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Weekly News for Wodonga West and Rural Uniting Churches

Pentecost 21

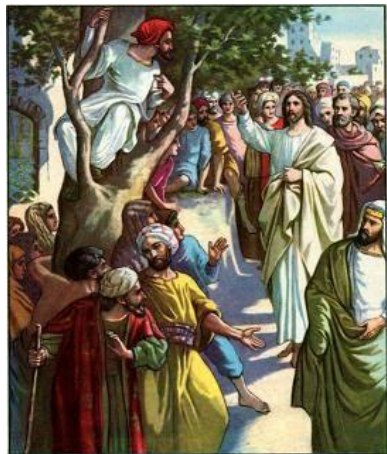
WELCOME TO WORSHIP

9:00am Emmanuel Anglican and Uniting Church

6:00pm Kergunyah Uniting Church

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4, Psalm 119:137-144, 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12, Luke 19:1-10

He entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax-collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycomore tree to see



him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, 'Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.' So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, 'He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.' Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, 'Look, half of my

possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.' Then Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.'

Luke 19:1-10



COMING EVENTS

- Tue 5 Nov 9:30am Prayer Group at Emmanuel
- 10:00am No playgroup this week
- Wed 6 Nov 9:00am Emmanuel Grounds and Maintenance Group
- 7:30pm Emmanuel Council meets
- Tue 12 Nov 9:30am Prayer Group at Emmanuel
- Playgroup for children 0-5 years, parents and carers
- Wed 13 Nov 9:00am Emmanuel Grounds and Maintenance Group
- Tue 19 Nov 6:00pm St Stephen's Forum - Child Social Isolation, Poverty & Disadvantage

EMMANUEL FETE - THANKS



Many thanks to everyone who helped make the annual Strawberry Fair and Fete a wonderful day. A lot of hard work goes into making the Fair a success and every year so many contribute their time in the days leading up to the day, staffing the many stalls and then packing up. Rod Clutterbuck, our coordinator has as always put many hours into the planning and preparation for the Fair and a huge vote of thanks is extended to him. A financial report will be reported to the congregation in due course. Thanks everyone.

CHILD SOCIAL ISOLATION FORUM



St. Stephen's Uniting Church Wodonga Social Justice Group in association with **Uniting** Wodonga

present a Forum:

"Imagine preventing the harm caused by childhood poverty, social isolation and disadvantage in Australia"

Keynote Speaker

Dr. Robyn Seth Purdie, Senior Analyst, UnitingCare Australia

The presentation is based on the recent report, "Child Social Isolation, Poverty & Disadvantage in Australia" developed by the University of Canberra and commissioned by UnitingCare Australia.

Venue: St. Stephen's Uniting Church, Wodonga

Tuesday November 19, 2019

6.00pm to 8.00pm

A light finger food meal will be provided at the conclusion of the forum.

RSVP Judith Butler, Church office on 60242108 or email

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I share this story from an anonymous source about the first day of college when the Professor asked that we get to know someone we didn't already know. Next to me was a wrinkled, little old lady smiling, who said, "hi handsome, my name is Rose. I'm eighty-seven years old. Can I give you a hug?"

Saying yes, I asked, 'Why are you in college at such a young innocent age? I'm here to meet a rich husband, get married, and have a couple of kids...' Seriously she then said, 'I always dreamed of having a college education and now I'm getting one'.

Over the course of the year, Rose became a campus icon and she easily made friends wherever she went. She was living it up. Rose was invited to speak at a football banquet. She stepped up to the podium but dropped her prompt cards on the floor.

Reflection:

Growing older is mandatory, growing up is optional. We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give. God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage. If God brings you to it, He will bring you through it. Good friends are like stars, you don't always see them, but you know they are always there.

She said, "I'm sorry I'm so jittery. I gave up beer for lent and this whiskey is killing me!"

Off the cuff she said, "we do not stop playing because we are old; we grow old because we stop playing. There are only four secrets to staying young, being happy and achieving success.

You have to laugh and find humour every day. You must have a dream. When you lose your dreams, you die. We have so many people walking around who are dead and don't even know it! There is a huge difference between growing older and growing up. Anyone can grow older. The idea is to grow up by always finding opportunity in change. Have no regrets. The elderly usually regret things we did not do." She concluded by singing The Rose. One week after graduation, Rose died peacefully in her sleep.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD & OTHER CONTACTS

UCA:	Anglican: Fr Jacques Jefferies 02 6024 2129 or 0434 063 069 stjohnsw@bigpond.net.au [weekly RDO: Friday]
Emmanuel Pastoral Care: <i>Speak with an Elder or Warden</i>	
Emmanuel Prayer Chain: <i>Give requests to Betty Sagers on 0427 761 044</i>	
Address:	PO Box 435, Wodonga 3689
Office Phone:	Emmanuel Meeting Place: (02) 6059 5460
Office Open:	Not staffed at present
Reaching Out:	Items to Harold Cover 02 6024 7929 hcover@bigpond.com or LouAnne Stabb 02 6059 2244 stabb@iinet.net.au by Wednesday .
Website:	http://www.emmanuel.unitingchurch.org.au/index/htm

BIBLE READINGS *for* NEXT SUNDAY

Pentecost 22

Haggai 1:15b - 2:9, Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21, 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17, Luke 20:27-38

WORSHIP SERVICES *for* NEXT WEEK

9:00am Emmanuel Anglican and Uniting Church
11:00am Kergunyah Uniting Church

ON DUTY

	<u>Sunday Nov 3(Anglican)</u>	<u>Sunday Nov 10 (Uniting)</u>
Readings	Scott Felstead	Ted Stabb
Elders/Wardens	Ted Stabb Rod Clutterbuck	Rod Clutterbuck Ted Stabb
Organist	LouAnne Stabb	TBA
Prayers	Carol Harris	Rod Clutterbuck
Early Word	LouAnne Stabb	Carol Clutterbuck

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

World Council of Churches

Oceania: American Samoa, Cook Islands, Fiji, French Polynesia (Maohi Nui), Kanaky, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu

We pray for:

- efforts to preserve these island nations in the midst of rising seas
 - those adversely affected by earthquakes, volcanoes and cyclones
 - those dealing with the legacy of past nuclear weapons testing and with garbage dumping today
- good governance – especially in preserving indigenous cultures –which effectively serves those who are impoverished, hungry, lacking education or unable to make a living.