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# Newscope



**28th April, 2024**

**Wesley Castle Hill  
Congregation**

**Today's Sunday Service 9.30am**

**Preacher : Rev. Carmel Ieraci**

**Bible Readings : 1 John 4:7-16**



**THE ROOTS OF LOVE:**

**GOD**

**“For the Love of God”**

<https://www.youtube.com/@wesleycastlehillunitingchu7825/streams>

**Wesley Castle Hill Uniting Church**

A congregation of The Uniting Church in Australia. *In partnership with Paama Seaside Church, Port Vila, Vanuatu*

**Our Vision:** *‘To be a caring church, uniting people in Christ’*

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**Mission Plan** (Our Mission Plan is available on the website)





## Please remember in prayer—

[names removed from online version]

**For those unable to worship with us**

If you, or anyone you know, would like to be included in our Prayers, please contact the **Pastoral Care Team - Heather**

Details are confidential.

Please indicate if you wish to have your name included in Newscope.

### Thought of the Week:

How many of us find ourselves saying (or thinking), just before we turn in for the night, "What have we got on tomorrow?" Or, when we wake up in the morning, "What's happening today?" In 1785 Robert Burns wrote, "The best laid plans of mice and men often go awry". The Bible has a bit to say about this kind of thing also, but with a special twist. *'We can make our plans, but the Lord determines our steps.'* Proverbs 16:9 (NLT)

The Bible brings God into the equation – that's the twist. So, what does all this mean? We can make our plans, but we need to be flexible. Our plans need to be subordinated to the Master Plan, or should I say, the Master's Plan. And why?

***"My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts," says the Lord. "And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine. For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts."*** Isaiah 55:8-9 (NLT)

And so, if we want the best results for all our planning we need to be so flexible that we hear what the Spirit might be saying to us, otherwise we might miss out on something amazing that the Lord has planned for us.

**The Lord our God wants only the best for us. That is why he came in his Son, Jesus.**

**Grace and peace Bill Rosier**



### A Message from Wesley Cricket Team

Wesley Cricket Club has been saddened at the sudden passing of our team member and friend Phil Barker (aged 35) .Phil was enthusiastic, encouraging and a friend to all within the team. He leaves behind a loving wife and family including 4 young children (ages 1-11 years). He will be sorely missed. If you wish to support his family as they deal with this tragedy it would be greatly appreciated. <https://www.gofundme.com/f/bn73a6-support-the-barker-family/qr>

## Dates for your diary-May

|                        |            |   |
|------------------------|------------|---|
| Sunday                 | 28th April | 9.30am Morning Worship Service. All are Welcome   |
| Tuesday                | 30th April | 9.30am Writers Group<br>1pm UFO craft group   |
| Wednesday              | 1st May    | 10am Exercises gentle and low intensity perfect for post surgery.<br>11am Wednesdays @Wesley Hymn Singing                           |
| Thursday               | 2nd May    | 10am Book Club in the Friendship room<br>12.30pm AA Meeting in the conference Room<br>7pm GA Meeting in the conference Room         |
| Friday                 | 3rd May    | 7am Community March against domestic Violence see page 4 for details or speak to Bryan<br>9am Friday Shed volunteers always welcome |
| Mon 29th April-4th May |            | Life Blood in the Hall please see info below  |
| Sat 18 May -Sun 19 May |            | Relay for Life see page 7 for details   |

**We're popping by. Can you let the locals know?**



**Mon 29 April –4 May**

**Monday 8.30am – 5.00pm**

**Thursday 7.00am – 2.00pm**

**Tuesday 7.00am – 2.00pm**

**Friday 8.30am – 5.00pm**

**Wednesday 8.30am – 5.00pm**

**Saturday 7.00am – 2.00pm**

# **COMMUNITY MARCH FOR CHANGE**

## **Friday 3 May, 7am**

**Every week in Australia a person is killed by their partner or a former partner. Many more are subjected to abuse and violence.**

### **Enough is Enough!**

**Domestic and family violence is no longer a private matter. It is a whole of community problem and together we can work towards ending domestic and family violence in our community. As part of Domestic Violence Awareness in May, we will march for change and a call for an end to domestic and gender-based violence in the Hills.**

**The march will begin at Castle Place, Castle Hill (outside Castle Towers Carpark) at 7am and will finish at Castle Hill Bowling Club. The march will conclude with breakfast and speakers bringing us up-to-date on incidence of DV and strategies developed to reduce its occurrence.**

