



Uniting Church of Australia **BOLWARRA**

Newsletter

17 July 2025

The July Bible study, led by Rev Garry Derkenne, commenced on Monday 7 July with a good role up from all congregations.

On 29 June Thomas and Eleanor Clack were baptised into our congregation. It was lovely to meet these wonderful children and their mum Sarah. Both Thomas and Sarah were presented with a children's bible and a candle, along with their certificate to commemorate the event.

The Leaders are looking into holding a Family Service at a time to suit families, maybe on a Sunday afternoon. While it is still in the early planning stages, there is likely to be lots of activities for young people, including singing and playing percussion instruments. If you know anyone who may be interested please contact either Louise or Leanne with their details.

An invitation is extended to Leaders and Interested members of the Maitland Uniting Churches to welcome and meet the new Uniting Church Maitland Church Plant lead workers, Pearl Nunn and Kevin Crouse over morning tea on Thursday 31 July at 10am at Bolwarra Uniting Church (see flyer at the end of this newsletter for more information).

Reminder that the next Maitland Uniting Churches Planning Meeting, to refine our unified values, vision and mission, will be held on 17 August at Morpeth Uniting Church Hall. There will be one more meeting after this one on 21 September. Please put these dates in your diary.

Our Spring Fair date has been set for 18 October. The Leaders are looking for your ideas to plan another great community day. A planning meeting will be held in the coming weeks.

There are several pews that are available for sale and the Leaders want to offer them to members of the congregation in the first instance. If you are interested, please contact Lindsay Moxey on 0408468984.

If you need to attend a Safe Church Workshop, three more training workshops have been organised by Hunter Presbytery. There is a flyer at the end of this Newsletter with more information. For more information, please contact Jenny Mathieson, Presbytery Secretary Email - jennyandray@bigpond.com. Safe Church Workshops need to be undertaken by Ordained Ministers, Leaders, Leaders of church run programs/events etc. Check out the flyer at the end of this newsletter for more information.

On the first Sunday of every month a combined Maitland Uniting Churches lunch is held, which is organised by Wendy Allomes from Maitland congregation. There is a different

venue each month and this is a great opportunity to meet with members of other congregations. Wendy does appreciate an RSVP so she can ensure everyone has a seat. Wendy can be contacted on 0494153739 for further information.

FOCASS is held every first and third Tuesday of each month. On 5 August there will be a games afternoon commencing at 1:30pm. Please contact Denise Burton for more information on 0499844567.

Please remember to keep collecting recyclable cans and bottles so we can continue to provide financial to Safari and his family from Kenya. Bags can be left at the back door of the kitchen or in the garbage bins provided. Please contact Robyn Pont on 0428804081 for more information.

Welcoming the lead workers for the new Uniting Church **Maitland Church Plant**

An invitation to leaders and interested members of the Maitland Uniting Churches to meet Pearl Nunn and Kevin Crouse over morning tea on Thursday 31st July 2025 at 10am. Bolwarra Uniting Church 4 Canna St



Kevin Crouse and Pearl Nunn are beginning their work to plant a new church focused on the needs of families and children in the Maitland area. This responds to the needs of the rapidly growing population of the region and is an initiative of the Synod supported by The Hunter Presbytery. We want to give them a warm welcome and to offer our support and prayers for their work.

RSVP for catering
Rod Pattenden pattenden@bigpond.com
M 0418 861267

FOCASS

(Friendship, Outings, Community,
Activities, Sharing and Support)



Maitland Uniting Churches

1st & 3rd Tuesday

of each month

1:30-3.30pm

at Morpeth Uniting Church Hall

Cnr High & Northumberland Streets, Morpeth

Come along and bring a friend!

For more information contact

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Hunter Presbytery Training Workshops

Updated content. Valid for 3yrs.

**Warners Bay Uniting Church,
342 Hillsborough Road, Warners Bay
Saturday 23rd August, 9am-12pm ***

**Morpeth Uniting Church
98 High Street, Morpeth
Saturday 23rd August, 2pm-5pm ***

**Muswellbrook Uniting Church,
Bridge Street, Muswellbrook.
Sunday 24th August, 1pm-4pm ***

* Attendees **MUST** complete the online component prior to attending the workshop. A link to the online component will be emailed prior to the event.

Register online at

www.nswact.uca.org.au/support-services/safe-church-unit/safe-church-training/

OR

scan here to register 

UCA Churches

\$10

(subsidised)

non-UCA Churches

\$40

