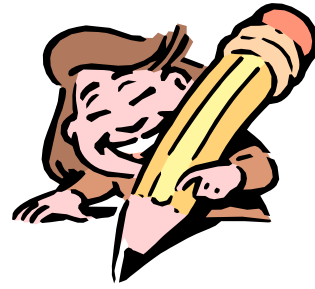


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## UNITING CHURCH NOTES – COOROY & POMONA

**“A prayerful listening church engaged in authentic community relationships”  
For the month of November, 2020**

**WEB page [www.cooroypomonauc.org](http://www.cooroypomonauc.org)**

### Worship service times:

8:00 am, Cooroy, 51 Maple Street.

9:30 am, Pomona, 27 Factory St.

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### **In Weakness We Are Strong**

Last month I used the experience of Paul’s ‘thorn in the flesh’ to note how powerfully God can use our weaknesses to his advantage. For Paul, who had asked God three times to be free of this ‘thorn’, God’s refusal to take the thorn away did not mean that his prayer was not answered. He acknowledges that God’s answer was quite clear when he said “My grace is sufficient for you”. So clear in fact that he stopped asking for the removal of the problem.

We don’t know the exact nature of the ailment that Paul was referring to, but it was enough to cause him distress and God’s reminder that his grace was sufficient for Paul to deal with it is a lesson for us all. The effect was a humbling experience for Paul. Should it be any different for us?

What I learn about grace through this example is that grace is an ongoing, undeserved but essential free gift that God extends to all his children throughout all of life. We experience it at the beginning of our Christian life in salvation, but like Paul it is ours in the middle, and will be ours right through to the end. As it was for Paul, we need to remember that God’s grace is sufficient for us also as we encounter our own thorns whatever they might be.

I’m not suggesting we stop praying for relief. God usually is happy to provide relief to our sufferings, but let us be mindful that there will be times when like Paul, he will force us to rely on his grace alone so that we might learn of that great sufficiency. Hard lessons but so valuable!

Our total dependence on God in our weaknesses is what puts us at our strongest.

Blessings  
Allan

**Welcome to all guests and friends who have come to worship with us**

**There will be no Dinner with Mates in November.** However we are anticipating that we will be having a Christmas Carol event at a private home in December. This will be a Christmas event with a difference and will conform to Covid regulations. Please listen out for details of this event and watch next month's Notepad.

**“Discipleship on the Edge”**

by Darrell W. Johnson is the book guiding the Bible Study group as they read through the book of Revelations one theme a week.

Revelations is written very differently than the other books of the Bible using imagery and language of a culture that we do not always easily understand.

**TOGETHER ON THE WAY**

Enriching Community

Uniting in Christ

Acting with love

Living with hope

Witnessing in faith

Working for justice

In Revelations, chapters 2 and 3 tell of the seven churches in Asia Minor and the letters Jesus wrote to each church. We learn about the cities and history at this time and the belief and commitment of early Christians at a time of widespread persecution .

Jesus came to show us how to live.  
He is our foundation.

**Hear our prayer, O Lord... We thank you for answered prayer and healing.**

**Please pray for:** Families in mourning and those who are not well. Alan & Rosemary Larsen, Joan O'keefe, Christine Green, Joyce Andreassen and her son-in-law, Lawrie Spencer. John and Ett Ison, Lois Wattis, Joanna Ford Vold and her husband and family in USA. Remember those in nursing homes and the staff looking after them; for school children, teachers, and parents. Please pray for ministers, pastors, chaplains, health workers, cleaners and anyone struggling at this time. Pray for the future of Cooroy / Pomona and other Sunshine Coast congregations.

Help us Lord to be faithful to you, and to show kindness and care to others.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Chase Vold 7<sup>th</sup>, Andrew Cramb 11<sup>th</sup>,

**Wedding Anniversaries**

Ken and Megan Miyamoto, 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015 Chase and Joanna Vold 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015

**To those knitting clothing for premature babies.**

A big THANK YOU from the Hospitals and Centres that have been receiving these loving gifts from the ladies of Cooroy.

We are looking for more people who can knit beanies and clothing for premature babies.

Gympie Hospital is in need of Pram covers as well.

There is a folder in Cooroy and Pomona church with patterns to use. There are several copies of a beanie 4ply pattern and a pattern for the pram cover. Please check it out and share among the knitters.

For more information contact Gary or Julie Kenzler, Phone 5447 7125 or Gary 0415 845 526

**Santa's Classy Helpers - COLLECTION FOR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER**

Tinned fruit, long life custard, boxes of Smith's chips with small packets, any other goods. Donations can be dropped off at the Gibson Rd Classy Lady store which is open until 4pm. The remainder of 2020 is going to be challenging, but we are determined to try and make Christmas a happy time for our needy families. Many thanks as always.

