



The Uniting Church in the Eastern Wheatbelt

SUNDAY 23rd August 2020

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Grace and peace to you all.

It is very exciting to welcome Kerry Hermon to our preaching spot this week for the first time. Kerry has felt God leading her for some time to preach about prayer, and I am sure she will have some very worthwhile things to say.

Prayer is central to our faith, and should be an important part of our lives as it was to Jesus. It is no accident that almost a whole page (25%!) of this newsletter is given to prayer topics. You may think much of this changes very little from week to week, but there are some things we should pray for consistently, like our schools, and our governments. We also pray for members of our families and communities in special need, as well as the wider world. I keep a note of prayer requests made during our Sunday services, and add them to the list when I think it appropriate, but if you would like someone added to the list please let me know. I only add peoples' names if I think they would be comfortable having their names on a prayer list, though, so please check with them if you have any doubt.

It is appropriate that Merredin United in Prayer will be held this week. Organised by the Churches Fraternal, this is when the churches of Merredin get together once a month to pray for our community. Their prayer focus in 2020 is Psalm 150. Any one is welcome to join, and they say "*even if you can't join us in the flesh; please pray between 7 and 8 pm for our community and the wider concerns of this state, nation and indeed the whole world.*"

Note that arrangements for next Sunday's combined Parish Service have changed.

Until then, stay blessed

Bob French

SERVING IN MERREDIN

	Today	Next Sunday
Preacher	Kerry Hermon	Mike Fawcett
Worship Leader	Debbie Tengvall	Steve Higgins
Elder	Sak Marais	TBA
Musician	Bob French	TBA
Greeters	Kobus and Sal Marais	TBA
Readers	Kobus Marais	TBA
	Hayley Higgins	TBA
Offering & Counting	Doug Hermon	TBA
	Cathy Jolly	TBA
Sound	Steve 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: Tom Higgins

Cleaning: Tania Higgins

News and Coming Events

Combined Parish Service **Now at Merredin 30 August**

The Combined Parish Service planned for Mukinbudin next Sunday will now be held at Merredin on account of Gordon Jones having been admitted to hospital. Mike Fawcett will be preaching.

Mission Planning Workshop

Presbytery Mission Minister Alison Gilchrist will run a workshop in

Merredin on Saturday 5 September to help us discern the mission direction God is calling us in. The workshop will run from 10 am to 3 pm, but morning tea will be available from 9.30 am. Please bring something to share for lunch.

Bonfire night at the Higgins farm

A barbecue followed by a bonfire will be held at the Higgins farm on the evening of Saturday 5th September.

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 ...

- * The Jones family, especially Gordon in Sir Charles Gairdner Hoospital.
- * Gloria Banks
- * Luke, Sarah, and other members of the Higgins family.
- * People of Beirut recovering from the recent accidental explosion.
- * People in Victoria and elsewhere under tightened COVID restrictions
- * 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 Australian Parliament, the WA Premier and members of State Parliament, and the Police Force.

From the Synod Prayer Calendar ...

- * Penrhos College, Wesley College and the Royal Perth Hospital chaplains. Please also pray for the Northern Synod.

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 23rd August

Merredin Church	10.00 am	Morning Worship Kerry Hermon preaching
Mukinbudin Church	10.00 am	Morning Worship

MONDAY 24th August

Merredin church	5.30 pm	Ladies Bible Study (see Debbie Tengvall for details)
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TUESDAY 25th August

WEDNESDAY 26th August

Zoom	7.00 pm	Who Let The Blokes Out? We will not meet for dinner this week—see Bob French for details
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THURSDAY 27th August

Mukinbudin Church Hall	10.00 am	Corner Closet
Seventh Day Adventist Church (Kitchener Road)	7.00 pm	Merredin United in Prayer

FRIDAY 28th August

Merredin Church	1.00 pm	Knitting and Crochet group—see Margaret Dalton for details
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SATURDAY 29th August

Marais house	6.00 pm	Alpha Course—see Steve Higgins for details
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SUNDAY 30th August

Merredin Church	10.00 am	Combined Parish Service Mike Fawcett preaching
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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