. [Sparkyvonne@gmail.com](mailto:Sparkyvonne@gmail.com) Or 0732822097

### **NCLS**

The National Church Life Survey was distribute this Sunday. Please bring them **back on Sunday 20 March**. 1 per person, not per couple. If you are visiting anybody during the 'filling out period' you might like to take an extra for them to fill out. If you are watching from home and would like 1, let us know and we will see what we can do.

### **LENT STUDY**

The Lenten Study material has previously been distributed. It may be done in groups or by yourself. Find the reading for the day of Lent, and look at the questions. Same question for each day. If time is precious, questions 5-7 are the ones to focus on. The study is on the church greeters' desk or available on request.

### **Starting dates for activities after Christmas, COVID and floods.**

**Adult Leisure group** every Monday 9am. This group chats, plays board games, knits and many other things beside morning tea. It is a good group to invite non-church friends to as they are supportive, friendly and non-threatening to newcomers.

**UnitingKids** every Friday 9.30am for pre-schoolers and mum, dads, grandparents and carers. The children have a great time playing with educational toys while the adults chat with leaders and other adults. A very supportive group for new parents. The morning finishes with morning tea. It is a significant outreach activity of the church.

**OP Shop** Tuesdays and Thursdays 9.30am. Another outreach activity as leaders and volunteers work together and chat, sometimes about God, as they serve and support the community.

**Huddles** - Please see your leader to find our when your home group is on. If you would like to join a group, drop a note in the offering box. The Churchill based group has commenced meeting, with meetings Wednesday nights commencing 7:00pm.

Trivia 19th March - Saturday 19th March @ Brassall

**Graceville Uniting Church** is inviting everyone to a Celebration of the Life of the congregation on Sunday March 27, 2022 at 11.00 a.m. for the closing service of Graceville Uniting Church Congregation. RSVP Friday March 11, 2022, to [ucgrace@bigpond.net.au](mailto:ucgrace@bigpond.net.au).

### **Educational opportunities**

**Uniting Church in Australia Identity, Purpose & Future** Monday 14th March, 9 am - 12:30 pm. Facilitated by Nigel Rogers. This course will look at the 'Basis of Union', a pivotal document in understanding our identity and purpose as the Uniting Church. Looking back at why we exist gives us a deeper understanding of who we are, and where we're going.

**UCA Governance and Regulatory Life** Monday 14th March, 1 pm - 4.30 pm. Facilitated by Nigel Rogers. Following on from 'Identity, Purpose and Future' this course will examine how the church functions as a regulated organisation. Together these two complementary courses will give a full picture of how the Uniting Church relates to and operates within the community.

**Discerning God's Leading** Tuesday 15th March, 9 am - 12.30 pm. Facilitated by Paul Jones. This course equips participants needing to reflect and discern God's future with skills and practices that allow for a deeper knowledge and understanding of God's will and leading, no matter where they're at.

**Spiritual Practices** Tuesday 15th March, 1 pm - 4.30 pm. Facilitated by Paul Jones. Spiritual practices draw people deeper into God's life. This course is aimed at providing practical tools and skills for people to implement within their own walk with God.

Please register for all Short Courses on our website: [www.trinity.qld.edu.au/events](http://www.trinity.qld.edu.au/events)

For convenience and safety, all the Short Course learning is offered either online or in person at Trinity College, 60 Bayliss St, Auchenflower. Each short course is \$40 per person.

### **DIRECT DEPOSIT GIVING**

Account name: Ipswich Uniting Church

BSB: 014314

Account number: 430841926

Bank: ANZ Riverlink.

**Please use the describing or reference - "Ellen offering" or whatever deposit item you are making**

## **DID YOU KNOW**

### **Jesus, wholly human and wholly divine**

This is a contentious question. The words of Jesus would say that he is one with the Father, therefore divine. Some would neglect some of his miracles but if one is accepted, then his divinity is proven. His need for food and shelter and his pain and death show that he is human. To accept that Jesus is human only 1 item of humanity needs to be proven and his compassion, his need to have time alone to recuperate and his time with the disciples before they recognised him as the Messiah all point to his being a man. Again, only 1 item of his divinity needs to be accepted to see him as divine, His ability to know the thoughts of others, his ability to heal by touch or even the touch of the other on his garment, point to his divinity. Some have difficulty accepting his resurrection and so I have not used that as a proof but if you can accept the witness of those on the road to Emmaus and by many who saw him after his death, we have the most powerful sign of his divinity. Thus human and divine, and

able to relate to us and intercede for us. Above all, our saviour.  
Rev Ross Mackay

#### Attachments

- [Joint response for discussion at Location meeting.pdf](#)
- [Ellenborough St annual report 2021](#) Available in the Annual Reports page of the website.