



Sherwood Uniting CHURCH NEWS

26th April 2020



WELCOME!

This week's Readings:

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Psalm 116:1-4

1 Peter 1:17-23

Luke 24:13-35

Psalm 116

1 I love the Lord, for he heard my voice;
he heard my cry for mercy.

2 Because he turned his ear to me,
I will call on him as long as I live.

3 The cords of death entangled me,
the anguish of the grave came over me;
I was overcome by distress and sorrow.

4 Then I called on the name of the Lord:
"Lord, save me!"

Do you have an encouraging short story?

We would like to include a little comment from you in the newsletter or video at the end of service to help people keep in touch with you and each other. It could be about your vegetable garden, recent happy event or whatever. Send it to Ross by return email on the worship video.

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This was a strange meeting as it was held online with computer screens in front of each person in our own homes. We opened in prayer committing ourselves to God and asking for a blessing on the congregation, our families and ourselves.

The previous minutes were accepted. We noted the Congregation Meeting was postponed to a time to be decided after the isolation requirements are removed.

We gratefully received \$1800 from the Bowls Club. A withdrawal of nomination was also received from Heather McKimmon.

Ross reported to the Church Council on the current worship innovations that have been put in place, in particular the services for Easter and the communion services. The immediate team of Andrew, Annette, Megan, Laurene and Karen were thanked. We also thank all people who are taking part and will take part in the worship services. People without internet are being contacted by phone with a written service. The mid-week meditation is being viewed by some people.

The Church Council minuted its commitment to providing a safe place for all people, particularly those who are vulnerable. The Church Council members also signed the statement of personal interest.

The process for entering people into 'safe ministry with children' within Sherwood was agreed.

It was agreed to include encouraging and uplifting videos/ comments in the worship service and newsletter. If you have something, please send it to Ross.

We then discussed the review. The process of review was outlined. Rob Duncan, the consultant, received past Annual Reports, etc, met with the church leadership, several individuals,

the congregation and leadership again. He then wrote the review. The review was distributed by email or post and an online video was supplied to explain the graphs. It was expected the carers would explain the tables to the phone people.

A response sheet was distributed in hard copy, email and online. We received 16 responses which is above excellent by normal response expectations.

The responses were summarised for the Church Council to discuss with the expectation the final summary would be distributed to the congregation.

The Church Council received the summary and all 16 responses. It was decided to give the congregation the summary which covers the wide range of views expressed in the individual responses.

We recognised that the review did not hold details about future processes and this was mentioned by some people in their response. This is because it was a review of our current situation and the future specific direction is yet to be decided. The Council decided to enlist the help of the review author, Rob Duncan, to walk with us as we seek to respond to God's will in the future. This will cost the congregation \$1200. The Church Council hopes to meet with Rob by video link in the next weeks to open dialogue around the future.

The Council will keep the congregation informed of any news with the hope of having something for discussion when a meeting of the congregation is held after the isolation requirements are removed.

The meeting closed with the grace.



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Pray for: All the members of the church, for their good health.
The world's leaders to work together and combat the virus.

If you would like to add a prayer request to the prayer chain please email prayerchain@sherwooduc.com.au (also on the website).

Your request will be automatically distributed to a group of people who will pray for you.

Please respect others' privacy and gain their permission first.

Tithes and Offerings

In response to God's generosity to us as individuals and as a community we choose to generously give in the offering each Sunday during worship. If you would like to give through Electronic Bank Transfer please use the following account:

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