

**People, Participation and Prayer:** a church isn't a building of brick and wood. It's a group of people gathered by God who are building their lives around Jesus. That's why belonging to church means more than just Sunday services. In this **Newsweek** are some of the things we are doing, events and activities we think are worthwhile, and people and things to pray for. Pray regularly for our Church family.

**Please pray for our world, our community, and each other**

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ*  
Philippians 4:6, 7

**The next Congregation Prayer Meeting will be on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July at 11.00 am**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:-**

\* SRE Classes are due to resume in our local Schools in Term 3

**Healing, Strength & Comfort for:**

Bill Schnabel - now back home

Lillian Schubert and family on the recent death of Ralph whose funeral was held last Wednesday

*\* those affected by the Covid-19 pandemic, and for those who are vulnerable to infection;*

*\* local businesses & their staff*

*\* those who have lost their jobs*

*\* our health care service personnel*

*\* our Governments & those in leadership*

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**Please note that the Church Office/Manse landline phone is out of order at the moment.**

**Please Contact Rev Ian by email or on his mobile 0408 308 196**

**July Mission of the Month:**



The Bible Society is Australia's longest-living organisation, over 200 years old!

The Bible Society is creating new ways to advocate for the Bible, to promote it, and offer people new ways to engage with it: **Our vision is to see all people engaged with the Bible in a language they can understand, in a format they can use, and at a price they can afford.**

The Bible Society is also the publisher of the monthly Eternity newspaper.

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**Please keep giving!** I encourage you to make use of the electronic funds transfer option from your bank account to the Uniting Financial Services Congregation account using the following information:

**Belrose UC Property Committee  
BSB 634-634 Acc Number 10000-1487**

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**Want to "worship at home"?** Look out for live Services on the internet such as:

**FF Baptist Church** Sundays 9.30 am  
[www.ffbc.org.au](http://www.ffbc.org.au)

**St Faiths Anglican Narrabeen** Sundays 9 am & 6 pm <https://stfaiths.church>

**Pittwater UC** 9.30 am & 6 pm Sundays:  
<https://pittwater.online.church>

**Wesley Mission** 10.00 am Sundays:  
[www.wesleymission.org.au/christian-life/congregations-online](http://www.wesleymission.org.au/christian-life/congregations-online)

**St Matthews Anglican Manly** Sundays 10am & 6pm [www.stmattsmanly.org.au](http://www.stmattsmanly.org.au)

**Belrose Uniting Church**

Corner Forest Way and Morgan Road, Belrose  
**TO KNOW CHRIST AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN**

**GOOD NEWSWEEK**

**5<sup>th</sup> July 2020 CV-19/15**

*Sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ from Frenchs Forest to Terrey Hills; from the beaches to the bush, since 1916.*

**Welcome back to Church Live!!  
Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2020**

**July Theme: Hear the Word of the Lord!**

**9.00 am Morning Church A Word that Comforts Isaiah 40:1 - 11**  
**Service Leader:** Ian Weeks  
**Preacher:** Ian Weeks

**Morning Tea will not be held as it will be too difficult to manage the social distancing and sanitizing requirements. However you are encouraged to follow up contact with one another over a cuppa elsewhere – invite someone out for morning tea at a local café or your home.**

**5.30 pm Evening Church A Word that Comforts Psalm 119: 9 - 24**  
**Service Leader:** Ian Weeks  
**Preacher:** Ian Weeks

**In the interests of public health and safety, we won't be passing the offering bags around. If you would like to give physically, you are invited to place your offering in the designated receptacle at the back of the Worship Centre. Thank you for your generous support for the work of the Gospel.**

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## Next Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2020

### Hear The Word of the Lord!

**9.00 am Morning Church** *A Word that has Power* **Romans 1:8 - 16**

**Service Leader:** Ian Weeks  
**Preacher:** Ian Weeks  
**Reader:** Helen Meillon  
**Music:**  
**Welcoming:**  
**Flowers:** Helen Meillon

**5.30 pm Evening Church** *A Word that has Power* **Psalm 119:25 - 40**

**Service Leader:** Ian Weeks  
**Preacher:** Ian Weeks

**Rosters:** The morning Tea Roster is suspended for the time being.  
The **Welcoming and Bible Reading Rosters** will need to be re-done depending on who is available to serve in these roles during this time of Covid-19 restrictions.

