



# Newsletter

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Recent email from the Geoff and Carol Naylor  
Sent Saturday July the 16th

"Hello Dianne,

Thanks so much for your kind email. It was at times a pretty uncomfortable and gruelling journey on the JNC....

We are up in Hughenden, QLD tonight having driven up through inland NSW and QLD. Cobar. Lightening Ridge, Roma, Longreach. We are now heading to Townsville and some warmer weather we hope. we had ice on the car windscreen one morning—very chilly but today we wore shorts and t-shirts for the first time so life is looking up! It has been so wet up here that the outback scenery is quite unusually green. We saw dinosaur footprints at Winton yesterday, so are learning a lot.

There is a bit of a plaque of grey nomads up here! One caravan site in Longridge had 400 caravans—caravan city. I found an outback drum kit which made my day. Sadly due to its size I can't bring it home and play it in church!!

Cheers and warm regards from us both.  
Carol"

## "An opportunity to grow in our diversity"

The 2021 Census has revealed Australia is more culturally and religiously diverse than ever. For the first time, first and second generation migrants make up more than half the Australian population.

The data released by the Australian Bureau of Statistics showed that:

27.6 % of the population were born overseas

Top 5 languages used at home, other than English were Mandarin (2.7%), Arabic (1.4%), Vietnamese 1.3%) Cantonese (1.2%) and Punjabi (0.9%)

Top 5 ancestries were English (33%), Australian (29.9%), Irish (9.5%), Scottish (8.6%) and Chinese (5.5%)

Top 5 religious affiliations were  
No religion (38.9%), Catholic 20%), Anglican (9.85),  
Islam 3.2%) and Hinduism (2.7%)

The communities we live in are growing in diversity. Our neighbourhoods are made up of people of different cultures, languages and belief systems.

These changes have important implications for how we understand our identity and how we live out our life as the Uniting Church in Australia.

Nearly 40 years ago, the Uniting Church recognised and embraced its culturally diverse communities when in 1985 we declared "We are a Multicultural Church."

As our wider community becomes more diverse, so do our faith communities.

There are many emerging, vibrant and growing culturally and linguistically diverse communities across our synods. This is something we should celebrate.

To be continued.

Written by The Reverend Dr. Apwee Ting,  
Assembly National Consultant

**LECTIONARY READINGS FOR  
August and September 2022**

August 7th Pentecost 9

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20, Psalm 50: 1-8, 22-23,  
Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16, Luke 12: 37-40

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August 14th Pentecost 10

Isaiah 5: 1-7, Psalm 80: 1-2, 8-19  
Hebrews 11: 29-12:2, Luke 12: 49-56

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August 21st Pentecost 11

Jeremiah 1: 4-10, Psalm 71: 1-6  
Hebrews 12: 18-29, Luke 13: 10-17

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August 28th Pentecost 12

Jeremiah 2: 4-13, Psalm 81: 1, 10-16,  
Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16, Luke 14: 1, 7-14

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September 4th Pentecost 13

Jeremiah 18: 1-11, Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18  
Philemon 1: 21, Luke 14: 25-33

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September 11th Pentecost 14

Jeremiah 4: 11-12, 22-28, Psalm 14  
1 Timothy 1: 12-17, Luke 15: 1-10

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**KEY VERSE FOR THE WEEK**

**“You must also be ready, because the Son of Man will come  
at an hour when you do expect him.”**

**Luke 12: 40**

## **ROSTER FOR AUGUST and SEPTEMBER 2022**

### **August 7th**

Communion Steward: Joan Calcutt  
Bible Reader: Ben McKinley  
Prayers for the People: Judy Greer  
Bell Ringer: Neil Derrick  
Counting: Robin Munro  
Morning Tea: Pat & David Reid

### **August 14th**

Bible Reader: Margery Scott  
Prayers for the People: The Minister  
Bell Ringer: Geoff Naylor  
Counting: Pat Reid  
Morning Tea: Dianne Sapwell & Wilma Andrews

### **August 21st**

Bible Reader: David Roach  
Prayers for the People: Doug Gorwell  
Bell Ringer: Diane Jones  
Counting: Diane Prowse  
Morning Tea: Pat & David Reid

### **August 28th**

Bible Reader: Jim Barry  
Prayers for the People: The Minister  
Bell Ringer: Peter Dickson  
Counting: Lesley Pope  
Morning Tea: Megan Smith & Joan Calcutt

### **September 4th**

Communion Steward: Marjorie Barry  
Bible Reader: Wilma Andrews  
Prayers for the People: David Runia  
Bell Ringer: Neil Derrick  
Counting: Robin Munro  
Morning Tea: Pat & David Reid

If you are on morning tea please remember to bring milk, and if you are not able to do your rostered shift endeavour to swap with someone before contacting Dianne Sapwell.