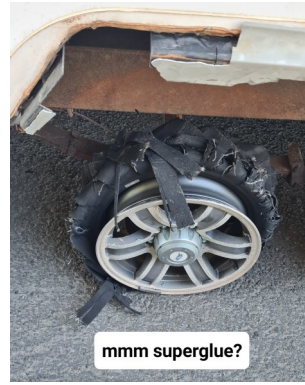


IF AT FIRST YOU DON'T SUCCEED...

By Pierre Van Blommestein

Our caravan trip for a holiday with family in Canberra began after the Christmas Day service at Bribie, but came to a juddering halt on the Ipswich Motorway, just near Amberley, when debris on the road caused us to lose two tyres on the caravan - one shredded and another punctured. Honestly, (see the pic) the tyre looked like a stomped spider! We only carry one spare (to be changed for the next trip!), so we called RACQ and because of the length of the van they had to send a long lowbed from North Lakes (!), and by the evening of 25th we were safely parked at the truck stop at Flinders View. I fixed the punctured tyre and we put the spare on the shredded one - and then that massive storm came sweeping through Ipswich on its way to Gold Coast!



So we hitched up and crawled through the downpour just over the road to a church carpark where we weathered the storm in the lee of the church building. How's that for the start of the holiday?!

We had to wait at a nearby caravan park on 26th and then got new tyres for the van at Ozzy Tyres Ipswich, who had the tyres there from Brisbane by 10.30 and we were on the road again by 12! Awesome service.

Well we got things back on track after that and after heading up a beautiful Cunninghams Gap, we wandered down the New England Highway through Warwick, Stanthorpe, Tenterfield, stopping to visit Captain Thunderbolts Cave and the WW2 tanktraps, the Saddler Museum, and the Pyramid in a Paddock at Ballandean.



Why would you put a pyramid in your paddock the farmer was asked? Because I had 7,500 kg of spare rock and it seemed like a good idea!

The thing with towing a caravan is you always have to anticipate how you get out of a place you have turned into. The farm road by the pyramid ended in an old railway bridge - with 3.2m clearance! Not a problem.

After swimming the dogs in the river at Deepwater, we free-camped at Wallangarra Park the first night, then on 28th Glen Innes for smoko and stopped at Tamworth Paceway for the second night. Watched the horses exercise the next morning.

Then got to Dubbo on 29th, and stayed a night at a park in the industrial area, and arrived in Canberra as planned for 30th book-in at Sutton with its fenced dog-friendly sites. Time for the grandkids now!

We had a wonderful time doing all kinds of things with the family - the Egyptian exhibit at the National Museum, go-carts, putt-putt, a visit behind the scenes at Questacon Science Museum, a painting class with our granddaughter, tenpin bowling, and the dinosaur museum. Final outing was all the grandkids at Cockington Green Gardens with its miniature buildings from around the world and manicured gardens.

We set off for home on Sun 21 Jan via the Pacific Highway, stopping the first night at Bulahdelah Bowling Club (and an awesome roast dinner for \$18 at the club!), and then at Alstonville Showgrounds, where I had a blistering Indian Vindaloo curry for dinner.

The dogs travelled so well in the back of the car, and would watch the world whizzing by the window and then settle down again. We were amazed at how many parks are now dog-friendly, and how many people travel with their pets.

How strange to arrive back at Webster St and get used to living in the big space of a house again. On the up side, I didn't lose a towing mirror to a roadtrain this time!



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March 2024

Treasurer's Report:

Offerings

Our budget for the year is \$95,000 - offerings to date total \$56,804.

There are many costs involved in keeping things running particularly in maintenance, insurance and utility costs, minister's stipend and our contribution to the wider work of the Uniting Church in Queensland.

Your regular commitment and faithfulness through your offering is helping to meet some of those costs.

Your offering can be made through the direct giving system by organizing a transfer direct from your bank account to the church's account.

Many of our members use this system which alleviates the handling of cash. Details are as follows:

Name: UCA Bribie Island Congregation

BSB: 014 010 Account: 1915 19891

Description: My Offering

Alternatively, if you prefer to use cash, your offering can be made through the envelope system.

There are still a couple of sets of envelopes available on the Sunday morning welcome table.

New Kitchen

Is almost completed with a few jobs still to be finalized: roller shutters to serveries, extension of servery benches, finish off tiling once shutters are installed, install of fridge, and minor painting.

Some of these may be completed by the time the Bulletin goes to print.

A huge thank you to everyone who has supported the kitchen through donations. It has been a big project for us to undertake and we will be able to enjoy the benefits of the new kitchen for many years to come.

Envelopes are on the welcome table if you would like to donate to the new kitchen OR If you would like to donate to the kitchen via direct deposit details are as follows:

Name: UCA Bribie Island Congregation

BSB: 014 010 Account: 1915 19891 Description: Kitchen Donation



World Day of Prayer - Friday 1st March 1.30 pm

Venue this year is at the Abbey Church: 1/63 The Abbey Place, Caboolture. Bring a plate of food to share. Parking is behind the church, take food to the hall by 1.30 pm service will start at 2 pm.

