



When you just can't be bothered to put in the effort



If "selfies" were a thing in the Old Testament 🤳❤️



The Maroochydore Herald

Maroochydore Uniting Church



Uniting in Christ
acting with love
living with hope
witnessing in faith
working for justice

1st Sunday in Advent
1st December

Leadership Team

Chairperson: Jan Rossow
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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

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Sunday 1st December 8:30 am Rev Jan Rossow (Communion)

Today's Lectionary Readings

Jer 33:14-16	<i>I will make a virtuous branch grow for David.</i>
Ps 24:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14	<i>To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul</i>
1 Thess 3:12—4:2	<i>May the Lord confirm your hearts in holiness when Christ comes</i>
Ps 84:8	<i>Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and show us your saving help</i>
Luke 21:25-28, 34-36	<i>Your liberation is near at hand.</i>

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

Next Week's readings Ps 125:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5, 6
2nd Sunday of Advent Phil 1:4-6, 8-11
Luke 3: 4, 6
Luke 3:1-6

Please join us for morning tea after the service

Birthdays in December: Marie Charles (19th), Winni Park (21st), James Stevenson (31st), Meg Johnson, Stephanie, Jesse

Next Saturday 7th December Allora Gardens is having their Christmas market. Lots of stalls selling lots of stuff

Also next Saturday 7th Dec The Indonesian Christmas Service will be conducted here, followed by an authentic lunch. Every body is welcome and encouraged to attend.

It is possible we might need to have a brief congregational meeting after church on the 8th. We will let you know in next week's Herald.

\$45 billion found in a Nigerian man's flat. He'd spent ten years trying to get rid of it but no one answered his emails.



I am the **first** on earth,
the **second** in heaven.

I appear **twice** in a week,
though you can only see me
once in a year.

What am I?

Answer next week

THE COLLISION OF GOD AND SIN
"Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree."
1 PETER 2:24

The Cross of Jesus is the revelation of God's judgment on sin. Never tolerate the idea of martyrdom about the Cross of Jesus Christ. The Cross was a superb triumph in which the foundations of hell were shaken. There is nothing more certain in Time or Eternity than what Jesus Christ did on the Cross: He switched the whole of the human race back into a right relationship with God. He made Redemption the basis of human life, that is, He made a way for every son of man to get into communion with God.

The Cross did not happen to Jesus: He came on purpose for it. He is "the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world." The whole meaning of the Incarnation is the Cross. Beware of separating God manifest in the flesh from the Son becoming sin. The Incarnation was for the purpose of Redemption. God became incarnate for the purpose of putting away sin; not for the purpose of Self-realization. The Cross is the center of Time and of Eternity, the answer to the enigmas of both.

The Cross is not the cross of a man but the Cross of God, and the Cross of God can never be realized in human experience. The Cross is the exhibition of the nature of God, the gateway whereby any individual of the human race can enter into union with God. When we get to the Cross, we do not go through it; we abide in the life to which the Cross is the gateway.

The center of salvation is the Cross of Jesus, and the reason it is so easy to obtain salvation is because it cost God so much. The Cross is the point where God and sinful man merge with a crash and the way to life is opened—but the crash is on the heart of God.