

BOLWARRA
UNITING CHURCH

150th
ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION

Sunday 21st April 1996
9.00 am

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN 85. AHB To God Be the Glory

To God be the glory, great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
 who yielded his life an atonement for sin
 and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

 Let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

 Let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son;
and give him the glory! Great things he has done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
 to every believer the promise of God!
 and every offender who truly believes,
 that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
 but purer, and higher, and greater will be
 our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see.

Frances Jane van Alstyne 1820-1915

PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

CHORUS TIME

1. Majesty, worship His Majesty
 Unto Jesus be all glory, power and praise
 Majesty, Kingdom authority
Flow from His throne, unto his own, His anthem raise!
 So exalt, lift up on high
 The name of Jesus
 Magnify, come glorify
 Christ Jesus the King.
Majesty, worship His Majesty
Jesus who died, now glorified
 King of all Kings.

2. This is the day, this is the day
That the Lord has made, that the Lord has made,
We will rejoice, we will rejoice
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that the Lord has made
We will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day
That the Lord has made.

3. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
All the days, all the days of my life
(repeat)
And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever
And I shall feast at the table spread for me
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
All the days, all the days of my life.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Eph. ch 3 14-20
Col. ch 3 12-17

HYMM 677 MHB We Love the Place O God.

We love the place, O God,
Wherein thine honour dwells;
The joy of thine abode
All earthly joy excels.

It is the house of prayer,
Wherein thy servants meet;
And thou, O Lord, art there,
Thy choosen flock to greet.

We love the word of life,
The word that tells of peace,
Of comfort in the strife
And joys that never cease.

We love to sing below
Of mercies freely given;
But O we long to know
The triumph song of heaven!

Lord Jesus, give us grace,
On earth to love thee more,
In heaven to see thy face,
And with thy saints adore.

William Bullock, 1798-1874

SOLOIST

Mrs Caroline Humby
'Jesus Christ the King and Saviour'
'Gratitude'

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

HYMN 138 AHB And Can It Be

And can it be that I should gain
an interest in the Saviour's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain-
for me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! how can it be
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me!

'Tis mystery all! The immortal dies;
who can explore this strange design?
In vain the first-born seraph tries
to sound the depths of love divine.
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,
let angel minds inquire no more.

He left his father's throne above,
(so free, so infinite his grace!)
emptied himself of all but love,
and bled for Adam's helpless race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
for, O my God, it found out me.

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
fast bound in sin and nature's night:
thine eye diffused a quickening ray-
I woke; the dungeon flamed with light!
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
Alive in him, my living Head,
and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach the eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.

Charles Wesley 1707 - 88

MESSAGE 'The Church and it's Mission' Rev. Neville Arthur LTh.

HYMN 385 AHB The Church's One Foundation

The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ her Lord:
she is his new creation
by water and thy word;
from heaven he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation
one Lord, one faith, one birth:
one holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses
with every grace endued.

Dedication of Memorial Wall, Gates & Feature Wall

Dedication Vows

J. Wakefield

Dear Friends in Christ,
we dedicate the Memorial Wall in honour and remembrance of our dear relatives, friends and fellow members.

We shall ever keep them in our hearts and remember them with affection.

People

We dedicate the Memorial Wall.

J. Wakefield

We now dedicate the plaques individually in memory of the following people. Their names are:-

1. Aurelia May Mead
2. Albert Royden (Bert) Mead
3. Svendsine Petronella (Senie) Mead
4. John (Jack) Harry Winston Stocker
5. Mildred Annie Stocker
6. Noel Charles Digby
7. David John Fort
8. Miss Tempe May Worboys
9. Frederick Lawrence Simon
10. Harold Royden Mead
11. Clifford George Mead
12. Ian & Keith Norris
13. Rev. Keith Biddle
14. Walter Henry Lever
15. Irene Ivy Ellen & Robert William Vickery

People

We dedicate these plaques.

J. Wakefield

We dedicate the Church gates to the loving memory of Walter, Gladys and Bruce Worboys and to David John Fort, they will be remembered with love and affection.

People

We dedicate these Church Gates.

J. Wakefield

We dedicate the Feature Wall to all those who by its presence will discover a rich experience of the living God.

People

We dedicate this Feature Wall.

J. Wakefield

Let us Pray

Almighty God, we remember before you all those who have lived among us, who have directed our steps in Christ's way, opened our eyes to the truth, inspired our hearts by their witness, and strengthened our will by their devotion.

We rejoice in their lives dedicated to your service, we honour them in their death, and pray that we may be united with them in the glory of Christ's resurrection.

**The 150th Anniversary of the
Dedication of Bolwarra Uniting Church**

J. Wakefield

In the spirit of gratitude to our heavenly Father by whose favour, inspiration and guidance we have come to this 150th Anniversary of the dedication of this Worship Centre.

People

We re-dedicate this house of Worship and its facilities.

J. Wakefield

In love for our beloved Church and in reverent memory of all those who by their service and sacrifice down through the years have bequeathed to us this Church Property.

People

We re-dedicate this house of Worship and its facilities.

J. Wakefield

In grateful appreciation of the generosity of the members and friends of this Church, the spirit of unity and the loyalty prevailing throughout the whole Church.

People

We re-dedicate this house of Worship today and re-consecrate our lives to the service of Christ our Lord and to the growth of God's kingdom.

Please remain for the cutting of the cake and Morning Tea

A Brief History of Bolwarra Church

The history of Bolwarra Church goes back to 1846 when a small wooden church of 25' x 18' and capable of seating 100 people was erected on land at the end of Flat Road near the Hunter River, Bolwarra.

These early Methodists were farmers working the fertile land of the Bolwarra Flats, with many being tenant farmers on the original Bolwarra Estate.

The wooden church was replaced by a brick building, erected in 1878 on the original site. This building remained the meeting place for 77 years until the devastating floods of 1955 changed the course of the Hunter River to a point of close proximity to the old church.

The church had to be moved and land was donated for this purpose on Paterson Road, Bolwarra, on much higher ground. With the demolition of the old church came the erection of the current building which was officially opened in 1958.

This year we celebrate 150 years of continuous witness by the Bolwarra Church.

