



July 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.

Sunday 5 July to Sunday 12 July

NAIDOC Week – Fifty Years of Deadly

In Aboriginal communities, *deadly* is a term of high praise. It describes something or someone as excellent, inspiring, strong, and worthy of celebration. More than a compliment, it is a language of resilience and pride that honours the gifts, leadership, and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

<https://www.naidoc.org.au/>

Annual Report

Annual reports are required from the Minister, Church Council, Treasurer, Congregation, Property and Administration Committee, Worship Committee, Pastoral Carer's Group and Small Group. The deadline for these reports is **Wednesday 15 July** at the Church office. The 2026 Annual Report can then be compiled for printing.

Sunday 19 July 2026

Intercultural Neighbouring

This day is an opportunity to celebrate our cultural diversity and explore ways to build our intercultural relationships in our churches and neighbourhoods. This year's theme, *Belonging: One Body, Many Members*, invites every congregation to reflect on what it means to ensure everyone can truly belong. Our diversity is not a problem to overcome; it is a gift through which the Holy Spirit continues to shape, challenge and renew us. More info, resources:

<https://form.jotform.com/261788006779068>

UnitingWorld

Have you noticed the small carved wooden dove which rests on the church baptism font? It is a gift to our congregation from UnitingWorld, an acknowledgement of our partnership with them.

Minutes of the June PAC meeting and the June Church Council are available on the notice board.

BECAUSE EVERY PERSON MATTERS

A copy of the Annual Report of UnitingWorld has been received by our church office.

UnitingWorld is the international aid and partnership agency of the Uniting Church in Australia. Together we work for a world where lives are whole and hopeful, free from poverty and injustice. Because every person matters. Our congregation, collectively and individually contributes funds to UnitingWorld for projects being carried out by our partner churches in other parts of the world.

The Report gives detailed information of all aspects of intention and relationships carried out on our behalf.

Consider how life has been changed, for Khokan from Durgapur, India who was born with a physical disability. In rural communities like his, people with disabilities were often excluded and looked down upon. This meant he could not earn a living. He and his family were dependent on his wife selling firewood and plates made from leaves from the forest.

Our church partner, the Church of North India has been providing new opportunities for people with disabilities. People neglected by their communities are identified and assisted to access income-generating activities and vocational training. Khokan received a one-time grant to open a variety store at his home. He is now able to support his family and save funds to invest in future business activities. He and his wife have been able to construct a strong, permanent home and are planning to start livestock farming.

UnitingWorld accesses Australian Aid funds through the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), a long standing partnership.

The Report says: *"We and our partners are truly grateful to the Australian Government and DFAT for their support of our programs".*

The Report is available for circulation. It is recommended reading