



Crows Nest Uniting Church

'A welcoming, spirited community for today'

<http://crowsnestuniting.org.au>

20th May 2018

Congregational Meeting

Our half-yearly congregational meeting will be held today after the morning service. This is **our very important planning meeting**. Come and listen to a wide variety of ideas and bring your own too. This is when **you** can be part of making our 'spirited community' forge ahead into the future in the best way possible.

Crows Nest Centre Remembers

Crows Nest Centre Remembers is a local poppy project commemorating the 100th anniversary of the end of WW1.

Crows Nest Centre Knitting Group meets on Mondays from 10 am to 12 noon (patterns, wool & needles are available or you may use your own).

If you are too busy to go along, donations of knitted or crocheted poppies will be greatly appreciated from April to October.

A community installation will be created in Ernest Place, Crows Nest, coinciding with Remembrance Day, November 2018.

Enquiries: Social Support Coordinator Crows Nest Centre

Ph: 9437 7503 or 9439 5122

Email: socialsupport@crowsnestcentre.org.au

Give Hope Campaign

Uniting Social Justice Forum (SJF) have contacted us about the next phase of the [Give Hope Campaign](#) for people seeking asylum – calling on Uniting Church members to engage with their local Federal MP on this issue.

The lead up to a federal election is a time when significant decisions are made about policy – so it is now critical for us to be showing our elected representatives that we care about more humane and compassionate policies for refugees and people seeking asylum.

We hope that our Uniting Church community will step up in this call to action and raise their voices in conversation with key decision makers all over

NSW/ACT on an issue of such great importance to say WE CAN DO BETTER! - Further details from the website – Give Hope Campaign.

Lane Cove - Initiating a Practical Response to Loneliness

Dr Michelle Lim will outline current scientific evidence in loneliness research showing it to be a major and increasing health issue, not just a social one. Why in today's society is it challenging to develop meaningful social connections and what are the implications? Lane Cove has a partnership with loneliness researchers as part of a national network and has been invited to participate in a Loneliness Pilot study. Michelle will introduce this Study to us and invite our involvement.

Date: Tuesday 29th May 2018, 7.15 -9.00pm

Place: Terrace Function Room, Lower Ground level
Lane Cove Community Hub, 1 Pottery Lane.
(3 hours free parking onsite at Little Street car park)
Light Refreshments will be available on arrival.

RSVP : by Friday 25th May to
lanecoveuniting@bigpond.com or 9428 2240 .

Dr Michelle Lim is a Senior Lecturer and registered Clinical Psychologist. Michelle is the Chair of the Scientific Advisory Committee in the Australian Coalition to End Loneliness. She is the head of the Social Connectedness laboratory at the Centre of Mental Health at Swinburne University of Technology. Her main research focus to date has been to develop evidence-based psychological interventions that can reduce loneliness in young people with mental ill health

Presentation sponsored by Lane Cove Uniting Church and Lane Cove Council

Eastwood - "Searching and Researching: engaging with contemporary Christian topics"

Tuesday, 22nd May - 8.00 to 9.30 pm at Eastwood Uniting Church

Dr Jeff Aernie, Lecturer in New Testament

Grappling with Grace –the idea of “gift/grace” in the NT and thinking about the connection between salvation and virtue; and

- Reading the NT in Context – how the NT engages with ideas and topics prevalent in the ancient world, with a particular focus on the Dead Sea Scrolls.

Keunil & Jinhe Ko's Farewell

An Invitation from Narrandera Uniting Church

Join us for a Spit

Where: Narrandera Uniting Church

When: 26th May 2018 @ 6pm

What to Bring

Food: dessert to share of hot vegies eg potato bake etc

Item to share or a good story

Please if you are travelling let us know numbers by 19/5/18 and we can try billeting.

All info to Robert Hutchison: 0428181006 or hutch.julie@bigpond.com

Message from Narrandera

We have been advised by Liz Romeo that Keunil and his family will be leaving Narrandera. A formal farewell service will be held in Narrandera on Sunday 17th June at 2 pm. The service will be followed by an afternoon tea. There has been an offer to try and billet people for this weekend.

Asylum Seekers Centre's Emergency Relief Program

In the month of May, Crows Nest Uniting Church will again be donating food and toiletries to the Asylum Seekers Centre. This is a great activity by our congregation and has provided in the past between 50-70 bags of goods each year. Let us see if we can do as well this year! Please bring all your goods on the first 3 Sundays in May and we will deliver them to the Centre on the last Friday of May. The list of goods is in the vestry.

Emergency Relief supports people seeking asylum address urgent needs. On a daily basis people arrive who are homeless and without other support. They are often ineligible for Medicare and may have debilitating physical or mental health conditions. ASC's Emergency Relief program provides accommodation, financial assistance, material aid, food, healthcare and legal advice. With your support people can and do rebuild their lives and make a lasting contribution to society.

The Asylum Seekers Centre is a place of hospitality and welcome. It is an oasis for many people, a safe place for those who have fled situations of great danger.

Thank you to all who have contributed to our worship this morning **Lin** (reader), **Paul** (prayer leaders), **Marg D** (musician), **Barbara & Joanne** (welcomers), **Janet & Anita** (morning tea), **Bruce & Bev** (counters), **Deb L** (Kids Alive) and **Lorna** (flowers)

For next Sunday – 27th May

Readings:

Isaiah 6:1-8

Psalm 29

Rom 8:12-17

John 3:1-17



Rosters:

PREACHER:	Rev Michael Thomas
READER:	Bev C
PRAYER LEADER:	Simon S
ORGANIST:	Karen K
WELCOMERS:	Bev C +1
MORNING TEA:	Margaret M & Lin G
COUNTING OFFERING:	+2
KIDS ALIVE:	Deb L
FLOWERS:	+1

*Please send items for this news sheet
to Gaiklin before Thursday*

We worship on land that is sacred to, and has been cared for by people of the Cammeraygal and Wallumedegal clans, part of the Kuringgai tribe.
We pay our respects to their Elders past and present.

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