

*St. Andrew's Uniting
Church News*

November 2018

Mission Statement:

**To bring the Gospel of Christ to
the People of the Hawkesbury.**



Sunday Services

8:30am (Church)

Traditional worship followed by morning tea & fellowship

10:00am (Church)

In conjunction with our Kids' Sunday program.

A family celebration including programs from three years old to Yr 6.

Morning tea and fellowship follows.

6:00pm ***Sundays@Six*** (Auditorium)

A friendly & relaxed creative service held in the auditorium with great music, followed by light refreshments.

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Thumbs Up

Now all the Lord's Creation is a wondrous sight to see,
With oceans lakes and mountains, I'm sure you would agree.
And humans, some would say, are quite the best thing He achieved,
Though sometimes that's a fact that's not so easy to believe.
Still, our bodies are a miracle of purpose and design,
Eyes sparkling like diamonds, lips like ruby wine,
Legs to walk and run with, arms to reach and hold,
But there's a little body part whose story should be told.
What's that, you ask. Don't be surprised at the reply that comes.
But here it is, it's not a joke—we should thank God for thumbs!
Have you tried to hold a cup with just your fingers—you will fail!
And forget about the crafts you do, or hammering a nail!
So yes, thank God for thumbs, the unsung heroes of the body,
We dismiss them at our peril, disrespecting them is shoddy!
And here's one final point, which I think cannot be ignored,
Without our thumbs, what would we find to twiddle when we're bored?

*Deborah Mercer
(Contributed by Sandi Herbert)*

Errata—October newsletter.
Page 4 RHS of picture should read Judith **Dennis**.
Page 5 Middle paragraph should read When Alison Darke moved to
Alstonville in **2011** not 2001.



U4F—October Meeting

[Medley of Scotland](#)

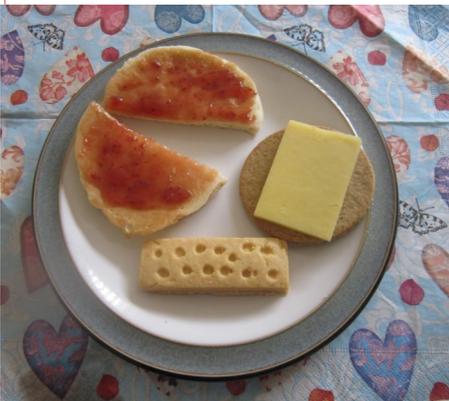
The meeting began with morning tea as usual, but in keeping with the Scottish theme there were pancakes, oatcakes with cheese and shortbread which seemed to be quite popular. After morning tea Judith welcomed everyone and told us about forthcoming events. Ann started the Devotion by reading a short poem by Robert Burns (a famous Scottish poet) the first line of which is “My heart’s in the Highlands, my heart is not here” and went on to talk about ‘leaving your heart behind’.

We went on to talk about things relating to Scotland—tartan, kilts, bagpipes, mountains, glens, burns, heather, thistles (pictured below, picked by Judith from her garden). We then looked at a map of the UK and located the Isle of Arran on the west coast of Scotland.

Photos were then shown on the screen of scenic spots around the island, this was followed by viewing a walk along the Kildonan Shore from The Arran Walks DVD. We saw lots seals lounging on the rocks where they wait until the tide comes in to slip into the sea and continue in their search for food.

Lorraine closed the meeting with a Benediction.

(U4F Team)



The next meeting is the FASHION PARADE on Thursday 8th November at 10am with freshly baked scones by Beryl. Donation \$10.

Spring Fair 2018

Saturday September 22nd dawned bright and clear to much relief from all. From 6.30am enthusiastic workers flowed into the church and grounds ready to get the day going.

At 7.30 we collectively dedicated the day to God, asking for small miracles; for those God moments in our interaction with each other and with the community as they shared with us in our festivities.

It was a lovely day enjoyed by all.

The quintet from Macquarie Towns Orchestra was a welcome addition as was Robyn Attard's delightful King Charles spaniels and the Lego competition. John Shields artistic work was much appreciated. The church felt beautiful, the various stalls hummed with activity and good cooking smells pervaded.

A special moment was when we heard that Josh Miller was allowed "gate leave" from the Children's Hospital to come and visit us, so Kerry went off to collect him. Maybe it was one of the miracles we had prayed for! After a full day, tired workers returned home satisfied that a good effort had been put in and the sum raised to go towards the work of the church was around \$6,000.

Thanks to the planning committee and all the helpers and participants on the day.

