

# Maitland Uniting Churches Newsletter March 2025

## Dying and Rising of Easter



## Lenten Study Series

Lenten Reflections are an opportunity to slow down and focus on the living God. Each gathering we will focus on a passage from one of Paul's letters or Isaiah. We will follow the pattern of Lectio Divina, allowing the Holy Spirit to inspire meaning from the passage. It takes us to the place of the 'still small voice', and intimacy with God. Arrive at 10am for a brief cuppa and hello. We will finish at 11.30am. The Readings for each week are: Mar 13 - Phil 3:17 - 4:1, Mar 20 - Isaiah 55:1-3a,6, 8-9, Mar 27 - 2 Cor 5:16-21, Apr 3 - Phil 3:4b-11, Apr 10 - Phil 2:5-11. Facilitated by Rev Garry Derkenne, Ministry co-ordinator for Maitland Uniting Churches. Register by 7th March to [admin.MRC@nswact.uca.org.au](mailto:admin.MRC@nswact.uca.org.au) or M 0493 828071

**Thursdays 10am to 11.30am  
13th March to 10th April**

**At Morpeth Uniting Church  
High and Northumberland Sts**

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## Morpeth FOCASS 1st & 3rd Tuesdays

Friendship, Outings, Community, Activities Sharing  
& Support

March 18th St Patrick Day:

Green day, green food & wear green

April 1st Games day: HOY Cost \$5.00

Covers cost of prizes

April 15th Easter week

May 6th Art & Spirituality talk:

Rev Dr Rod Pattenden

May 20th Talk on Indonesia:

Chelsea Piper (Mary's granddaughter)

June 17th Soup & Damper: Fundraiser

School holidays commence April 12th - 27<sup>th</sup>

## Easter Services

### Bolwarra

**Palm Sunday** 13<sup>th</sup> April 9am:

Anne Robinson

**Good Friday** 18<sup>th</sup> April 9am:

Leanne Bentham

**Easter Sunday** 20<sup>th</sup> April 9am:

Ruth Rodden

### East Maitland

**Palm Sunday** 13<sup>th</sup> April 10am:

**Good Friday** 18<sup>th</sup> April 10am:

Worship team (Zoom available)

**Easter Sunday** 20<sup>th</sup> April 10am:

Barbara & Tony Towers (Zoom available)

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### Morpeth

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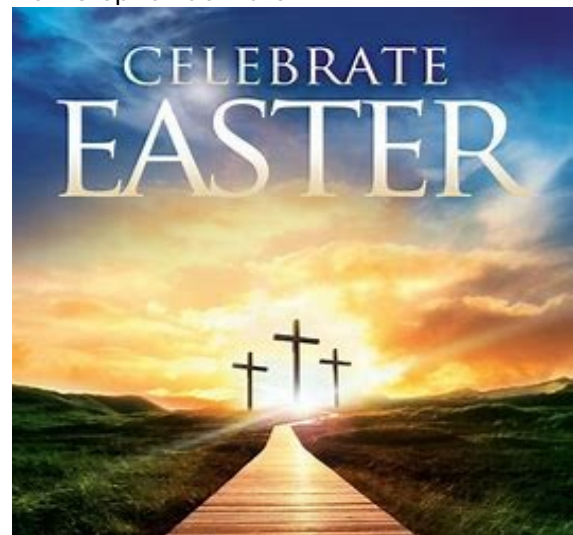
Project Reconnect

**Good Friday** 18<sup>th</sup> April 9am:

Rev. Rod Pattenden

**Easter Sunday** 20<sup>th</sup> April 9am:

Rev. Stephen de Plate



**KEEP THE DATE:** Counterpoint Chamber Choir,  
Wesley Hall, 2pm Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May. \$20 includes  
afternoon tea

"Anyone knowing of a 4-bedroom house  
available for lease in the Maitland area, up to  
\$500 pw rental, please contact Geoff Hicks at  
[Secretary.Eastmaitland@nswact.uca.org.au](mailto:Secretary.Eastmaitland@nswact.uca.org.au) "

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## BOLWARRA HARVEST FESTIVAL

### Planning Consultation



### Maitland Uniting Churches

An invitation to support the future development of the Uniting Church in Maitland through praying, imagining and planning; What groups do we currently support, what new ideas groups could we develop, how do we use our properties more effectively, how to reach out to younger folk, what are the needs of the many new people moving into the region? This session will provide time for prayer, conversation and the shaping of ideas that we can take forward, that will give us energy and hope as we work together.

**Sunday 30th March 2025**  
**Morpeth Uniting Church 2- 4pm**  
**High and Northumberland Sts**

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### Aboriginal Banner

On 23 February, Beatie Esterbrook presented the Aboriginal Banner, which had previously hung in Rutherford Church, to Bolwarra Uniting Church. The banner was made by Beatie in 2011 and represents the history of the first people in Maitland. It is the left-hand companion to a right side which told the personal story of Mrs Victoria Matthews, a local first peoples Elder, with a past connection with Maitland Methodist Church. Bolwarra congregation are very appreciative of this wonderful gift

Pictured Samantha Roberts, Leaders Louise Trist and Lindsay Moxey



Bolwarra held its annual Harvest Festival after the Church Service on Sunday 2 March. A great display of harvest produce and home cooking was auctioned off by Lindsay Moxey, raising well over \$1000. Proceeds will be donated to MUNCH.



Bolwarra's talented Chloe Flannery recently presented the congregation with a beautiful picture she painted to hang in the Church

### East Maitland News

Congregation members recently celebrated the 100th Birthday of Zillah White, who is now a resident of Green Hills Residential Care.

Members of the NSW/ACT Synod Committee of Adult Fellowship (UCAF) have been presenting Appreciation Certificates to congregation members who have reached their 80th, 90th or 100th birthdays. The certificates acknowledge the contributions to and involvement of the recipients in congregational life. Included in the presentations have been some to Presbyterian friends who have begun worshipping with us. For more information about the certificates, contact Judy Hicks, Chair of the Synod UCAF Committee. ([judyh\\_rnh@hotmail.com](mailto:judyh_rnh@hotmail.com)).

