

Cranbourne Uniting Church

"We are a multicultural church, called to provide Christ's living bread in physical and spiritual ways to the Cranbourne Region."

Matthew 25: 35 - 40

THE GOOD NEWS

Pentecost 9

Colour GREEN

Sunday 26th July 9.30am

Presider Marg Williams (retired chaplain)



God's Language

Very early in my ministry I remember singing about the “*ineffable*” love of Jesus Christ, and I decided to stop the singing and asked if anyone in the congregation knew what “ineffable” meant. Perhaps it was because they weren’t used to being interrupted mid-hymn, but no one was able to provide me with an answer. So, I gave all of us some homework – find out what

ineffable meant.

I believe this little story points to a problem in our 21st Century church. Our language, along with the rest of us, has grown old. I have often been drawn up short by a younger person wanting to know what I was going on about, when I was using language that I discovered later had its origins in my faith. Sometimes I wonder if we Christians are only talking to ourselves. That’s why I love using Eugene Peterson’s “The Message” which for me makes some of Paul’s denser passages intelligible.

For that reason, perhaps we need a new of communicating. Words alone can be *ineffably* tricky. {Look the word up!} Increasingly I believe it is better to show what our faith is about with our actions and not our words. A sad scene that comes to mind is a lone evangelist on a street corner spruiking the gospel as by passers walk on by. God’s love is too much for words alone. Talk less and love more.



Sunday's Readings

Genesis 29: 15 - 28

Psalms 105: 1 – 11, 45b

Romans 8: 26 - 39

Matthew 13: 31 – 33, 44 - 52 *Focus Text*



A Prayer for this week

Please pray for all those who are in fear of becoming homeless with the interest rates and cost of living soaring to new heights

Please pray for all the different Agency’s that are finding it hard to help the large number of people seeking help.

Please pray for the state and federal governments that all their policies are made with care and compassion for all.

Please pray for all who face the dawning of a new day with anxiety or dread.

Please pray for the people of every war- torn, divided and afflicted nation, that their hopes for relief and peace will be soon fulfilled.

Please pray for all those who are unwell, awaiting results or in hospital.

And we pray for ourselves that we have the courage to ask God for the strength to face all these things knowing He is with us each step we take. **AMEN**

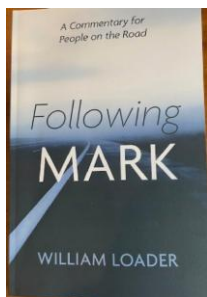
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UCA
In **June 2026** our giving was \$5,410.00
and our expenses were \$10,442.30
Balance **-\$5,032.30**

Big Hymn Sing
Sunday 2nd August 3.30pm
Mount Waverley Uniting Church
37 – 43 Virginia St
Mount Waverley



Study Group

Thursday 30th July 7.30pm at the church.
Theme – Following Mark
Led by Tony Duncam

JULY Food Truck Wish List

We are collecting **tinned tuna, noodles and canned vegetables**



Roster

DUTY ROSTER	Sunday 26 th July Marg Williams	Sunday 2 nd August Charles Sundaresan
Liturgist	Chris Marsh	TBA
Music	Sharon Start Trevor Anderson	Elizabeth Hunt
Readers	Julie Streckfuss Veronica Dharmaraj	TBA
Sunday School	Phill Start	Paul Martin
Door	Karen Anderson	TBA
Steward	Chris Marsh	TBA
Cleaners	Streckfuss Family	TBA

