



# DU Grape Vine



SEPTEMBER 2023

## WORSHIPPING ON THE MOVE

On my recent travels to coastal New South Wales and Queensland, I enjoyed worshipping at six different Uniting Churches and one Community of Christ outdoor church. The welcome received at every one of them was very warm, with one of the churches passing on a welcome candle.

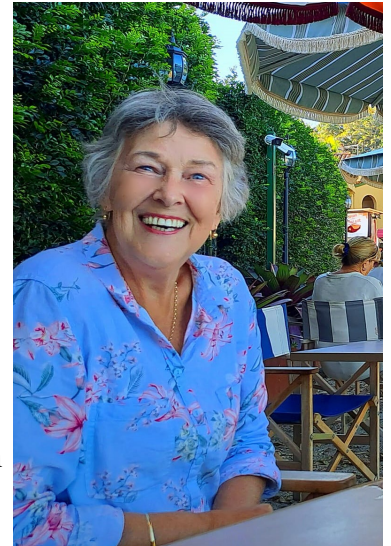
My daughter and I worshipped at Stockton, Forster/Tuncurry, Nambucca Heads, Hervey Bay, Bargara and Ballina Uniting Churches, and the Green Cathedral in Tiona, NSW.

The Green Cathedral is an outdoor church with pews, the altar and the lectern all made of trees from the area, and is in a beautiful setting on the edge of Wallis Lake and the Booti Booti National Park. Unfortunately on the day we attended the weather was drizzly and windy, so the service was held in a clear plastic tent structure, but the trees and lake were still visible.

The different ways of 'doing worship' struck me as very interesting – and only once was the sermon delivered by a serving minister, with two being led by retired ministers, and the others by lay teams. However the standard of leadership by lay people was outstanding.

Of the seven services, only one had a small child and two babies. I found myself wondering what the future holds for our 'traditional' worship services. I also wondered how some of the small congregations manage financially, and came home realising how lucky we are here in Drysdale to have such a dedicated and supportive congregation and fine leadership by Rev Karen.

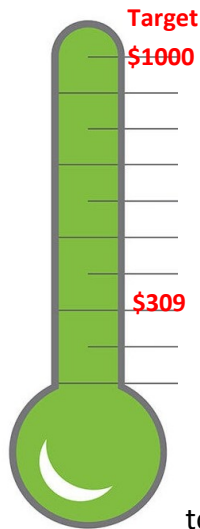
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Photos by Kim Nickelson



## LOOSE CHANGE



Our loose change is now for the Aboriginal Literacy Foundation. We are now up to \$309; and based on \$5 per book that is about 62 books for aboriginal children so far.

## WORKING BEE

There will be a Spring-clean working bee on Saturday 23 September from 8.00 am to 11.00 am. If you can come for all or part of the time that will be appreciated.

## SEASON OF CREATION

The church world-wide celebrates the Season of Creation in September, under the World Council of Churches, as an optional approach to worship. This recognises the importance of the created world and everything in it. The overall theme in 2023 is "Let Justice and Peace Flow". The Worship @ 9 service group used this material for about nine years (3 cycles). Rev Karen and the lay leaders will be using it again this year.



**Why couldn't Noah catch many fish?**

Answer: He only had two worms



## This months' services

3 Sep —10.30 am Rev Karen Eller  
HC & Loose change  
10 Sep —10.30 am Wayne  
17 Sep —10.30 am Denise's Team  
24 Sep —10.30 am Rev Karen Eller

## SPECIAL BIRTHDAY

Congratulations to Margo Jones who celebrates her 80th birthday this month. It was great to celebrate with our "0" birthday lunch last week.



## SEPTEMBER

Wayne Myers  
Judith Way  
Jonnie Mander  
Margo Jones  
Denise McLaverty  
Jen Nash

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	MORNING TEA	WELCOME	VESTRY	READING	PRAYERS	COUNTING FLOWERS
SEP 3	Melva & Brenda	Brenda	Rhonda	Margaret	TBA	Ian
10	Belinda & Darren	Melva	Claire	Kelvin	Margo	Lynda
17	Glenice & Kelvin	Kelvin & Glenice	Pat	Denise's Team	Carol	Jonnie
24	Margo & Marie	Lynda	John	Susan		Marg
						Denise

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## MOWING

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