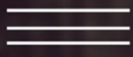
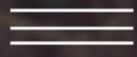


The **VIBE**

7th May 2023



DO YOU LOVE ME



MORE THAN THESE?

This morning we welcome Rev Dr Peter Hall whose message theme is:

Do you truly love me more than these?

Bible Reading: John 21: 1-16 RSV

Here is a Bible reading that will resonate with a lot of people.

Seven of Jesus' disciples had returned to Galilee, their home region. They had followed Jesus on the 'great adventure' and, while they had met the resurrected Jesus, the adventure seemed to have ended.

One can imagine them picking up the threads of their former life. There are people who go out in a new venture and it doesn't seem to work. Trying to go back to the old way of life doesn't seem to work out either.

In this story the Saviour comes and challenges Simon Peter about who or what he loves most. "These" could be Simon Peter's companions or the fishing business or both. In the same way Jesus Christ, as our Saviour, challenges each one of us on who or what we love most. As our Lord and Saviour do we 'love him more than these's or do other things or persons have greater priority in our lives over Him? Jesus commissioned Simon Peter and then the 'great adventure' continued.

For me, it continues still. How about you?

Peter

An **S.O.S.** from the Kandanga School Chaplain

Kandanga School has the contract to coordinate car parking at this year's Gympie Show on 18th, 19th & 20th of May - a significant fundraiser for school chaplaincy.

They haven't yet been able to fill all the spots on the roster and are asking for help.

There are three x 4 hour shifts per day: 8am-12noon • 12noon-4pm • 4pm-8pm.

Those who can assist will be given a ~~free pass~~ into the show and ~~earn \$10 per hour for school chaplaincy.~~

If you can help, please call Helen Ward by this Tuesday, 10th May, on 5484 3143.

Christmas Shoeboxes ~ May collections



During May we're collecting **Something to Love** - dolls, soft toys (home-made or bought), action figures (e.g. transformers), plastic animals (like dinosaurs) ... size to fit into the shoeboxes with all the other exciting gifts you've given. **Please do not include** any war or violence related figures. You'll find Collection boxes in our church foyers. Thanks for your support.

Bible Society Meeting

The Bible Society Australia aims to "Open the Bible to all people everywhere by all means possible" and have been doing so for more than 200 years!

LIKE TO GET INVOLVED?

Come along to the Gympie Branch's meeting on Wednesday 17th May at 9.30am in our CE Room or, to find out more, give Narelle Towner a call on 0418 729 268.

You can also go to the Society's website at www.biblesociety.org.au to see what they do and how much of an impact they have globally.

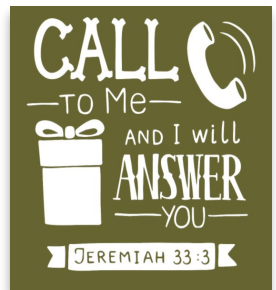
Prayer and Communion

Our small yet dedicated group of Prayer Warriors come together each week to give thanks to our amazing God, to pray for You, for Christ's Church, for Community and Global Issues, for Guidance . . . and much more.

Jesus prioritised time spent with his Father and we're called to follow his lead. God doesn't want highfalutin prayers - he just wants us to come to him as we are.

We would dearly love you to join us in this safe place. If you don't have an hour to spare, just drop in for a bit. You don't even have to pray out loud. We meet on **Tuesdays at 8am** in our **Gympie Church**.

Want to know more? Have a chat with Thea, Joan or Cherylie.





We sent Synod & Presbytery an item about our Easter services, with these photos, for publishing in their respective newsletters. This is what we wrote:

“The church family at Gympie enjoyed a blessed Easter this year.

Good Friday saw 72 people come to worship with 50 coming forward to be anointed with oil as a symbol of dedication and reaffirmation.

Resurrection Sunday was another highlight as 108 people had the joy of witnessing 10 adult baptisms by full immersion – some were reaffirmations and others baptism for the first time. What a blessing to see this taking place during our Easter Day Service.”



“When you’re a Christian and you’re going through a great time of difficulty, you will notice that those around you who don’t know Jesus Christ—especially those you’ve shared your faith with before—will lean in extra close. Their ears perk up.

They want to see if what you’ve advertised is going to prove true in the product demonstration. You told them that Jesus is the light of your world.

Well, now your power has been cut, and they want to see if you can glow in the dark.”

Pastor Levi Lusko



Uniting Church in Australia Regulations

According to the Uniting Church in Australia Regulations, Church Council's main priority is to:

Build the Congregation up in faith and love.

This means encouraging each member to be active disciples in all of their life, not just while in the Church building.

The point of active discipleship is to participate in Christ's mission in the world. The Church believes that mission belongs to God. God is already doing it in millions of different ways within all our communities. Church Council helps the Congregation identify what God is doing and then join in as best it can.



UNITING 4570
So we can be one

What's on?

- * **Corporate Prayer & Communion** - Tuesdays, 8am, Gympie
- * **Bible Society Meeting** - Wednesday, 17th May, 9.30am, CE Room
- * **JOY Circle** - Thursday, 25th May, 9am, CE Room

About Gympie Regional Uniting Church ~ UNITING 4570

Worship

Worship Services... **Gympie:** 15 Red Hill Road - 9am + Kidz Church (school term)
Imbil: 3 Elizabeth Street - 9am

Live-streaming... Sunday messages are usually livestreamed to facebook & YouTube; look up 'Gympie Regional Uniting Church'

Contact Details

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www.gruc.org.au F: www.facebook.com/guchurch

Office Hours... Mon & Fri 8.30am-12pm; Tue 9.30am-3pm; Thu 8.30am-3pm

Rev Orrell Battersby.. 0423 985 200 orrell@gruc.org

Pastoral Care... Please contact the office by phone or email

Offering & Attendance Last Sunday

Attendance: Adults 81 ♦ Children 10 ♦ Facebook 72 ♦ YouTube 7

Total Week's Offering: \$2574.90 ... Budgeted Offerings per week is \$3,792.00.

Tithe & Offerings by Bank Transfer: Westpac BSB 034 127 Acct: 29 4101

(Please identify your bank transaction as either 'Tithe' or 'Offering', Thank you)

- Need the services of a Justice of The Peace? ... Call Glenda Davis 0418 187 698
- Need help with your computer? ... Call Mike Timperon 0403 271 413