**Please notify your Roster Co-ordinator to advise of your availability.**

### WHAT'S ON @ BUC – Mark Your Diary for July 2020

**(Please note that due to the Covid-19 restrictions, some activities may not yet be able to be held on the Church premises.)**

<b>Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Congregation Prayer Meeting	<b>11.00am</b>
<b>Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Congregation Prayer Meeting	<b>7.30 pm</b>
<b>Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	Congregation Prayer Meeting	<b>11.00am</b>
<b>Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	Church Council meeting	<b>7.30 pm</b>
<b>Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Congregation Prayer Meeting	<b>7.30 pm</b>

### Coronavirus Conversations

*(What have you been doing during the “Coronavirus Confinement?”)*

**Betty Oates** is handling the lockdown very well and has valuable help from her family. She is missing church and her friends at BUC.

**Jenny Rowe's** work at a Narrabeen Child Care Centre is keeping her very busy.

**Jan McGuire** tells us golf is back on her agenda after having a long break. Now Cathie Browning and Jan can share their golf stories regularly.

**Jan and Gordon Allan** are going well in the Collaroy Community. Jan is involved with in-house events. Gordon is having x-rays and hopefully working up to the hip operation.

**David and Ann Keiller** will be spending a couple of weeks in Shoal Bay to enjoy some R & R, and hopefully sunny weather!

## July Sermon Series: *Hear the Word of the Lord!*

### *A Word that Comforts* **Isaiah 40:1 – 11**

Chapters 1 – 39 of Isaiah paint a sad picture of the unfaithfulness of God's people in the southern Kingdom of Judah, and the dire consequences of their idolatry, rebellion, spiritual adultery, and unwillingness to trust God.

Isaiah warns them of the impending judgement of God upon them, and the resulting looming siege by the Assyrian army and their northern allies, and the subsequent Babylonian invasion.

Scattered throughout these chapters are messages of hope and the possibility of rescue because God's faithfulness to His Covenant with His people – messages that are mostly ignored – and consequently the Babylonians arrive with devastating effect – death, destruction, exile.

However, all is not lost – Isaiah 40 is a major turning point, as Isaiah conveys to the people the real hope of Divine Comfort in the midst of tragedy and despair: Hear the Word of the Lord – a Word that Comforts!

Where does hope come from when despair seems to be overwhelming? In the midst of our despair - whether as a result our fault or the fault of others, we can find comfort in the Word of God:

- 1. The Source of Comfort – The Nature of God** **vv 1, 2**
  - \* *“My people”* – God has not disowned us
  - \* *“Speak tenderly”* – God still cares for us
  - \* *“she has received from the Lord”* - Grace abounds
- 2. The Substance of Comfort – Reconciliation with God** **v 2**
  - \* *“hard service completed”* - Punishment will not go on forever
  - \* *“sin has been paid for”* – Forgiveness and reconciliation
- 3. The Voices of Comfort – Hear the Word of the Lord** **vv 3 – 11**
  - i) The Voice of Preparation** – get ready for the coming of God's glory
    - \* God's Word assures us that God is with us in our despair
    - \* Jesus = God with us!
  - ii) The Voice of Confidence** – God's promises are firm
    - \* God's Word assures us that God is not frail like us & keeps His promises
    - \* The promises of God find their *“Yes!”* in Christ (2 Cor 1:20)
  - iii) The Voice of Celebration** - The Good Shepherd has come!
    - \* God's Word assures us that there is Good News in bad times
    - \* The Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ = Good News of God's comfort

*Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. (2 Cor 1:3, 4)*