If you are intending to go please contact Neena as she can organising transport to The Abbey church.

Church Activities

What's on in March:

Men's breakfast:



1st Saturday

2nd March

Arrive 7.15 am for 7.30 am. Sign on sheet at welcome table. \$10 for a great meal and great fellowship round the table.. Monies from the breakfast goes towards avgas for the patrol padre in Cloncurry.

Guest Speaker: Ron Powell sharing stories about local legend and artist Ian Fairweather

Men's Group:



MEN'S GROUP

2nd & 4th Monday;

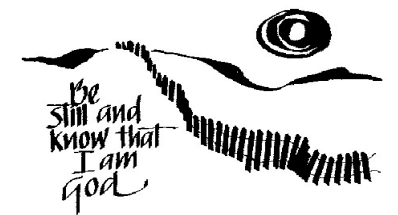
11th & 25th March

Pierre

Meet @ 9 am at the Church in the meeting room.

Join us as we explore Prayer, Scripture, Fellowship and Mission together.

Prayer & Meditation:



3rd Tuesday;

19th March

Pierre

Meet @ 9.30 am sharp in the meeting room at church

All are welcome who would enjoy an hour of quiet meditation and prayer for current needs and circumstances.

Chatters:



2nd Wednesday;

13th March

Neena

Meet 10 am @ RSL Social café outside of the terrace if weather is good.

All ladies are welcome.

Please let Neena know if you are attending.

KYB:



2nd & 4th Wednesdays; 13th & 27th March

Flo McKay

Meet 2.15 pm @ 8 Hazell Ave, Banksia Beach

Parking available in either Hazell or Cassia streets .

Studying: The Gospel of Luke–Unit 2

Ladies Friendship Group:



3rd Wednesday;

20 March

Neena

Meet @ 9.30 am in the church hall.

A morning filled with fun activities and fellowship. There is also always something delectable at morning tea.

Sausage Sizzle:



4th Saturday

23rd March

Lyn Dippel

8 am–12 noon at the Bribie Island Mitre 10.

Come on down and grab yourself sausage sizzle or even better, a works bacon and egg sandwich (includes onion and sausage). Friends, family and dogs are all welcome.

If you would like to help in the future, talk to Lyn or Greg.

Contact

News and Notes

Article inclusions for bulletin

If you have any items to go in the bulletin please email me by **24 March** at:

Tammy Duffy tduffy1970@gmail.com

Thank you

Brett and Marie Myatt would like to thank you for all your messages of sympathy, prayers and kindness in the sudden passing of Brett's father Keith.



Drop-In Coffee

Every Tuesday morning from 9.30 - 11 am
Bribie Baptist Church, 7-9 Cotterill Ave

27th Feb: Opera singer Leila-Maree

5th March: My testimony by Joan Schoeman

12th March: Life experience by Des Limkin

19th March: Testimony by Welhelmina Looyen



Next Maintenance Day

18th March 8-10 am

Will be held on the 3rd Monday of every month. Everyone is welcome.

Please remember if you have any PPE at home please bring it with you IE. Work gloves, covered footwear, safety glasses etc.

It was a very productive day in February. Greg would like to thank all of those who gave there time to help out.

Food Pantry Ministry

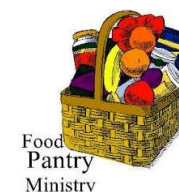
Please remember non-perishable food items only. NO EXPIRED items thank you.

The food pantry would prefer essential, basic food items please.

Place your items in the black labelled bin at church.

Some suggestions are but not limited to:

- Pasta/noodles
- Bottled pasta sauces.
- Tinned Tuna/Salmon/Chicken
- Tinned veggies/Fruit



RI and Chaplaincy

Commissioning Service Sunay night 18 Feb. Neena, Lyn D, Barbara Blair and myself went. The Church was FULL. The service was very encouraging both R I and Chaplaincy experiences given, of not only acceptance at schools by staff and students, but their being very wanting of both in the schools.

Prayers are being answered. We now have 3 chaplains again: Louna started at Banksia Beach at the end of last year, and now feeling like she's slotting into her role and what's expected. The School is glad that they again have a chaplain on board for staff and students.

Other 2 - Julie at the high School, and her husband at the primary school both much more experienced - also saying opportunities with both staff and students.

Any \$ donations can be forwarded - envelopes on table or by banking.

Lynne Pope

Prayer Chain requests:

Phone Moira Adams 0437 382 383 for all prayer chain requests.

Birthdays–March

EVANS Barbara	1
HOWE Diane	5
HYDE Paddy	5
MacDONALD Margaret	7
TRETHEWEY Margaret	11
KLING Priscilla	12
BARRAM Jim	14
ADAMS Moira	17
COUSINS Anita	17
KING Ken	17
LOWE Marie	17
DUFFY Greg	22
ROBERTS Dawn	23
KING Marilyn	27
FINLAY Gloria	31