**Our Daily Bread.** Belinda has sent a donation of \$70.00 to Our Daily Bread Devotional booklets. However due to Covid 19, the December books will be delayed.

### **Preaching Schedule for November**

1st Cooroy 8:00 am Pomona 9:30am (Holy Communion) Rev Ron Watson

8th Cooroy 8:00 am Pomona 9:30am Pastor Allan Mulcahy

15th Cooroy 8:00 am Pomona 9:30am Pastor Allan Mulcahy

22nd Cooroy 8:00 am Pomona 9:30am Rev Ron Watson

**29<sup>th</sup> Invitational Missional** - Rev Ron Watson (Recorded and on-line)

Facebook streaming every Sunday.

**First Sunday of month (Except 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Nov.)** Mary and Martha Bible Study Nov 8<sup>th</sup> , Breakfast in Pomona 7:30 am

**Tuesdays** - Playgroup Pomona - 9 to 11 am

**Tuesdays** - Bible Study **Discipleship on the Edge** 7:00 pm (Ph 0403 052 125)

**Wednesdays** - Coffee with Ron - Pomona Trail 518 10:00 am (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays)

**November 4<sup>th</sup>**, Church council meeting 7:00 Cooroy church hall

**Thursdays** –Movement with Music 10:00 am. Cooroy church hall.

**Invitational Missional Church on November 29<sup>th</sup>:** You will remember that back in August we gave our 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday, a missional theme where we invited friends and others to join us in our homes for an on-line service over morning tea.

The feedback was such that we are going to do the same again in November and would encourage people to gather in small groups in homes with the encouragement to invite friends to join in the fellowship. This will be on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday (29<sup>th</sup>). Rev Ron will be preaching and others will also be taking part. There will be no other services on that day. Please join us.

### **Centenary of Pomona Uniting Church Celebration.**

In March 2021, our Church in Pomona will celebrate it's centenary --- 100 years of continual witness and worship to the community. This is a milestone worth celebrating!

Already we are in discussions with committee members of the Museum ( next door to the church).

They are keen to assist with the celebration at a date to be determined.

At this stage I am seeking people who are interested in helping to organize this event.

I envisage we will have one meeting this year to work out the basic format and to look at possible dates. Please let me know if you would like to be part of this team. Also, if you have any photos and memorabilia either specifically about the Pomona Church or the church in general.

I will be happy to speak to you.

David Cramb

**Uniting World** is an agency of the Uniting Church in Australia, working with partners in Asia, Africa and the Pacific to fight poverty and build hope. One area of this organisation that makes a huge impact is named **“Everything in Common”**. It is very active in poor countries, providing tools, training and hope to families living in poverty to build a business and income for their future.

**Christmas Gifts** in a catalogue **“Everything in Common”** offers you a choice of gifts you can donate to help a family or village. Last year the gifts were part of helping 178,915 people feed their families, improve their health or keep their kids in school. Look for catalogues in both churches.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

September was a good month for offerings - \$6,987 for a weekly average of \$1,746. Thank you to all in both congregations we are keeping up to budget. The jobkeeper allowance has been an unplanned source of income that has helped us to be able to help others and upgrade some of our equipment. You will see below that we have purchased video cameras and data video equipment but we still need to arrange for a reliable internet connection at Pomona church. Along with all agencies of the Uniting Church we also contributed to the national redress scheme this month – this money goes to people who suffered abuse in the past while in the care of the church.

Full financial details are presented to church council each quarter. If you would like a copy please let me know and I will get one to you after our next church council meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> November.

Bob Pattison - Treasurer

<b><u>Receipts – 1/09/20 to 30/09/20</u></b>	<b><u>\$</u></b>	<b><u>Payments – 1/09/20 to 30/09/20</u></b>	<b><u>\$</u></b>
Offerings – 4 weeks	6,987	Ministerial costs	5,940
Bank interest Bendigo cheque a/c	6	Mission & Service Fund	670
Bank interest UCIS investment	9	Phone	12
Term deposit interest	97	UC National Redress Scheme	466
Job Keeper Allowance	4,500	Video equipment for live streaming	2,251
Discipleship on the Edge Book	40		
	<b>11,639</b>		<b>9,339</b>

### **Benediction** from Interlink, Volume 34.

March – May 2020

May the road stretch endlessly before us.  
May blue skies and the sun smile upon us.  
May the gentle rain refresh us.  
May we find rest in the shade of gum trees.  
May good friends accompany us along the way.  
May you know the presence of God as you journey.  
May Christ be your companion.  
And may the Spirit lift up your life. Amen

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