



Uniting
Church
Boronia Park
Congregation

Joyful People + Christ's Love

Newsletter October 2021 Issue



SUNDAY WORSHIP WILL REOPEN ON 31 OCTOBER!

Online worship resources will be available on our website.

www.boroniapark.uca.org.au

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BORONIA PARK UNITING CHURCH

Readings and Prayers for weekly spiritual practice

Day	Bible Readings	Local Churches' Prayer Cycle	World Cycle of Prayer
17 October Pentecost 21	Job 38:1-7, (34-41) Psalm 104:1-9, 24,35 Hebrews 5:1-10 Mark 10:35-45	Villa Maria Holy Name of Mary and St. Peter Chanel	Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico
24 October Pentecost 22	Job 42:1-6, 10-17 Psalm 34:1-8, (19- 22) Hebrews 7:23-28 Mark 10:46-52	Glades Hill Presbyterian Church and Kalos Korean Church	The Caribbean: Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, St Kitts-Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago
31 October Pentecost 23	Ruth 1:1-18 Psalm 146 Hebrews 9:11-14 Mark 12:28-34	Life Congregational Church (aka Hunters Hill Congregational Church)	Canada, United States
7 November Pentecost 24	Isaiah 25:6-9 Psalm 24 Revelations 21:1-6a John 11:32-44	Anglican Parish of Hunters Hill - All Saints and St. Mark's	Oceania: French Polynesia, Kanaky, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu
14 November Pentecost 25	1 Samuel 1:4-20 1 Samuel 2:1-10 Hebrews 10:11-14, (15-18), 19-25 Mark 13:1-8	St Charles Borromeo and Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish	Aotearoa- New Zealand, Australia
21 November Reign of Christ	2 Samuel 23:1-7 Psalm 132:1-12, (13- 18) Revelations 1:4b-8 John 18:33-37	Uniting Church congregations, faith communities, chaplains in the City of Ryde Zone	East Timor, (Timor-Leste) Indonesia, Philippines

Dates for your Diary:

The church office has no regular attendant till the end of November.
Contact the minister if needed any pastoral matter. Your donation for the
emergency aid of Sydney Community Services will be received by appointment.

**Bus Trip will resume on Saturday 18 December 2021. See Margaret
Treble or the Minister.**

Church Sunday Worship Roster

** All elders are on duty of pastoral care service for your need.*

Date	Lead	Screen and Sound	Bible Reading	Kid's Talk	Prayers of the People
10 October	Robyn Harvey	-	Gabby Su Young Lyons	Jenny Keast	Barnabas Joo
17 October	The Minister	-	Ashley Han	Daniel Yeon	Jenny Warren
24 October	The Minister	-	Joshua Yeon	Robyn Harevey	Phoebe Kim
31 October	The Minister	Justin Han	Jean Boyd	Jenny Warren	Jenny Keast
7 November	Communion The Minister	Joshua Yeon	Christy Kim	Gabby Su Young Lyons	Justin Han

Prayer Requests

Elders and the minister will continue holding all the members and their family near and far. If you want them to pray for your current circumstances and issues, please let them know. All information you share with is confidential.

- * For those who works at the frontline in order to reduce the curve of COVID-19 pandemic as easing restrictions.
- * For parent/s who always take a great care of child/ren, their education at both school system and alternative pathway and well-being.
- * For those who prepare the HSC and IB.
- * **For our youth group members and Sunday School students, especially those who help them to increase God's purpose in life—Marg Maxwell, Lenny Lee and Seung Jae. Pray for young people's spiritual wellbeing and their questioning faith and life.**

2021- Spring Message

From Rosemary Brook, Boronia Park UC Council Chairperson

A very warm and bright hello to everyone,

It's Spring and a time to welcome wonderful new life; vibrant colours and perfumes; fresh new opportunities; and this year, renewed freedoms in the coming months.

We have missed each other very much and we so look forward to being together in person. We know from a ring-around this week that everyone is really looking forward to being together face-to-face for worship and other church activities.

The Church Council is keen to support face-to-face (F2F) gatherings as soon as we can but we need to balance that with everybody's safety.

