



UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA
Rockingham Congregation
4 Erindoon Way, Waikiki 6169

UPDATE

SUNDAY 1st May 2022 at 9:30am

Service conducted by
Rev Toby Keva

Please join us for morning tea following worship

Welcome to Rockingham Uniting Church

Our hope is that all who come through our doors find Spiritual rest and nourishment, and that you will experience the presence of the living God in our midst.

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Read: Luke 24:1-12 and 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

According to research, male veterans are 24 percent more likely to commit suicide compared to the general population. Female veterans are twice as likely! The effect does not stop there. Children, whose parents commit suicide, are two or three times more likely either to attempt or die by suicide.¹

So, we are not to glorify war. Never ever. God never intended war. War is a part of this broken, fallen world. War is a part of human folly. War is a failure.

In the aftermath of the campaign in Gallipoli, 130.000 people were killed: 87.000 Turkish soldiers and 44.000 allied soldiers. 8700 of those killed were Australians.² But these were not only numbers. These were individuals with names and faces, with hopes and dreams. These were loved ones of other people waiting for them back home, no matter where home was.

No, we do not worship the god of war. We worship the God of peace and love. Jesus is not known as the prince of war; he is known as the Prince of Peace.

Jesus too suffered from the worst kind of violence to bring healing to a world that is divided and broken. As such, we worship the God who shows us love by sacrificing Himself on the cross for our sake. Likewise, we are to honour the sacrifice made by those who have served on our behalf for our freedom and safety. Their sacrifice reminds us of Jesus' sacrifice.

Yet death did not defeat Jesus. At the break of dawn, a new life was born.

This movement from death to new life is reflected in the 'bugle' calls that are parts of ANZAC commemoration. In the military, the bugle calls signify two important times. The Last Post is the last bugle call of the day. It signifies the end of the day. You may notice that the last note of the Last Post is a rising note. It is a symbol of hope for the next day. The Rouse, on the other hand, is the first bugle call of the day. In a worship service, it heralds the resurrection.³

It is this message of the new life in Christ that we are to share to those trapped in the power of death and destruction. It is the message of a new dawn after the darkest of night; of a new day after a long night.

As a community of believers, we are called to be the embodiment of the resurrection to those who have been broken by conflicts; to offer healing to wounds created by all kinds of conflict, either domestically or internationally.

As important, we are to become the instruments and messengers of peace wherever we are. This is who we are as a community. This is what we have been tasked to do as followers of the Prince of Peace.

¹ *Veterans' suicide rate yet to fall but signs early intervention on right track* by Katina Curtis on the Sydney Morning Herald's website (updated September 29, 2021 at 1.43pm, first published at 5.00am).

² From the article, *The Gallipoli Campaign* on www.nzhistory.govt.nz.

³ From *Worship Resources for the Centenary of the Landings of Gallipoli* by Rev. Sue Page and Rev. Matthew Stuart.

Bible Readings 8th May 2022:

Acts 9:36-43; Psalms 23; Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:22-30

WEEK'S EVENTS FROM 1ST – 7TH MAY 2022

Today 9:30am

Morning Worship led by Rev Toby Keva with Holy Communion

Elder on Duty: Lois Lewis

**Wednesday 9:30am-
11:30am**

Women's Connect Group will meet at the Church

Wednesday 7:00pm

Council Meeting at the Church

A Busy Bee is planned for the church grounds etc. on **Saturday morning May 7 at 8:00 am**. Your assistance to help with the clean-up would be greatly appreciated.

Please bring any tools you may have to assist with the clean-up (shovels, secateurs, wheelbarrow, pruning and cutting tools).

A skip bin will be provided for the removal of the green waste and any rubbish.

Coming Events

Sunday 8th May: Mothers Day Celebration Service at 9:30am – conducted by Rev Toby Keva

Op shop committee meeting will be held on the 9th May, at 169 Parkin Street at 3.45pm.

Men's Group will meet at 10:00am on Thursday 12th May at the Church.
Board Games

Notices

In your prayers remember the lands and people of Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan.

A new Elders List is now available on the noticeboard. With the addition of 5 new Elders and the retirement of Joy Williams there have been changes and you may have a new Elder Please check the current list. Thank you.

If you want to watch the recorded videos of our Sunday service, simply follow these links:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIPhXO0bQh6eyCy0B1g0neA> or https://www.facebook.com/RockinghamUnitingChurch/videos/?ref=page_internal

Otherwise, you can go to Facebook or YouTube and type Rockingham Uniting Church.

ROCKINGHAM CONGREGATION

Weekly Worship with Children's Activities each Sunday 9.30am (with Communion on First Sunday of each month).

We aim to be a fellowship of Christians making the crucified, risen and exalted Lord Jesus Christ to be known, loved, worshipped and obediently followed. We aim to be always open to newcomers and to serve the community and the world, doing all this by the power of the Holy Spirit.

We aim to achieve this by committing ourselves to God in spiritual growth through prayer, bible study, and stewardship of time, talents and resources

Sunday 8th May 2022	
Announcements	Gerry Ligtermoet
Bus Driver	Cam Crothers 0402 243 295
Reader	Gerry Ligtermoet
Elder	Maureen Skeet
Stewards	Brian Williams & Gerry Ligtermoet
Communion Stewards	
Morning Tea	Kerry Dunn & Margaret Edwards
Accompanist	Joy Williams
AV System	Niclas Hanisch & Adrian Graetz
KUCA	Jamie McKeig

Four week averages: 67 Adults, 6 Children