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It's great though. It does everything -KitKats, Mars bars, Snickers, Crisps, the lot.



## The Maroochydore Herald

Maroochydore Uniting Church

The Uniting Church in Australia QUEENSLAND SYNOD

> UnitinginChrist actingwithlove livingwithhope witnessinginfaith workingforjustice

4th Sunday after Pentecost 16th June 2024



We seek to be a prayerful and listening church

| Leadership Team         | Property matters: Theo Quick |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| Chairperson: Jan Rossow | Secretary: Jan Strudwick     |
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Worship Services English Language Sundays, 8.30am Korean Language Sundays, 11am

Korean Leader: Ps. Gil Park M: 0413 836 557

Thank you for the ongoing support for the Ministry, & Ministry of our Church. A reminder that direct deposit offering is available. Our Church Banking Details: **UCA Maroochydore Uniting Church** 

- St George Bank.BSB 334 040: Account No. 553864 511

Uniting Church Links - For Information from the Wider Church Qld Synod Information - https://ucaqld.com.au/ For links an information to Synod Resources and Activities.

National Assembly News - https://assembly.uca.org.

Please send any notices for next week's 'Herald' to janstrudwickart@gmail.com by Wednesday afternoon

| 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost | Fifth Sunday after Pentecost         |
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| 16 <sup>th</sup> June                  | June 23th                            |
| 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13                   | 1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49 |
| Psalm 20                               | Psalm 9:9-20, and Job 38:1-11        |
| 2 Corinthians 5:6-10,[11-13],14-17     | Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32                 |
| Mark 4:26-34                           | 2 Corinthians 6:1-13                 |
|  | Mark 4:35-41                         |
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Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June -8:30 am James McKenna -8:30 am Rev Darren King

Please join us for morning tea after the service

From this week's Uniting News-

Almighty God,

We stand before you like unformed clay, moulded by our experiences and flaws. We confess, O Lord, that we often harden our hearts and resist your shaping hand.

Yet, we know you are the potter, and we are the clay. We yearn for your renewal, for your gentle touch to soften our resistance and mold us into vessels of your love.

Breathe new life into our spirits. Refine our rough edges with your grace. Grant us the humility to be shaped by your will.

Extend this renewal, we pray, to your Church as a whole. Mold us into a community of love, compassion, and unity. May we be instruments of your peace, reflecting your light in the world.

In Jesus' name, we pray.

Amen.

## Also from Uniting News

Refugee Week June 16 – 22, celebrates 'Finding Freedom: Family'. It



honours the resilience, strength, and unity of refugees, emphasising the vital role of the family in their journey. Join the movement to engage, support, and advocate for justice.

## The Happiness of a Pure Heart

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God."— <u>Matt 5:8</u>

Faith is not disconnected from happiness. If you imagine the Christian as sullen and gloomy, that is not what God has in mind. Happiness is a matter of the heart, and it has to do with holiness and purity.

As Psalm 24 says, those who have "clean hands and a pure heart . . . will receive blessing from the Lord." They will be able to stand in the holy presence of the Lord. Or, as Jesus put it, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God."

Yet we cannot be pure in heart without the saving work of Jesus. As <u>Proverbs 20:9</u> makes clear, "Who can say, 'I have kept my heart pure; I am clean and without sin'?" Only Jesus can say that, and only he has made it possible for us to be purified so that we can live in the presence of God.

If we think that happiness lies in the pleasures that the world offers, we are mistaken. The attractions of the world may give pleasure for a moment, but they do not satisfy the heart forever. The blessed are not people who give free rein to their passions. The blessed are those whose hearts are made pure through the power of God in Jesus Christ.

Indeed, they are abundantly blessed because God is the one who purifies them. They are truly and eternally happy!

Majestic God, you are the only source of true happiness. I ask you to purify and renew my heart in holiness. In Jesus, Amen.

By Hernandes Lopes from todaydevotional.com