To do this, we are using the latest information from the NSW Government and advice from the UCA Synod NSW and ACT in line with determinations by the NSW Government. [See Note below on p2.]

Synod has provided careful guidance but largely left decisions to each church's Church Council.

So, our first F2F worship service at Boronia Park is planned for Sunday 31 October 2021.

Until then, we will continue with our current way of worship through our website on Sunday 17 and Sunday 24 October. After that, our 9.30 worship services will be recorded and put up on our website later in the day for those who can't attend on the day.

From 31 October, to attend F2F and keep everyone as safe as possible, we need to put the following conditions in place, for the time being:

Members of our adult church family will need to:

- be double vaccinated - it would be appreciated if you would kindly bring proof of vaccination (phone or hard copy) on 31/10 or just on the first day you attend. You are welcome to email this beforehand to Robyn Harvey, our Treasurer and Covid-19 Officer at robyn.49@bigpond.net.au or text to Robyn on 0418 783 290

- on entry, use our QR code via your mobile phone, or sign in; use the hand sanitiser provided; and have your temperature checked- this applies to everyone
- wear a mask for all of the service
- understand that singing is not allowed
- understand that we will not have morning tea for the moment
- keep to numbers and the relevant square metre rule under Covid guidelines. This will not be a problem for us.

Younger members of our church family:

- Vaccinated children and young people are warmly welcome and **young people under 16 who are not fully vaccinated** can attend providing they are with their fully vaccinated parent/s. Children 12 years old and over must wear a mask.

We would love to see everyone back at church face to face but at the moment, if you are an unvaccinated adult, the first day to join us face to face is planned for Sunday 5 December. This reflects the latest NSW roadmap. We strongly encourage everyone who can be vaccinated to do this unless there are associated health issues. We know this is the case for some of our church family. We want to keep absolutely everyone as safe as possible.

To support the safety of everyone in future F2F gatherings, we have investigated the option of rapid antigen testing but this is not yet available to individuals or churches. **Before any of us can gather,** Robyn will submit our latest BPUC Covid-19 Safety Plan (Oct 2021) on the new template to the NSW Government, as required.

<h2>During November at Church</h2>

There are several important events during November so this is a ‘heads up’:

- The *National Church Life Survey* is due for completion online or on paper on **Sunday 14 November**. This survey is offered to all churches in the same year as the national Census i.e. every four years. It provides us with important information about our church life at Boronia Park as well as more broadly. Our Church Council is keen for as many of our Church family as possible to complete the survey. This year, there are also surveys for young people and community groups with connections to the church. There will be more about this at church on Sun 31 October and Sun 7 November.

- **Secondly, three young members of our church family will be presented to our Congregation on Sunday 21 November** as they start their Confirmation journey which culminates in their Confirmation on Easter Sunday 2022.
- **Other activities are planned and information will be provided on the coming Sundays.**

Over the next few weeks, if you're not able to join us at Church, please keep in touch with your Elder and also visit our Boronia Park Uniting Church website to keep up with your church family. That website is [Where We Are - Boronia Park Uniting Church \(uca.org.au\)](http://uca.org.au)

You can also join a very friendly zoom catch up on Sunday mornings at 10.30am and each week Seung Jae or your Elder forwards that link along with the links to the worship service.

Thank you for your time in taking in this information. Seung Jae will provide a copy of this message on our website as part of the Worship Resources for 10 October 2021. For now, on behalf of your Church Council and our church family, I wish you God's deep peace this special Spring season and His assurance that we are each truly loved by our Heavenly Father.

Sincerely

Rosemary

Rosemary Brook
Chair, Boronia Park Church Council
10 October 2021

Note: In regard to reopening our Church to meeting F2F, we received recently a very thoughtful pastoral letter from Rev Simon Hansford, Moderator of the UCA Synod NSW and ACT together with a three-page Covid 19 Guidance Note, dated 29 Sept 2021. We also have the UCA's Covid 19 Information Update about Church-related groups and activities involving children and youth, dated 30 September 2021. Note that the latest Covid-19 Safety Plan for churches requires us to, *Take reasonable steps to ensure all people aged 16 and over on the premises are fully vaccinated or have a medical exemption (including staff, volunteers, visitors and contractors).*