

We acknowledge those who were here before us, the first inhabitants of this place. We honour them for their custodianship of the land, on which we gather today.

### St Paul's Stafford Uniting Church

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#### Minister

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Please respect this except in an emergency).

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#### Welcome!

A very warm welcome is extended to all visitors to our website, including those following our worship services on Zoom

#### Pastoral Care Aims

We really want to show our Christian love and care for all our church family.  
You can help!

If you know of anyone who is sick or in need, please contact their Elder or Pastoral Carer

#### Our Offering Commitment

Offerings year to date:  
\$10,324.24  
2021 Budget TBA

**A/c Name: UCA St Paul's Stafford.**  
**BSB 014-010**  
**Account No. 191608544**

Check out our "St Paul's at Stafford" website at <https://stpaulsstafford.org.au/>



# Newsletter



## Sunday 31 January 2021

9:00 am – Rev. Dr Debra Tedman.

### Baptism of Freya Nund

Scripture readings: Acts 2:36-39; John 3:1-21

#### What's on this week:

Tuesday 2 Feb. 7:30 pm – Cuppa and Supper (by Zoom)

## Sunday 7 February 2021

9:00 am – Rev. Dr Debra Tedman, *Jesus heals and then prays in a quiet place.*  
Holy Communion.

Scripture readings: Isaiah 40:21-31; Psalm 147:1-11,20c;  
1 Corinthians 9:16-23; **Mark 1:29-39**

#### What's on next week:

Monday 8 7:30 pm – Property Meeting (by Zoom)

### The Meaning of Baptism within The Uniting Church

*This Sunday, we have the joy of the Baptism of Freya Nund. This is an important time to remember the meaning of baptism. Baptism is a sacrament, or visible sign of an invisible grace. Calvin referred to a sacrament as the external means through which internal change and the reception of Grace becomes possible. Grace is favour, the help that God gives us to respond to his call to become children of God. Today, as the body of Christ, we will experience Freya's baptism with her, the Holy Spirit and "new life". We will also hear what Jesus taught Nicodemus about being reborn to experience "new life" through Christ.*

*In the Uniting Church, Baptism in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19), incorporates people into Christ's body, thereby "initiating people into Christ's life and mission in the world, so that they are united in one fellowship of love, service, suffering and joy in one family of the Father of all in heaven and earth, and in the power of the one Spirit."<sup>1</sup> The meaning of this sacrament is seen through considering the relationship of the baptised person to God.*

*Baptism is a free gift from the children of God, who are an integral part of the Kingdom of God. The Uniting Church values this free, undeserved gift won for us by Christ, as a way in which baptised people meet God and experience the gift of new, rich, full life.<sup>2</sup> This gift to the Church from God is a special act of unity with Jesus Christ which links us with Christ's own baptism and receipt of the Holy Spirit. People are united into one family and fellowship. It is the work of the Spirit that brings us to wholeness. Through this sign of water, Baptism enfolds us in God's love.*

<sup>1</sup>The Basis of Union 1992 Edition In Constitution and Regulations the Uniting Church in Australia, (Sydney, Australia: The Uniting Church Assembly, 2012), para 7, 23.

<sup>2</sup>Keith D. Pearson, Baptism and our Children (Collingwood, Australia: Uniting Church Press, 1982), 5.

Yours in Christ,  
Debra



#### Our Mission

St Paul's is called to be a vital worshipping Church which -

- \* **Nurtures** and grows the faith of all
- \* **Serves** each other and the wider community
- \* **Values** and involves **all** its generations in God's work
- \* **Recognises** the **unique** needs of all

## Monday Morning Prayer

*God of new birth, we give thanks for this new year, and the hope that it brings with it. Amen*

(Rev. Andrew Gunton. Moderator)

## Annual Reports

To help prepare for our AGM on 21 March, could all leaders of groups (including home groups) please write an account (even if it's brief) of your activities/ adventures in 2020. What a year it was!

Stories can be emailed to Mavis at the office or handed to Robyn R at church. Photos are most welcome!

## Nominations for Elders and Church Councillors

The terms of office of Church Councillors Sarah W and Lynne P and Elders Tricia M, Julie P and Ailsa R will expire at our AGM on 21 March.

The nomination process might be a little different due to COVID restrictions, but it will be advised shortly. In the meantime please prayerfully consider who could fill these positions. Nominations will close on 28 February.

