

Maitland Uniting Churches

February News 2026

On Sunday 1st February 2026 we celebrate our congregations come together to form the Maitland Uniting Church. We welcome guest preacher Rev Dr Cameron Eccleston from the Synod Mission and Education as well as Dr Jennifer Barnes Presbytery Chair who will take part in this historic service.

Bolwarra Onsite Parking for combined services is especially reserved for people with mobility issues or disabled parking.

1st March Combined service with guest preacher Rev Kevin Crouse team leader for the Maitland Church Plant, First Sundays services 9.30am at Bolwarra will include Holy Communion.

Palm Sunday Pilgrimage 29th March led by Rev Garry Derkenne and Rev Neil Smith will include a short worship service at each of the four churches that celebrates our heritage. More details to come. There will also be an online zoom service for those unable to attend.

Good Friday service 9.30am at Bolwarra

Easter Sunday 5th April with guest preacher Rev Graham Perry.

Zoom Online service is available each Sunday. Support available to access from your phone, mobile or computer.

Bolwarra Upgrade - Air conditioning has now been installed at Bolwarra to make services more comfortable and a new sound system will be installed soon allowing for better sound projection.

Zoom Discipleship Group starting Tuesday 3rd March 7.30-8.30pm based on the weekly lectionary readings, with a contemporary perspective 'Something to believe in?' Tuesdays during school term. Contact Garry Derkenne email - garryderkenne@hotmail.com

Deep Dive Discipleship Group starting Tuesday 3rd March at Bolwarra Uniting Church 1.30-3pm, for Term1 only – 'The Lost art of Scripture' with Garry Derkenne.

Monthly mid-week Worship, on the 4th Tuesday 10am - starts on the 28th April at Morpeth with morning tea.

Task Groups - our organising focus is now moving to a range of task groups. In addition to Finance, Property, Worship, MUNCH, new task groups are Family Mission, Pastoral Care, and Community Life, and everyone is invited to participate.

Messy Church continues after a successful four month trial with up to ten families enjoying a lively messy creative time with a simple interactive worship, and delicious barbeque. Thanks to all the volunteers for help in getting this rolling.

We are also grateful for the links being made with our playgroups and the support of the co-ordinators Ruth Hayes and Christine White. We are also supporting and sharing resources with Peal Nunn who is starting up a new playgroup at Maitland City. We also look forward to employing a family ministry support person who will help with admin and promotion in 2026.

FOCASS 2nd Tuesday of the month, Morpeth 1.30 to 3.30pm. February 10th celebrates the beginning of Lent with delicious pancakes. Details Janet Hubbard 0437 773733.

The Fellowship meets at East Maitland the last Wednesday of the month from 10am. Details: Judy Hicks 0425 217735.

Women's Shed is on at East Maitland every second and fourth Mondays 9.30am to 12. Details: Judy Hicks 0425 217735.

Messy Church next Sunday 8th February with a theme around prayer. Please share this information with families you may know. 2nd Sunday afternoons at 4 - 6pm.

First Sunday Month Lunch Midday at a local pub. Wendy Allomes 0494 153739.

Getting to Know you - Twilight barbecue will be held at East Maitland on Saturday 14th March. More details to follow.

Our Prayer of Commitment

As the congregation of the Maitland Uniting Church, We give thanks for God's faithful blessing, for a rich history, where we have seen the signs of God's love.

We are thankful for this inheritance as we face the future, Trusting that God has given us all we need for the journey ahead.

Today we commit ourselves to the tasks ahead of us, In faithfully sharing God's Gospel of love, Feeding the poor, lifting up the broken hearted, Living out the joy of the Spirit, And glorifying God's name.

May God bless this beautiful, growing and diverse region, Through the Maitland Uniting Church, Amen.

WHERE KIDS COME FIRST

MESSY CHURCH

AT BOLWARRA

2ND SUNDAY
4 PM - 6 PM
4 CANNA ST

2026

- FEB 8 - PRAYER
- MAR 8 - ACCEPTANCE
- APR 12 - EASTER
- MAY 10 - HOLY SPIRIT
- JUNE 14 - PROMISES
- JULY 12 - PLANTING
- AUG 9 - WATER
- SEPT 13 - ANIMALS
- OCT 11 - PARTY
- NOV 8 - REMEMBERING
- DEC 13 - CHRISTMAS

Messy Church at Bolwarra
4 Canna St.

PLAYSPACE

NEW INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUP FOR 0-5 YRS
STARTING THURSDAYS 10AM-12PM
TERM 1: 12TH FEBRUARY - 2ND APRIL 2026

SOCIAL
PLAY
ACCEPTANCE
CARE
EXPLORE

Email Pearl:
pearln@nswact.uca.org.au for more info

\$5 ENTRY INCLUDES A BARISTA COFFEE
AT MAITLAND UNITING CHURCH
AN INITIATIVE BY NEW CITY MAITLAND