



The Uniting Church in the Eastern Wheatbelt

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Grace and peace to you all.

Do you believe the Kingdom of Heaven is here and now, or something in the future we can only look forward to? I believe it is all around us now if only we will recognise it. This morning Mike is going to look at some of Jesus's teaching on the Kingdom. The bible readings from Matthew's gospel emphasise two very important things: initially the Kingdom might seem small and insignificant, but can end up influencing our entire lives and those around us for the better; and to those who recognise it it is more valuable than anything imaginable. I particularly like the parable of the mustard seed, part of today's reading, suggesting a tiny spark of God's love can grow into something large, providing shelter and meaning for many. Let us endeavour to make our church a source of shelter and meaning for those in our community who need it most.

Perhaps a sign of God's Kingdom in our church is the fortnightly Alpha course in Merredin aiming to provide a firm faith grounding for our newer members. The elders feel this needs more prayer support, in the same way Ride For Life was supported by regular prayer warriors. Sal will say more about this this morning. Also on the topic of prayer, Merredin United in Prayer resumes this Thursday evening at the Catholic church. This year's focus is on Psalm 150, and everyone is welcome to attend.

Until then, stay blessed

Bob French

SERVING IN MERREDIN

	Today	Next Sunday
Preacher	Mike Fawcett (video)	Mike Fawcett (Westonia)
Worship Leader	Debbie Tengvall	Kerry Hermon
Elder	Sal Marais	Kerry Hermon
Musician	Bob French	Sal Marais
Greeters	Luke and Sarah Higgins	Kerry and Doug Hermon
Readers	Sarah Higgins Kerry Hermon	TBA
Offering & Counting	Luke Higgins Doug Hermon	TBA
Sound	Tom Higgins	TBA
Projection	Kevin Tengvall	TBA

Note: if you are unable to fulfil your rostered duty please organise a substitute and inform the Worship Leader and the Newsletter Editor

Next week at Merredin:

Laptop prep: Sal Marais

Cleaning:

News and Coming Events

Westonia Service next week

Next Sunday 2nd August we will hold a worship service in the Westonia Miner's Hall at 9.30 am with Mike Fawcett preaching. There will be no service in Merredin. We will meet at the Merredin church for car pooling to leave at 8.45 am. If you need a lift talk to Sal Marais.

Prayer warriors for Alpha course

The Alpha course for our younger

members has been meeting fortnightly since March. You can support deepening the faith and spiritual building-up of the participants by praying from 6 pm on each alternate Saturday evening.

Merredin Ladies' Guild

The August meeting of the Ladies' Guild will be held at the Marais home in Merredin on Tuesday 4th August at 10 am to watch a DVD. All welcome.

prayers

A Prayer for the Uniting Church in Western Australia

God of Grace and truth, renew and revive your church,
Deepen our love for you and others,
Broaden our love for our church, our neighbours and your mission in the world,
Holy Spirit breathe new life into us.
In the name of Christ who loves us beyond measure.

AMEN

Intercession

Pray for ...

- * Luke Higgins convalescing after surgery and last week's accident, and Sarah.
- * Students and teachers who returned to school this week.
- * Kevin and Debbie Tengvall and family..
- * People affected by resurgence of COVID-19 in Victoria and New South Wales.
- * For chaplaincy in Eastern Wheatbelt schools: Merredin, Bruce Rock, and Mukinbudin. Pray for staff, students, and chaplains.
- * For the Prime Minister and members of the Australina Parliament, the WA Premier and members of State Parliament, and the Police Force.

From the Synod Prayer Calendar ...

- * Northam, Toodyay and York Uniting Churches. Please also pray for the Council of Churches WA and YouthCARE.

Do you have a special need for prayer? Remember the Elders are always available for one on one prayer following services at Merredin, and while we are isolating are only a phone call or email away.

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THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 26th July

Merredin church	9.00 am	Morning Worship Mike Fawcett (video)
Mukinbudin church	10.00 am	Morning Worship Joy Jones

MONDAY 27th July

Merredin church	5.30 pm	Ladies Bible Study (see Debbie Tengvall for details)
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TUESDAY 28th July

WEDNESDAY 29th July

Zoom	7.00 pm	Who Let The Blokes Out? (see Bob French for details)
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THURSDAY 30th July

Mukinbudin hall	10.00 am	Corner Closet (guest speaker Robyn Beckingham)
St Mary's Catholic Church Merredin	7.00 pm	Merredin United in Prayer

FRIDAY 31st July

SATURDAY 1st August

Marais house Merredin	6.00 pm	Alpha course (see Steve Higgins for details)
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SUNDAY 2nd August

Westonia Miners' Hall	9.30 am	Morning Worship Mike Fawcett (Communion)
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Items for Newsletter:

If there is anything you would like included in the next newsletter, including prayer requests, please let Bob French know on 9041 1780, 0428 125 613, or robert.french1@bigpond.com