Beryl Hedges



Christmas Hampers 2018

This year at Christmas time, the congregation of St. Andrew's plan to deliver hampers of Christmas foods and treats to families and individuals within the church and the wider community. Most of us enjoy the spirit of giving and receiving at Christmas, sadly some people may miss out.

Last year we provided hampers to over 30 individuals and families who may have been facing a crisis or in need of some assistance. With your help this year perhaps we can reach even more people in our community. This is just one way that folk will know that they are being thought about at Christmas time.

Your donation of some non-perishable food for a hamper or Christmas treats would be much appreciated. Lists of suggested items for these hampers will be available in the porch, the foyer or from Judith Dennis and Ann Whattam. Alternatively, you may wish to make a financial donation so that purchases can be made on your behalf.

Please help in whatever way you can to make this a special Christmas by supporting our hamper programme. Thank you.

Judith Dennis and Ann Whattam



Some of the Christmas 2017 hampers



CONCERT BY MACQUARIE TOWNS CHORAL SOCIETY

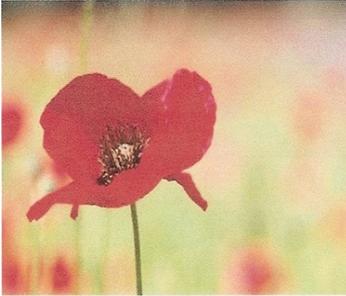
Sunday 18th November 2018

2pm

Afternoon Tea provided

Donation \$10

All proceeds to St. Andrew's Uniting Church



The poppy is a popular Remembrance Day symbol.

Remembrance Day in Australia

Remembrance Day in Australia is dedicated to Australians who died as a result of war, particularly from World War 1 onwards. A minute silence is dedicated to the deceased, especially for soldiers who died fighting to protect the nation.

Remembrance Day is annually observed on 11 November.

According to the Australian government's Cultural and Recreation portal, Remembrance Day, which was originally called Armistice Day, commemorated the end of hostilities for the Great War (World War 1) the signing of the Armistice, which occurred on November 11, 1918—the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month.

On the first anniversary of the Armistice in 1919, one minute's silence was instituted as part of the main commemorative ceremony. After the end of the World War 2 in 1945, the Australian and British governments changed the name to Remembrance Day as an appropriate title for a day which would commemorate all war dead.

This year 2018 will mark the 100th anniversary of the attack at Villers—Bretonneux. On April 24, 1918, Australian Imperial Force (AIF) soldiers attacked German Forces that captured the French town of Villers—Bretonneux, earlier that day. The action was successful, but the fighting was fierce, and many lives were lost on both sides.

Red poppies are worn on blazers, shirts, jumpers and other items of clothing on Remembrance Day to remember those who died during the war. Poppies were among the first plants that came from the battlefields of northern France and Belgium during World War 1. Some people believe the popular myth that poppies were rich in their redness because they blossomed from grounds that were saturated with soldiers' blood.

The centenary of Remembrance Day this year is on,

Sunday November 11th.

LEST WE FORGET

World War 1

World War 1 (WW1) also known as the **GREAT WAR**, was a global war originating in Europe that lasted from 28 July 1914 to 11 November 1918. Contemporaneously described as the “War to End All Wars”, more than 70 million military personnel, including 60 million Europeans, were mobilised in one of the largest wars in history. It was one of the deadliest conflicts in history; over nine million combatants and seven million civilians died as a result of the war and precipitated major political change. Unresolved rivalries at the end of the conflict contributed to the start of the Second World War twenty-one years later.

The trigger for the war was the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria, heir to the throne of Austria-Hungary, by Yugoslav nationalist Gavrilo Princip in Sarajevo on 28 June 1914. This set off a diplomatic crisis when Austria-Hungary delivered an ultimatum to the Kingdom of Serbia, and as a result, entangled international alliances formed over the previous decades were invoked. Within weeks the major powers were at war, and the conflict soon spread around the world

Russia was the first to order a partial mobilisation of its armies on 24-25 July, and when on 28 July Austria-Hungary declared war on Serbia, Russia declared general mobilisation on 30 July.

Japan entered the war on the side of the Allied Powers on 23 August 1914, seizing the opportunity of Germany’s distraction with the European War to expand its sphere of influence in China and the Pacific.

After the German march on Paris was halted in the Battle of the Marne, what became known as the Western Front settled into a battle of attrition, with a trench line that changed little until 1917.

News of Germany’s impending military defeat spread throughout the German Armed Forces.

With the military faltering and with widespread loss of confidence in the Kaiser, Germany moved towards surrender.

