



Uniting Church of Australia **BOLWARRA**

Newsletter

17 September 2025

A combined Maitland Uniting Churches worship service was held at East Maitland on Sunday 14 September to celebrate the Season of Creation. The Holy Communion service was led by Rev Dr Rod Pattenden and Rev Garry Derkenne with artist Dr Penny Dunstan giving a talk. The new church plant team, Rev Kevin Crouse and Pastor Pearl Nunn, were introduced. A delicious morning tea and fellowship was enjoyed after the service.

We had a fabulous first family "Messy Church" on Sunday 14 September with a great roll up. Children enjoyed activities celebrating Spring including making bird feeders, bee hats, paper flowers, blowing bubbles, singing, playing percussion instruments and listening to wonderful stories. Afterwards we all enjoyed a free yummy sausage sizzle for dinner followed by cakes/slices and lots of friendly chatter. We are looking forward to our next Messy Church on **October 12** with the theme being 'Friends'. On Sunday **19 November** the theme will be 'Good Hands' and Sunday **14 December** it will be 'Christmas' theme. Everyone is welcome!



Children had a wonderful time with all the activities at the Family Messy Church

We extend our condolences to Heather Charlier and family on the passing of John on 17 August after a long illness. John and Heather attended both Bolwarra and Morpeth Uniting Churches. The funeral took place at Morpeth Uniting Church on Tuesday, 26 August. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Charlier family during this difficult time.

A Congregations Meeting will be held on Sunday 21 September at 2pm at Morpeth Uniting Church to approve the budget, adopt the Mission Plan and to confirm members of the Regional Mission Council for 2025-26. Afternoon tea will be provided. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

A reminder our Bolwarra Spring Fair will be held on **Saturday 18 October**. The Leaders are keen to hear your ideas for making it another great community event. Please invite everyone you know to come along.

A reminder that on the first Sunday of every month, members from Maitland Uniting Churches gather for lunch, organised by Wendy Allomes. The venue changes each month and it is a great opportunity for fellowship. Please RSVP to Wendy on 0494153739 so seating can be arranged.

FOCASS is held every first and third Tuesday of each month from 1.30-3.30pm including afternoon tea. On 7 October Malcolm Causley will speak on Mental Health and on 21 October Charles Pope will speak on his recent trips in Australia. There will be no meeting on 4 November as it is Melbourne Cup Day. On 18 November Ron Jackson will provide the entertainment and on 2 December, which will be the last meeting for 2025, a lunch is being organised. For more details, please contact Denise Burton on 0499844567.

Please keep collecting recyclable cans and bottles to help us continue supporting Safari and his family in Kenya. Bags can be left at the back door of the kitchen or in the bins provided. For more information contact Robyn Pont on 0428 804 081.



An invitation to attend the meeting of the Combined Congregations of the Maitland Uniting Churches to approve the budget, to adopt the Mission Plan 2025-2026, and to confirm members of the Regional Mission Council for 2025 - 2026. Cup of tea available.

Sunday 21st September 2025
Morpeth Uniting Church 2- 4pm
High and Northumberland Sts

Maitland Uniting Churches
provide a place to grow!
<https://maitland.uca.org.au/>



MESSY CHURCH BOLWARRA

WHERE KIDS COME FIRST

You're invited!

We are excited to launch a four-month pilot of Messy Church at Bolwarra Uniting Church, 4 Canna Street, Bolwarra. Held on the **second Sunday afternoon of each month**, starting **September 14**, this fun-filled program begins at **4pm** with play and creative activities for all ages, followed by a time where we gather together for a story and prayer, finishing at 5pm with a sausage sizzle and fellowship.

About our event

Messy Church is all about fun, mess, and creativity in a welcoming, safe, and all-age environment. Each month we will explore a new theme:

September 14 – Spring ◀

Celebrate new life and growth

October 12 – Friends ◀

The joy of friendship and mutual support

November 9 – Good Hands ◀

Using our hands to help and create

December 14 – Christmas ◀

Wonder and joy as we prepare for Christmas

Everyone is welcome—young and old alike—to come and experience this time of shared learning, creativity and care. If you'd like to help out, contribute food, or get involved in any way, we'd love to hear from you.

Contact us

✉ secretarybolwarraunitingchurch@gmail.com

Come along to the 2025 annual

Bolwarra Uniting Church Spring Fair

Lots of goodies for sale and activities including cake stall, plants, secondhand books, craft items, car boot sale, Devonshire teas, children's colouring-in competition, coffee cart and more!

Where: Bolwarra Uniting Church
4 Canna Street

When: Saturday 18 October

Time: From 8:30am



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!

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