



St John's Wahroonga Uniting Church Newsletter



20 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

A Spring Prayer

Dear God

Spring is a metaphor for change. Some changes we eagerly await, and some we abhor. Some changes we plan and others arrive uninvited. To all these changes we ask the gift of your perspective beckoning us to expectation, hope, and rebirth.

May the sunlight and the rain be reminders that you are at work renewing the earth. As a God of renewal, you are ever at work in our

lives, too.

Open our eyes and lives to the needed changes in our lives this Spring. Awaken us to new life and perspective, for we pray in Jesus' name.
Amen.



Dear Friends,

In the week ahead, may we continue to pray for the thousands round the world who have lost their loved ones in the Nepal/Tibet disaster.

We pray that God will give closure to those trapped in the 'hell of not knowing' ...

We pray His comfort for those who mourn ...

And we pray that God will restore the lives of those who have lost homes and communities, through the human agencies of loving, and giving, and prayer.

Please pray for the needs of those whom you know ... you may be God's only 'channel' into their lives.

O Holy God –

Give us wisdom to recognise You ...

Patience to wait on You ...

Eyes to behold You ...

Through the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Dates to Remember

20 September - Church Service at 10:30

20 September - Spring Lunch 12:30 at Magpies Waitara

20 September - Last Sunday School for Term 3

11 October - First Day back for Term 4 (Sunday school)

25 October - Family Church service - Service run by the Sunday School

20 December - Normal Church service at 9:30am

20 December - Carol Service at 19:00

24 December - No Church service

25 December - Christmas Service at 9:30

27 December - No Service

ROSTER for

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September 2026

Service Leader: Rev Manas Ghosh

Duty Elder: Morna Buys

Communion: Ruth Barwick

Bible Reading: James Loxton

Prayer: David Maclean

Door Duty: James Loxton

AV: Jack Cambridge

Organist: Rosie Blake



ROSTER for

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September 2026

Service Leader: Rev Manas Ghosh

Duty Elder: Adelle Badman

Bible Reading: Ruth Barwick

Prayer: Cecile Ferguson

Door Duty: Ted Metcalf

Tea Duty: Ruth & Robyn

AV: Jack Cambridge

Organist: Rosie Blake



MAGPIES
WAITARA



Spring Lunch

Save the Date
20th September 12:30pm

Sunday service will be at 10.30am

SUNDAY SCHOOL



🌻 Sunday School @ St John's Uniting Church

This week, join Lorraine and Lisa as we prepare for the family service on 25 October
Last Sunday School for Term 3

📢 Message from the Choir 📢

St Johns has a proud history of church music and choral music. But recently the small number of choristers on some occasions has placed an undue strain on some of those remaining.

We understand that many members of the congregation enjoy the short musical interludes of the introit and anthem and we very much want to continue singing them.

Most members of the church can take a short break away from church without it affecting anyone else. But with very small numbers of choristers, this is not always possible. Members of the choir have discussed options such as rostering, but without more members, can find no solution.

We would appreciate any singers joining us, even if you cannot come every week. We rehearse at 8.30 before church and after morning tea on Sundays.

Please prayerfully consider this predicament.

There will be no choir this coming Sunday (20th September)

Pray For Peace



The 23rd Interfaith Prayer Service for International **Day of Peace**



Monday September 21



15:00



Fellowship Centre, Parramatta Mission

(119 Macquarie St, next to Leigh Memorial UC; close to train, bus, and light rail).

All are invited

The program includes prayers from fourteen faith backgrounds and several cultural presentations. The Occasional Address will be given by Rev Dr Fr Patrick McInerney, Director of the Columban Centre for Christian–Muslim Relations.

Nominations are invited to attend Synod 2027.

“Synod Meeting 2027 will be held from 13 to 16 May 2027, at Parklands Resort and Conference Centre in Mudgee.

Synod 2027 arrives at a profound moment in the life of the Uniting Church in Australia.

As we approach 50 years since Union, we are invited into more than remembrance. We are invited into renewal, into gratitude, into courage and into a fresh discernment of where God is leading the church next.

The theme for the Synod Meeting will be:

FAITHFUL PAST.

COURAGEOUS FUTURE.

Heritage & Horizons.

Synod 2027 is not simply celebrating where we have been... It is also discerning where God is calling us next, and ensuring we have the heart to continue the journey.”

Yours in Service,
Ken Broadhead



Hi all,

Our remaining 2026 dates are (all Fridays)

- 13 November

And Friday 8 January 2027!

Thanks all,

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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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