The collapse of the Central Powers came swiftly. Bulgaria was first to sign an armistice, the armistice of Salonica on 29 September 1918.

On 11 November, at 5.00 am an armistice with Germany was signed in a railroad carriage at Compiègne. At 11 am on 11 November 1918—“the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month”—a ceasefire came into effect. During the six hours between the signing of the armistice and it taking effect, opposing armies on the Western Front began to withdraw from their positions, but fighting continued along many areas of the western front, as commanders wanted to capture territory before the war ended.

(Contributed by David Taylor)

Practical Support for people seeking asylum: A church and community forum

Join us to see how you can help people seeking asylum in your community and take action to achieve long term change.

Learn about the current situation and hear stories from people with lived experience.

We'll also be launching the 2018 Give Hope Voucher Appeal

When:

Thursday November 15th
6.45pm—8.30pm

followed by supper, provided by House of Welcome Catering service

Where

Blacktown Uniting Church
59-65 Bungarribee Rd. Blacktown NSW 2148

Special Guests:

Rev. Simon Hansford, Moderator of the Uniting Church NSW/ACT
Representatives from Jesuit Refugee Service, Asylum Seekers Centre Newtown
and House of Welcome

November Activities 2018

Thurs	1	Cuppa4Seniors	10.00	Thurs	15	Cuppa4Seniors	10.00
Fri	2	IDA Service	10.30	Thurs	15	Patchwork	1.30
Fri	2	Tech Gurus	1pm	Fri	16	Youth Group	7pm
Fri	2	Youth Group	7pm	Sun	18	MTCS Concert	2pm
Sat	3	Women's Breakfast	7.30	Mon	19	Playtime	9.30
Mon	5	Playtime	9.30	Weds	21	TOFMS	9.45
Tues	6	Church Council	7.30	Thurs	22	Seniors' Lunch	12.00
Weds	7	TOFMS	9.30	Fri	23	Youth Group	7pm
Thurs	8	Fashion Parade	10.00	Mon	26	Playtime	9.30
Fri	9	Youth Group	7.00	Weds	28	St And. Singers*	10.00
Sun	11	Messy Church	10.30	Thurs	29	Cuppa4Seniors	10.00
Mon	12	Playtime	9.30	Fri	30	Youth Group	7pm

* Please note, new day and time for Uniting Village Chapel Service



There is much to pray for.

Come and join us.

9-10 am each Friday
Interview Room

WEEKLY PRAYER MEETING

Worship Planner for November 2018

Date	8:30am	10am	6pm
4 November	Gail Hinton	Gail Hinton	Je-Kon Oh
11 November Remembrance Day	Je-Kon Oh (HC)	10am Messy Church	Café Church
18 November	Je-Kon Oh	Je-Kon Oh (HC)	Je-Kon Oh
25 November	11am St. Andrew's Service Je-Kon Oh		

** Note: This worship plan can be changed at any time.*

NCLS Report Workshop

Speaker: Dr Rob McFarlane

Date: Sat. 17th November 2018

Time: 9.30am to 3pm

(Bring your own lunch)

Venue: Richmond Uniting Church Auditorium

Enquiry: Je-Kon Oh

All church people are invited to attend, especially leaders and coordinators.

HAPPENINGS DURING THE WEEK

- MONDAYS** **Playtime:** 9.30am-11.30am parents & pre-schoolers (Sarah Jones 4577 5353)
Andy's Hands-on-Help: 9.00-1pm maintenance & fellowship (Bob Thuaux 4578 2309)
- TUESDAYS** **Church Council:** 7.30pm 1st Tuesday odd number month (Greg Inskip 4573 1002)
Pastoral Leaders Team: 7.00pm 1st Tuesday even month (Je-Kon Oh)
- WEDNESDAYS** **Time Out For Mums:** 9.45-11.15am Fortnightly school terms for mums & pre-schoolers (Sandra Brown 4589 3008)
- THURSDAYS** **1st: Uniting 4 Fellowship 10.00am**
(Beryl Hedges 4571 2087)
2nd & 3rd: Cuppa 4 Seniors: 10.00am-12 noon
3rd Thursday: Patchwork with Thelma 1.30 pm
4th: Seniors' Lunch: 12 noon-1.45pm
Seniors' Bible Study: 12 noon-1.30pm (1st, 3rd & 5th)
(Sandi Herbert 4573 1517)
- FRIDAYS** **Prayer Meeting:** 9am-10am (Margaret Bailey)
1st: IDA Service: 10.30am
Youth Group: 7pm (Yrs 5 and up during school term)
(Evelynn Inskip 0447119020)

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