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TRINITY SUNDAY

Unity in Diversity

Jesus tells them, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you." Jesus sends them to *all* nations, knowing full well that each nation is saturated in its own context, culture, language, tradition, and family systems. That is, each nation is different. By uniting different nations into following one Christ, Jesus is inviting the church into tension, into relationship, into the juiciness of difference. But He commands His disciples to baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Rev Anna Sutterisch



Sunday 4th June 2023

Blacktown Regional Uniting Church

A Coming Together of Blacktown & Grantham Heights

"We are called to be a welcoming people, who love God and actively live out the teachings of Jesus in our community".

NOTICE BOARD



Cancer Council Biggest Supper

Come and join Blacktown Evening Fellowship for Supper on Monday 5th June at 7pm in Blacktown auditorium. Men and women are welcome. If, however, you can't attend but want to donate to the Cancer Council, a donation box will be available on both the Sundays of 4th and 11th June.



Between Pentecost (28 May) and the Uniting Church Anniversary (22 June) this year, the whole Uniting Church is being called to join in prayer. On Pentecost Sunday the President of the Uniting Church in Australia (UCA), Rev Sharon Hollis, initiated Uniting in Prayer, a 26 day period where Uniting Church congregations and people are being invited to intentionally pray for the UCA.

Uniting in Prayer is 26 days of prayer and connection in the middle of the Act2 Project, which is currently grappling with the ferment and change we are experiencing as the Uniting Church like many other Christian communities around the world. As we seek to discern the outlines of our future life, this is a chance to pause, holding our Church before God and upholding each other in love and prayer. **All who call the Uniting Church home are invited to join in thanksgiving and hope to pray and seek the leading of the Spirit for the years ahead.** During these days of prayer, we'll give thanks to God for our past, reflect on our present, and listen to God's calling and each other.

One of the most important parts of this event is a national prayer chain through which different parts of the Uniting Church will be connected to each other. Through Uniting in Prayer, **our congregation is being invited to pray for two other Uniting Church communities** and there will be communities holding you in prayer.

The two communities each of our centres are invited to pray for are:

Blacktown UC: Johnsonville Uniting Church NZ <https://juc.org.nz/>
Comboyne Community Church <https://comboyne.uca.org.au/>

Grantham UC: Leura Uniting Church <https://leura.unitingchurch.org.au/>
Beaudesert District UC <https://www.churchfind.com.au/churches/churches/qld/beaudesert/beaudesert-district-uniting-churches/405>

They too are encouraged to pray for our community as well, bringing us all in as one praying community during this wonderful event.

New Rosters: Blacktown Centre

We are about to create the next Blacktown Centre roster for assistants within the worship services, starting from June up till September end. Readers, stewards, prayers, kitchen, etc...

Appreciate if you could indicate your availability on the form at the entry desk, and please return to the office by 8th June 2023, to the attention of Andrew Crook.

SUGGESTED DAILY READINGS
from WITH LOVE TO THE WORLD

* denotes readings for the lectionary

Sun 4 June	Psalm 8 Matthew 28: 16-20*	Thur 8 June	Romans 4: 13-25*
Mon 5 June	Genesis 12: 1-9*	Fri 9 June	Matthew 8: 5-13
Tues 6 June	Genesis 12: 10-20	Sat 10 June	Matthew 9: 9-13, 18-26*
Wed 7 June	Romans 4: 4-12	Sun 11 June	Psalm 33: 1-12*

PRAYER POINTS: *We Are a Praying Church*

We continue to pray for Annathia and Jeffrey, as they continue treatment while they are each in hospital, and for all our friends or family as they may be seeking assistance with health issues.

We pray for Joyce & Ken as they travel to support Xavier and the opening of a new school over in India

Rev Raymond Joso as he prepares to begin as our new Team Leader /Minister of the Word as from 1st July.

For peace in war torn countries and families suffering significant loss in places such as the Ukraine

For our Uniting Church leaders at Synod and Presbytery as they provide oversight and support for the Uniting Church community.

We give thanks for the open hearts that have prayerfully journeyed to joining together as Blacktown Regional Uniting Church

For our Shared Church Council who we have set apart to provide leadership and administrative decisions .

Pray that we will be open to all that is needed to be the Hands and Feet and heart of Jesus in our Region

...and give thanks for God is good!!

Prayer Network: Are you, or someone you know, in need of prayer?
 Please contact our Prayer Chain by calling
 Joyce on 0408 978 890 or Shirley on 9671 1395.



A safe church for all people

The Uniting Church in Australia believes a safe church is who we are called to be. It is the way we physically, emotionally and spiritually care for each other.

You can find more information on the

notice boards, by visiting <https://safechurch.uca.org.au/>

or you can contact our Safe Church contact – Diana Byers 0480 195 218

Trevor Smith on 0414 886 527



First Aid Information

At Blacktown: First Aid Kit is in the Kitchen,
 The Defib is on the wall near the disabled toilet entry

Link to the defibrillator training video: <https://youtu.be/qDdKrNxTaPk>

At Grantham Heights: First Aid Kit is in the Kitchen,
 The Defib is Opposite the Kitchen on the wall

Link to the defibrillator training video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kXFF2QJQVGG>



SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

* BC = Blacktown Centre GHC = Grantham Hts Centre *

Date	Time	Loc	Type of Service	Minister / Preacher
11 Jun	9.00am 12.30	BC	Worship Service Tongan Lang Service	Andrew & Kaye Crook Sepi Penisini
11 Jun	9.30am	GHC	Worship Service Reader: Peter Roy	Rev Geoff Stephenson Elder: Peter Roy
18 Jun	9.00am 12.30	BC	Worship Service Tongan Lang Service	Charlie & Pam Justins Melenaite Ohuafi
18 Jun	9.30am	GHC	Holy Communion Worship Service Reader: Jennifer Reynolds	Rev Noreen Towers Elder: Julie Hungerford

Grantham Hts for Regular Sunday Worship Service 9.30am is available on Zoom
Dial in details Phone: 8015 6011 Meeting ID: 827 3669 7872 Passcode: 289406
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82736697872?pwd=eXMvdFo0dXBJSnVOZ3lON3QrZWxmUT09>

Blacktown Sunday Services available for viewing via our webpage
<http://www.blacktown.unitingchurch.org.au/>

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Monday	10 to 12noon	Painting, Folk Art, Card Making, & Knitting *During School Terms	BC
	7.00pm *1st Mon /mth	Ladies Evening Fellowship *First Monday each month	
Tuesday	9.30am GHC	Silver Threads Group at Grantham Hts Centre Board Games, Indoor Bowls, Morning Tea	GHC
	2.30 to 4.00pm	Bible Study	BC
	6.30 to 8.30pm	Girls' Brigade *During School Terms	BC
Wednesday	9.00 to 10am	Community Garden	BC
	11 to 12noon	Exercise Group	BC
	7.00 to 9.00pm	Boys' Brigade *During School Terms	BC
Thursday	10am to 12.30	Craft Group	BC
	2pm to 3pm	Hands & Feet, free food & vegies	GH
Saturday	9.00 to 10am	Community Garden	BC

CHURCH CONTACT

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