



St John's Wahroonga Uniting Church Newsletter



6 September 2026

St John's Weekly Newsletter

Each week, we gather stories, reflections, and updates that celebrate the life of our church community. Whether you're a long-time member or a first-time reader, we hope this newsletter inspires, informs, and invites you to connect more deeply with our shared journey of faith, service, and fellowship.



 You're warmly invited to worship with us online! 

St John's is delighted to welcome you to our Sunday Morning on Zoom.

 **Sunday**

 **9:30 AM**

Join us from home as we gather in prayer, reflection, and community.

 Zoom Link:

<https://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/4747345102>

Meeting ID: 474 734 5102

We look forward to worshipping with you.

ZOOM LINK

Fathers Day

I can still see your hand holding mine.....

how large

to how small mine was....and ever so gently you held me.....you let
me study

everything about your hands....from all the hair....

to how I could feel your veins.....so unlike mine.....

you let me feel your strength.....

that gently gave way to the warmth of your heart.....

and the light in your eyes

lit the warmth of your smile.....

Strong, brave, courageous.....

If you were ever afraid I never knew it....

in you I sought safety.....and found it.....

in you

I knew I was protected.....

your strength never once scared me,

and it was you

who taught me that the proof of a great man

is in how he holds a child.....

(or in how he allows a child to hold him)

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PRAYER ALERT – NEPAL TRAGEDY

EMERGENCY PRAYERS NEEDED ...

Dear Friends - we are confronted with a disaster on a scale that is surely breaking all our hearts?

To date – 1114 people have died in Nepal – 16 in Tibet

4,500 are still missing!!

900 workers are trapped in hydro power stations

That melting glacier dislodged 2.2 million tons of rock and debris ... the landscape has become a 'moonscape'

10- 1200 people have been rescued – yet even some rescuers have gone missing.

In Australia, a young HSC student is wondering if he will ever see his parents again – a young medical student is experiencing the 'living hell' of searching for her partner ...

Professor Dix from Melbourne is in Nepal to devise new rescue techniques for rescue teams in a situation he says he has never encountered before.

What can we do? We can pray – as the body of Christ in St Johns – daily, hourly, in our homes.

In ways we may not understand, the modern-day prophets and mystics tell us that our unified prayers resound strongly in the heavenly places, *releasing divine love and power in ways that may not happen if we do not pray!*

We pray divine protection for all who are still alive, and for all involved in searching and rescuing. Let not one be lost, Lord!

Guide them – Lord Jesus – and shine Your divine light over every survivor.

We ask God to wrap His everlasting arms around those who mourn.

We pray that every grieving heart will at least be granted closure.

And we pray Lord God, that You will now control the weather to enable Your will for rescue and restoration.

Dear St John's,

We all know that in any organisation, there are those whose tasks are performed in the background, often meriting little recognition or gratitude.

Today, the Elders Council wishes to extend a heartfelt thank you to **Ken Broadhead**, who has inhabited the role of St John's representative to the Sydney Central Coast Presbytery for the past 8 years.

Ken has been utterly faithful in attending their frequent meetings and providing meticulous feedback. He has kept Church Council members and all interested persons up to date with all the SCCP newsletters, detailing events which have kept us in touch with the 'mother ship' of our widespread Uniting church.

We thank you, Ken – good and faithful servant. God bless you!

We also wish to thank Ian Paterson, our honorary Elder, for his work in collating the Duty Roster for St John's – for years that are simply too many to count.

Thanks to Ian's commanding presence as he issued the clarion call for volunteers to come forward – we have never had a Sunday at St John's when there was nobody to perform a necessary task.

Ian even managed to cajole some of us into volunteering for that most challenging of duties – the Prayers of the People!

We thank Ted Metcalf for 'taking up the baton' of this important role, and we wish you joy, Ted, in following in Ian's footsteps.

[Morna Buys for Elders Council]

ROSTER for

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September 2026

Service Leader: Rev Manas Ghosh

Duty Elder: Mary Smith

Bible Reading: Elly Cowan

Prayer: Ian Paterson

Door Duty: Ted Metcalf

Tea Duty: Ruth & Robin

AV: Jack Cambridge

Organist: Chris Wagstaff



ROSTER for

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September 2026

Service Leader: Rev Manas Ghosh

Duty Elder: Bob Cowan

Bible Reading: Bob Cowan

Prayer: Alison Stewart

Door Duty: Tige Mason

Tea Duty: Cowans

AV: Jack Cambridge

Organist: Rosie Blake



SUNDAY SCHOOL



🌻 **Sunday School @ St John's Uniting Church**

Kids come, enjoy kids church with Nathan in the lower hall

MAGPIES
WAITARA



Spring Lunch

Save the Date
20th September 12:30pm

Sunday service will be at 10.30am



Hi all,

Our remaining 2026 dates are (all Fridays)

- **11 September** 📢 **Please volunteer a meal or your time**

- 13 November

And Friday 8 January 2027!

Thanks all,

Edwina

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Join the Dish's Facebook page and see what great work is being done for the community ([Click Here](#))



St John's Wahroonga Bible Study

Bible Study meets on Zoom every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month at 10am.

We'd love you to join us.

Please contact Wendy on

0410 504 104 for the Zoom link, if you'd like to be a part of the study group.



Art @ St John's

Art @ St John's meets every Wednesday morning at 9.30am during the State school term. New members are most welcome. Please contact Wendy Verco if you'd like more information, on 0410 504 104.

St John's members wishing to make Direct Deposits to St John's can use either of the following Investment/(Bank) Accounts. THANK YOU

For **identifiable deposits** (note no apostrophe in St Johns)

- St Johns UC Wahroonga
- BSB 634634
- Investment Number 100020571

For **confidential deposits** (note no apostrophe in St Johns)

- St Johns UC Wahroonga-Giving Direct
- BSB 634634
- Investment Number 100026453

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