



TOGETHER IN FAITH

We extend a warm welcome to everyone to worship today

'We are God's people: unconditionally loved by God. Following our calling, we seek to reflect God's love everywhere, in all that we are and in all that we do'

Lectionary Readings for Pentecost 10A, 2026 Aug 2

Theme: "Give them something to eat."

Genesis 32:22-31 "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved." (v.30)

Psalms 17:1-7, 15 "I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God." (v.6)

Romans 9:1-5 "I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit." (v.1)

Matthew 14:13-21 "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." (v.16)

Feeding 5000 story is well known and I have mentioned we also have received five loaves of bread and two fish within our Uniting Church in Australia. To remind you, the five loaves of bread were the theological inheritances of our previous generation; 1) Ecumenism (inclusive), 2) Inter-conciliar Council system (non-hierarchy) 3) Theology of calling (discernment) 4) Theology of property (Ownership) 5) Consensus Model of decision making (listening small voices). We also have two fish that moisturise our heart; 1) Scripture 2) Prayer. And both of these fish are led by the Holy Spirit who teaches us to follow the teachings of Jesus.

In our Gospel reading, after seven parables about the Kingdom of Heaven in Matt 13 to compare the different values in God's kingdom and Men's empire, Jesus now exactly feeds what people need, not necessarily their physical needs, but also the spiritual needs to believe in God. If Jesus and disciples had food ready for feeding 5000, we only follow for our physical benefit, but for this 5 loaves and 2 fish, gives us the real foundation of our faith that is God himself.

Jacob was a very clever man with many possessions. But he wasn't sure whether his brother will forgive him, and remained behind the river. After he has wrestled with God all night in Gen 32, he confesses, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved." (v.30) Finally accepting what he needs to fear is not his brother's hand, but God's hand that guided him and will guide him continuously.

Psalms 17 sings also that we will call on God for he will answer our prayers, and Paul writes in Romans 9 that it is not dependent on human will, but God's own decision to show mercy (v.16). That is why we must follow the way of the Holy Spirit (v.1).

How can we follow not the world's value but the spiritual value? What tells us our action is based on trusting God not human power?

I trust God already gave us two ways to discern the will of God, through the guidance of the Holy Spirit; the Scripture and the Prayer. These are the two passages that will help us to confirm the way of the Holy Spirit.

Questions:

1. How does the Holy Spirit communicate with you?
2. Are they help us to immerse ourselves into God?



Worship Services Today

Wangaratta 9.30am

Rev. Hoon You

Wangaratta 5.00pm

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Eldorado 10.00pm

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Online Giving

The Uniting Church Parish of Wangaratta
BSB: 083 945
Account No: 5160 84153

**Short Notices for the weekly
bulletin can be emailed to Christina
by 4pm Wednesday**

News

Loaves and Fishes Grab a Grocery

When: Saturday 8th August

Where: Coles Wangaratta

Helpers needed!

Ring 0490 509 167 between 10am and 12 noon any weekday to register your interest

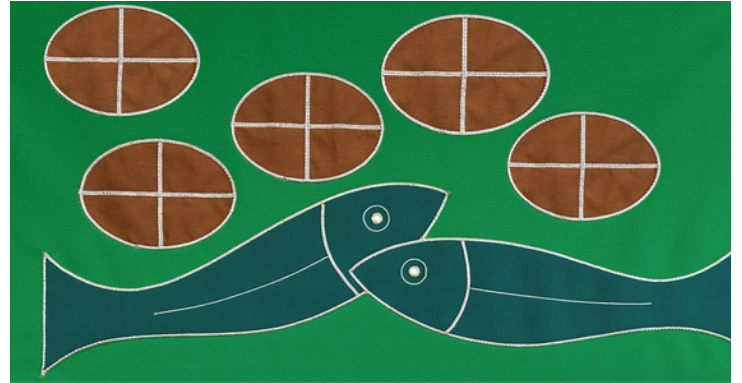
Mrs Patricia Brown passed away on 27th July 2026. Her family would like to have a memorial service in Wangaratta in the near future. Details will be advised when arrangements have been made.

Retiring offering will be collected as we normally do at the first Sunday of the month for the need of our community.

Have you picked up your name tag before entering? Let us wear our name tags for those who are visiting us.

Messy Church - a Training Day for Congregations interested in starting a Messy Church will be held in our Church Hall on Saturday 5th September from 10am to 2pm. All welcome.

What is Messy Church? Messy Church is church for families who may not find other forms of church appealing and who don't yet belong to a church. It is typically held once a month, includes hands-on creative experiences, a celebration and a meal. It does not prioritise either the needs of children or adults but intentionally welcomes and provides for all ages.



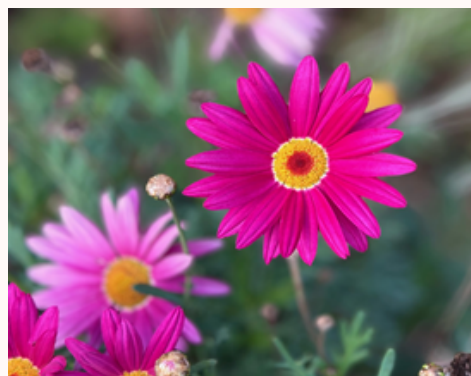
Wangaratta Cluster Calendar

Monday 27 July
Mainly Music

Wednesday 5 August
Singing group at Illoura - 10.30am

Wednesday 5 August
PALS - 2pm

Wednesday 12 August
Rangeview Service - 11am



Rosters for Sunday Worship

Wangaratta 9.30am	2 August	9 August	16 August
Worship Leader	Rev. Hoon You HC	Rev. Hoon You	Rev. Hoon You
Musician	R McLay	L Johnson	H Miles
Vestry	R Maxwell	G Blanch	H James
Welcome and Offering	E Lovett	E Lovett	W Toppin
Bible Reader	R Steele *	F Smith	K Craig
Morning Tea	L & K Craig	G & J Kerr	R Barnard & ?
5 pm	Glen Miles	S don Leonard	Wendie Wilkie HC
Eldorado 10am	Lesley Johnson	No Service	Rev. Hoon You 2pm
Greta/Moyhu 10am	No Service	H & J van Riet	No Service

*Also helps with Vestry for HC

If you are unable to fulfil your rostered duty, please arrange to swap with someone else. A heartfelt thanks to you all - our priceless volunteers!