

May 2026

*We are glad to have you with us today
in worship. It is our hope that you will
not only learn more about God,
but that you will encounter Him
and experience His presence,
love and grace for you.*

Diary Dates



Monday Afternoon Bible Study

meets at 3pm in the Church foyer, led by Rev Wattson Pualilo. All are welcome.

The Church Roster for July 2026 to Jan 2027 is now available. Our thanks to Marie who has looked after this roster for many years. Gwenda & Phillip will now be responsible for this task.

May 10 – Happy Mother's Day to all mothers and carers. "Honour her for all that her hands have done". Proverbs 31:31

Sunday 24 May

Church Council following service

Written reports covering the period from 22 February 2026 to the current day are required from the Minister, Treasurer, Property and Administration Committee, Congregation and Pastoral Carers Group. Reports to be at the Church Office by Wed 13 May for printing and distribution on Sun 17 May.

Church Council

The next meeting of the Church Council will be on Sunday 24 May after service.

May 27 to 3 June

National Reconciliation Week

The theme this year is: *All In: Reciprocity as Reconciliation*. This is a time to reflect on our shared history, to tell the truth about the past, and to recommit ourselves to justice and right relationship.

Monday 22 June

49th Anniversary of the establishment of the **Uniting Church in Australia**.

Congregation Matters

The minutes of the recent Congregation Meeting and PAC Meeting are available on the Church noticeboard.



Praise and Prayer Points

Prompting more joy and hope in our world

News accounts of this year's ANZAC day events in Australia, suggest these were starkly different to public gatherings in recent times with celebration and almost joy rather than anger and despair at our world.

The events were respectful as usual in remembering Australia's service in the war and everyone's contribution to life in those years. Yet it seemed there were more moments of hope and thankfulness.

Could it be our community was momentarily lifted up and out of its despair? Perhaps we might call upon God's word to offer others some more hope.

I'm sure each of our church family members have passages special to them, but here's some to remember and speak of with others as appropriate.

But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. Isaiah 40:31

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.

Jeremiah 29:11

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Romans 15:13

Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

Romans 12:12

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

1 Corinthians 13:13

I love you, Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

Psalms 18:1

Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Saviour, and my hope is in you all day long.

Psalms 25:5