**The breakfast BBQ is free but ask that you consider making a gold coin donation to the Hills Domestic Violence Prevention Network to support the incredible work they do in our community.**

**Grab your friends, your family and your workmates and join us in working towards eradicating domestic and family violence in our community.**

**You can sign up for the march using the QR code on the posters in the church, or by putting your name on the sign-on sheet in the church foyer on Sunday morning, or by sending Bryan an email**

# *Minister's Message*

## **1 John 4:9**

**“God’s love was revealed among us in this way:  
God sent his only Son into the world so that we might  
live through him.”**

It is the love of God that led Jesus to be moved with compassion for all of creation. It is a love that rises above the prejudices and cruelty of humanity. A love that connects with all people, regardless of economic, gender, or cultural status.

A love that sets an example to know and follow. Jesus demonstrates this love as a call to be a voice that speaks out against injustice and a voice that speaks hope into hopelessness.

Our Church is a sanctuary where people come to worship, to pray, to find hope and peace.

The love of Jesus is a love that moves people to treat one another with kindness; to show compassion; respect; promote peace; and to work together in harmony and friendship-building, drawing on every facet of God’s love. May we be the people we are created to be.

The Bible tells us that the Lord God is with us; that God gives us strength to carry on; that God is able to calm our fears with His love and that God takes great delight in us. May the love of God shown to You through Jesus Christ and in whom you live, radiate to those around you.

*Blessings from Rev. Carmel*

**This is how God  
showed his love among  
us: He sent his one  
and only Son into the  
world that we might  
live through him.**

- 1 John 4:9 -



# A LITTLE BIT OF KINDNESS

By Anita Stevens © 6.8.22

*To spread a little kindness brings sunshine after rain,  
Is so appreciated by someone's who's in pain.  
When kindly words are spoken - are genuinely meant -  
It makes such a difference, offers encouragement.*

*A kindly word works wonders, lifts one from a dark place  
Can bring a new perspective, a smile to someone's face -  
We're here to help each other along life's troubled way -  
Show a little compassion and brighten someone's day...*

Sometimes,  
all we need  
is a little kindness.



## Scrap Metal Wanted

Soon we will be doing a scrap metal collection with money raised going to our Roof fund.

If you have any aluminum or brass or copper (pots or pans) **Please No Steel** could you bring them to McPhail Cottage to be put next to the trailer this would be greatly appreciated.

Any enquiries please see Bruce  
Many thanks in advance.



Sat—Sun 18-19 May 2024



How it works

### Register

Register and join an event in your local community.



### Spread the word

Invite friends to join you and raise funds to support those impacted by cancer.



### Ready, Set... Go

Unite with your community and take strides against cancer.



## Contact List

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Next Sunday's Service will be live streamed at 9.30am

| <b>Regular events</b>     |   |
|---------------------------|---|
| Sundays 9:30am            | Church Service<br>(Communion first Sunday of the month) |
| Tuesdays 9:30am - 11:30am | Creative Writers  |
| Tuesdays 1pm - 3:30pm     | UFO Craft Group<br>(Un-Finished Objects)                |
| Wednesdays 10:00 – 11:30  | Gentle Exercise   |
| Thursdays 1pm -3.30pm     | Mahjong   |
| Fridays 7pm—8.30pm        | Fuse Years 5-8  |
| Fridays 7:30pm -10pm      | YA Misfits (Young Adults)                               |
| <b>Monthly events</b>     |   |
| 1st Wednesday             | Wednesdays@Wesley<br>Hymn singing                       |
| 1st Wednesday             | 10.30-12.30 watercolours<br>and 1-3pm Animal drawing    |
| 3rd Wednesday             | 10.30-12.30 and 1-3pm<br>Relaxing Art                   |
| 4th Wednesday             | Communion & Relax 11:15<br>Seniors Lunch 12-1.30pm      |
| 1st Thursday              | Book Club 10am-12pm                                     |
| 4th Saturday              | Garden Sale 8am-12noon                                  |
| 4th Friday                | Rummikub 1pm-3pm  |

**Wesley relies entirely on your weekly giving and fundraising.**

**For online weekly giving, you can use the details below-Castle Hill Congregation  
BSB: 634-634 A/c: 100027297**

*Please submit items for Newscope by Monday*