



PRAYER TIME

Please pray for those who are sick, their carers, staff at hospitals and homes, those who have lost loved ones and others with special needs:

Nancy Miller (Mark & Lindsay Miller, carers), Beth Neave, Molly Bonamy, Edith Marquett, Mary Stewart, Jack Morgan, Nancy Furnell, Zoe Shaw, Eveline Whittaker, Joyce Teasdale, Alan Prosser (at home recovering), Danny & Lorna Fisher.

Pray for those known personally to you, that they will receive comfort and healing.

AN OFFICER & A GENTLEMAN - the musical. Lyric Theatre, The Star Sydney - \$61 group concession tickets available for Wednesday 25 July at 1.00pm. Payment by 20 May to Annette Strong 4341 0803.

SONGS OF PRAISE:

Today Sunday 6 May 3:00 pm at St John the Baptist Catholic Church, Woy Woy.

Adult \$20 conc \$15. Further info 4341 1073

FIRST AID TRAINING:

Course includes CPR and fibrillator training. Cost \$120.
Contact David Fulton 4341 7610

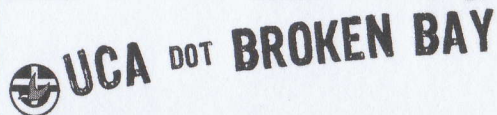
NAME BADGES: If you would like to order one of these badges they are available from Sue Webster at Umina and Margaret Gregory at Ettalong. The cost is \$6.50 for pin and \$8.50 for magnet.

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GRAPEVINE ITEMS FOR NEXT ISSUE—please forward to **Bruce Sismey** by noon Thursday next

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THE GRAPEVINE

Weekly News Sheet
Ettalong & Umina
Uniting Churches



6 May 2012



*'I am the vine
you are the
branches.'*

A warm welcome to everyone worshipping in our Parish today with a special welcome to those worshipping with us for the first time and to those who may be holidaying in this beautiful area. We invite visitors to sign our Visitors' Books.

Both Ettalong & Umina Churches are fitted with a Hearing Aid Loop.

Please join us for morning tea each Sunday following the Umina & Ettalong services.

THIS WEEK:

MONDAY BIBLE STUDY: Tomorrow 7 May at Ettalong Hall at 9:30 am. Bill McLeod is our leader and all are very welcome. Sue Webster 43418635

FRIENDSHIP GROUP:

will meet at 10.30 am on Wednesday, May 9 in the Ettalong Hall for morning tea/coffee. We will then reminisce about the old days of Woy Woy and Ettalong by viewing a film and, hopefully, there will be time for us to share our memories. If you've got any old photos, bring them. Also bring a sandwich and dessert to share for lunch. For transport phone Robin Dyer on 4344 5050.

PRAYERS FOR THE PARISH: Thursday 10 May at 4:45 pm at Umina in the cottage (Note change in day). All welcome.

PARISH AFTERNOON TEA:

The Mission Support Group would like to invite everyone to an afternoon tea to be held on Tuesday 15 May at 1:30 pm at Ettalong Hall. Peter Swain will speak on "Understanding Islam". Forget everything you thought you knew about Muslims and come and hear the true facts about this fascinating and ancient faith. A gold coin donation to UnitingCare would be appreciated. MSG members – a plate please. Enquiries – Sue Webster 4341 8635

WORSHIP SERVICES

SERVICES for SUNDAY 6 May 2012 and week following

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:26-40, Psalm 22:25-31

1 John 4:7-21, John 15:1-8

UMINA	9.00 am	Rev Russell Thompson
ETTALONG	9.00 am	Rev Mark Watt HC
Friday 11 May	5:30 pm	Friday Night Family Fun Night

SERVICES for SUNDAY 13 May 2012 and week following

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:44-48, Psalm 98

1 John 5:1-6, John 15:9-17

UMINA	9.00 am	Rev Mark Watt HC
ETTALONG	9.00 am	Mrs Libby Stewart
BORONIA CRT	2:30 pm	Rev Bill McLeod
Friday 18 May	5:30 pm	Friday Night Family Fun Night

STUDY LEAVE:

Rev Mark Watt will be on Study leave both THIS week and the week following from Monday to Friday morning. Any urgent pastoral matters should be referred to one of the retired ministers. He will still be contactable between sessions on his mobile or by email.

REM:

Volunteers urgently needed for the Op Shop in Berith St, Umina.
REM is still in need of a garage for storage space.
Contact Val Williams 4341 4797

ETTALONG CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:

To be held after service on 20 May 2012. Any reports or items for inclusion on agenda to be given to Carol Wilton by 13 May. *Carol Wilton*

A CROSS IN MY POCKET

I carry a cross in my pocket
A simple reminder to me
Of the fact that I am a Christian
No matter where I may be.

This little cross is not magic
Nor is it a good luck charm
It isn't meant to protect me
From every physical harm.

It's not for identification
For all the world to see
It's simply an understanding
Between my Saviour and me.

When I put my hand in my pocket
To bring out a coin or key
The cross is there to remind me
Of the price He paid for me.

It reminds me, too, to be thankful
For my blessings day by day
And to strive to serve Him better
In all that I do and say.

It's also a daily reminder
Of the peace and comfort I share



With all who know my master
And give themselves to His care.

So, I carry a cross in my pocket
Reminding no one but me
That Jesus Christ is Lord of my life
If only I'll let Him be.

Mrs Verna Mae Thomas

LADIES COMFORT DAY THANKS:

Special thanks to the men, under Keith Wood's capable direction, looked after all the kitchen duties. A great day of inspiration and relaxation was enjoyed by all. Many thanks to the Welcoming & Belonging Group.

FRONTIER NEWS AVAILABLE TODAY - a very informative booklet giving lots of information about the churches work in remote areas of Australia. It is also acknowledging the Centenary of the Australian Inland Mission both with articles, celebration events and Christmas card order form.

AUSTRALIAN INLAND MISSION CENTENARY:

St David's Presbyterian Church will hold a big morning tea on Tuesday 22 May at 11:00 am to celebrate the centenary. Donation \$6. RSVP by 15 May to Bev on 4342 8043.