



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

UPDATE

SUNDAY 28th April 2024 at 9:30am

Service conducted by Rev Samuel Annan
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.

MISSION AND VISION

- ❖ We aim to be a diverse community with the crucified risen Lord Jesus Christ as our guiding light spreading the good news of reconciliation to all.
- ❖ We aim to welcome all newcomers, encourage spiritual growth in all members of the community, nurture faith in children and young people and care for those in need,
- ❖ We will strive to achieve this by committing ourselves to God through love, worship, prayer, bible study and diligent management of our time, talents and resources.

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Jesus, our Good Shepherd

The Christian church has traditionally observed this fourth Sunday of easter as Good Shepherd Sunday. The image of a shepherd comes from the recognition that in the OT, God promises both to be shepherd (Ezek. 34:30-31) and to set a model shepherd over the people (Ez. 34:23-24). The clear definition of the shepherd's task is to feed the sheep adequately, care for their ailments, keep them gathered, and put their wellbeing before his own. The Gospel of John 10:11-18 develops the theme, moving from the OT imagery to the wonderful reassurance we find in Jesus as our shepherd. Our assurance is based not on what we do or not do but on what Jesus does as the good shepherd. *"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."* (John 10:11). Shepherd is an ancient way to describe the leadership of an earthly or divine leader, often in contrast to one another.

However, there are three repetitions of Jesus's declaration: *"I lay down my life for the sheep"* (John 10: 11, 15, 18). Jesus says that the shepherd was the model who laid down his life for the sheep. It is impossible to lay down your life for someone if you do not love such a person. Love is known in action. How do we see God's love? It is through God's sending Jesus Christ into the world and Christ's laying down his life for us. The actions of Jesus show us who God is like. The same test applies to our love. How do others know what is in our hearts? It is by our actions. Just as God's love is known to us through the visible action of Christ, so our love is known to others through concrete actions that reflect Christ's own. Christ lays down his life, and we are to lay down our lives for others.

Jesus acts as the Father has acted for generations – knowing the people fully, as he and the Father know one another. He is the model shepherd, in two ways.

First, he cares for the sheep, even dying for their wellbeing as one of God's shepherds' oughts. Secondly, his relationship with God's people, his flock, is the same as, and modelled on, the mutuality of his relationship with God.

By: Rev Samuel Annan.

Bible Readings 5th May 2024:

Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17

ROCKINGHAM CONGREGATION

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

Week's Events from 28th April – 4th May 2024

Today 9:30am

Morning Worship Service: led by Rev Samuel Annan

Elder on Duty: Shirley Garrod

Lost Property Box: Please check the Lost Property Box (located in the hall between kitchen and store room) for any left behind items before the end of April. all left over items will be relocate.

Name Badges. Gerry will be placing an order for magnetic Church Badges on Mon 29th April. If you would like one please add your exact name to the list in the Foyer or email Gerry the exact spelling at Geogerry@icloud.com.

**Wednesday 9:30am –
11:00am**

Women's Connect Group at the Church
THE STORY by Randy Frazee
Session 14 - A Kingdom Torn in Two

Friday 5:30pm

Music Practice

**Saturday 7:00am –
8:30am**

Op Shop BUSY BEE

General garden clean up. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated. Everyone welcome.

**Saturday 4:00pm –
7:00pm**

Youth and Children's games at Church hall
Board Games

Coming Events

Sunday 5th May: Worship Service at 9:30am – conducted by Rev Samuel Annan with Holy Communion

Church Volunteers

We are seeking volunteers for the Following positions: bus drivers, stewards, morning tea servers, AV-systems, and communion stewards. If you would like to fill any position please put your name and details on the list in the atrium. Your help will be much appreciated.

If you are interested in **becoming a confirmed member of the Uniting Church in Australia** there is a sign up sheet in the atrium. There is a process:

- 1) Information regarding confirmation and membership will be provided to you
- 2) You will have discussions regarding what it means to be a confirmed member
- 3) Baptism is a prerequisite to confirmation. If you were baptised as a child or an adult that's generally fine however if you have not been baptised you can have both baptism and confirmation done on the same day."

Notices

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

House Cleaning

Mag Lyse is providing private house cleaning service. For costs and additional information please contact Mag on 0416 945 144

If you want to watch the live-streaming of our Sunday service, simply follow this link:

https://www.facebook.com/RockinghamUnitingChurch/videos/?ref=page_internal

Otherwise, you can go to Facebook and search Rockingham Uniting Church.

Sunday 5th May 2024	
Bus Driver	Brian Williams 0415 127 192
Reader	Simon Cartwright
Elder & Announcements	Sharon Ritchens
Stewards	Christina Harman & John Burns
Communion Stewards	Kerry Dunn & Lenette Taylor
Morning Tea	Gwen & Neil Miller
Accompanist	Ken Paton
AV System	Jordan Lockwood & Adrian Graetz
KUCA	Jenny Cronjé

Four week averages: 75 Adults, 6 Children