*Every child born into the world is a new thought of God, an ever-fresh and radiant possibility.*

Kate Douglas Wiggin

## Youth Combine 2021 Dates

Friday 5 March, Skate Away.  
6:30 pm – 9pm. \$15 including hire, entry and drink.

21 May – The great hunt

27 August – Sport your Way

19 November – to be advised

More details

[youthworker@mrpres.org.au](mailto:youthworker@mrpres.org.au)

## A unique journey to central

**Australia:** 9 days, 17-25 April, escorted by Rev. Dr Rob & Andrea McFarlane. \$4150 per person twin share. Journey to the Centre combines visits to the key iconic sites and spiritual experiences led by local leaders. These will include Campfire in the Heart, worship at Alice Springs Uniting Church, workshops and storytelling with local leaders encountering both the dark and light sides of history, visits to missions, art galleries and studios, and experiencing the "wow factor" of Kings Canyon and Uluru.

For more information please contact Rev Dr Robert McFarlane:  
[rjmcfarlane@hotmail.com](mailto:rjmcfarlane@hotmail.com)

## Prayers for:

Our Church Family	Prayer Requests	Prayers for Local Community	Prayers for the Wider Church
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Stella E</li><li>◦ Di D</li><li>◦ Jean McF</li><li>◦ Elizabeth B</li><li>◦ Edris S</li><li>◦ Daphne J</li><li>◦ Fletcher family</li><li>◦ Corrine R</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Kids Hope Children</li><li>◦ Timothy and his parents</li><li>◦ Ross &amp; Kathryn</li><li>◦ Stuart McC</li><li>◦ Bruce P</li><li>◦ Janine F</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ UCA Qld Synod</li><li>◦ All ministry agents</li><li>◦ All in the medical profession</li><li>◦ Stafford Heights State School</li><li>◦ Those who are unemployed</li><li>◦ Communities/people who are struggling</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ John C</li><li>◦ Colleen G</li><li>◦ Alison C</li><li>◦ Mark C</li><li>◦ Pam B</li><li>◦ Andrew G</li><li>◦ Jillian R</li></ul>



**Happy Birthday** to Lynne W (1 February)

## Sandra Perry update

Please keep the program in your prayers, that it can continue and prisoners will continue to be blessed. Last year we sent \$225 to support Sandra's work in Cambodia.

## Face to Face Worship

Please click on the new link to UCare below and enter your details to book a seat. **Please note that you will need to book on an updated link, which will change every week.**

We have a limited number of seats available to maintain distancing, however you will now be able to sit in social groupings as well as household groupings. For example, if you come to church in a car with someone outside your household, or come with grandchildren who live elsewhere, you can now sit together.

**Here is the link for Worship 31 January 2021, 9:00 am**

<https://ucaqld.ucareapp.com/events/371/booknow>

**Please make a booking for each person attending.** When your booking has been successful you will receive a message saying you have booked a "ticket" **You do not need to print the ticket** or show a ticket at the door to come to worship.

Need help? Please ring me if you are having difficulty or have any questions.

What to bring:

Your Bible, bottle of water, cushion if needed, patience and good humour! A mask is a good idea if you feel concerned about distancing, although we can provide a disposable one at the door for you.



**If you are unwell even with mild symptoms, have been in contact with a person with a suspected case of COVID 19 or travelled to a hotspot, you should stay at home and join us via Zoom.**

*Denise Kelly – COVID Warden*

07 3148 9449 – leave a message

0402 910 640 – sometimes the mobile doesn't allow a message; however, if I have a missed call, I will call you back

[Denisedkelly14@gmail.com](mailto:Denisedkelly14@gmail.com)

## Fundraising for Sorry Day – Can you help?

The Sorry Day committee is seeking helpers to cook and serve sausages at Keperra Bunnings on **Saturday, 20 February**. Workers are needed for up to a 2-hour shift. Funds raised will help to finance this year's Sorry Day commemoration at Teralba Park in May. A meeting will be held at Teralba Park at 2pm, Saturday 6 February to plan and prepare for the barbecue. If you can help, please contact Ken W (phone 3359 0262) for more information.



**First Aid Training** at Chermside Kedron Community Church. Saturday 6 February.

Full First Aid course (including CPR) \$105 every 3 years – 9am – 1pm; CPR Refresher only from 9am – 11am; \$68 every year. Due to COVID please BYO snacks and lunch. Drinks will be available. Register via Moreton Rivers Presbytery website/training

**Save the Date** - Easter Madness 2021: 9-12 April