

LISMORE REGIONAL UNITING CHURCH
Includes Bexhill, Coraki, Jiggi, Kyogle, Lismore Worship Centres.
7 JUNE 2026



Our vision for *LISMORE REGIONAL UNITING CHURCH* is to transform communities through Lives being healed by Revival of Faith, Renewal of Hope and Restoration of Love.



Rubbery Faith?

“Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.” **Romans 5: 3-4**

Dear Siblings in Christ,

Those of us fortunate enough to attend last Sunday's service at Lismore Uniting Church, would recall that during Reverend Denise's message she invited those present to recall a person(s) who moulded or encouraged their faith. I felt moved to share that my faith was mostly influenced and guided by my Mother. I'm sure many others would say the same.

During this time of sharing I was also prompted to consider the elasticity of our faith at times in our journey (it's "rubberyness" maybe?). To explain. One of the main reasons I chose to nominate Mum as the prime motivator in my faith journey, is that she had her faith severely tested on countless occasions during her lifetime.

I personally witnessed many of these "tests" and often wonder how she ever overcame them. I also witnessed how the "elastic band" that connects us to God was stretched to almost breaking-point with her. And this is my point. We are often "put to the test" by our Saviour throughout our lives (some seemingly more than others), when our faith is challenged often to the point of disbelief.

Mum certainly experienced this, but the "rubberband" of her faith, though incredibly stretched always returned to its compressed state. How did she (and others) cope with these immense challenges? She took strength and refuge in the promises God made for all believers. *“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”*(Isaiah 41:10).

Often when our faith is tested, if we humbly "let go and let God" this can enable us to hold on to the trust in God's words, that He is always with you, He will never abandon nor forsake you and He will equip you to withstand all the tempests of life. Even though our faith can be stretched at times, it is never broken if we trust in the Lord.

This month's Prayer:

Dear God of life, fill me with joy and peace as I trust in You in all situations. Sustain me so that I may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen

May God continue to sustain and embolden you whenever your rubberband of faith is severely stretched.

Blessings, Craig Beck.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

LISMORE RED DOVE OP SHOP ROSTER—Monday June 8: Closed, Public Holiday.

Tuesday June 9: Cathy Ruigrok, Lindy Cooke, Marie Hayes.

Wednesday June 10: Christine McCowan, Jeanie Pearson, Marie Cowin.

Thursday June 11: Rosemarie McLeod, Val Latimer. **Friday June 12:** Christopher Kollar, Janette Price.

MONTHLY LUNCH—First Sunday of the month at Goonellabah Sports Club, 12 noon.

MORNING TEA LISMORE—Please join us for morning tea in the Café space with room to sit and chat after the service . We are thankful that we have some volunteers but need at least 4 more, so that volunteers are only needed once a month. Your help is greatly appreciated, please see Alan Hoskins.

LISMORE RED DOVE OP SHOP—will now receive electricals. These need to be clean, with NO frayed cords. Alstonville Uniting Church Op Shop opens Wednesdays and Thursdays, 9am-2.30pm. Neil Worboys will tag them for us and return for sale. Please give to Louise, Marie or drop off at Alstonville.

"WORKING BEE" HELPERS URGENTLY NEEDED—the Manse at 12a Somerset Square, Goonellabah is in dire need of lawn and garden maintenance before we can re-rent it. We're in desperate need of some members to help me get this vital work done by Friday week at the latest. If you can help, please text me on **0474 204 699** asap with your name, the days and times you're available and the gardening equipment you can bring (need mowers, trimmers, pruners, etc plus spare trailers or utes would be brilliant!). This work is a matter of urgency so please assist if you can. Thanking you. Craig Beck (Property Team).

FLOOD RESPONSE TEAM VOLUNTEERS—As explained at 17 May Service, due to our aging congregation, we desperately need 15-20 able-bodied people to form a "Moving Team" to help shift valuable pieces of furniture and other items to the top level of the Church if major flooding is imminent. So if you know of any family members, friends or neighbours who are willing to assist, please get them to email me at clbeck@linearg.com with their full name and mobile contact number (no landline numbers please). Without extra hands on deck our chances of saving valuable furniture and items from the Worship Centre, particularly, will be greatly hampered. Thank You, Craig Beck (Flood Impact Team Co-Ordinator).

Want to know more about your Bible??? Join the **KYB group** that meets during the school term in a room upstairs in Red Dove Centre *10.00am, Thursdays*. Enquiries: Bronwyn Gray, Ph 0418 119 135.

COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE and AGM for all worship centres, *28 June at Kyogle*. Time to be confirmed. Transport from Lismore is being arranged for those needing assistance. Groups and activities from each worshipping centre and Church Council/Teams need to send in reports for the Annual Report prior to mid-June.

SALTBUSH LAY LEADERS RETREAT—22-25 June, at St Clements Retreat Centre, Galong. Further details can be found on the Saltbush website under upcoming events.

KYOGLE UNITING CHURCH—Red Dove Op Shop is open Wednesday to Friday, 9am to 12.30pm and Saturday, 9am to 12 noon. They are in Bloore Street opposite the Library, with clothing for babies to adults, books and bric-a-brac. Monday mornings, church members and volunteers set up shop for the coming week, Sharon Eaton is the coordinator. They would be happy for you to come say hello.

CORAKI UNITING COMMUNITY CHURCH— Community church services at **9.30am Sundays**.

JIGGI UNITING CHURCH—They have a "Pennies from Heaven" repairs fund for the church and are holding a pop-up Op Shop on *3rd Sunday of each month, 10am to 3pm*. If you would like to make a donation—all "pennies" are gratefully received: **Account Name: Lismore Regional Mission; BSB: 634 634; Acc No: 1000 29408; Reference: "Pennies From Heaven"**. *This fund will continue to support further projects at Jiggi. For more information check Jiggi Uniting Church facebook page.*

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REVISED COMMON LECTIONARY.

7 June:

Hos 5:15-6:6, Gn 12:1-9

Ps 33:1-12, Ps 50:7-15

Rom 4: 13-25

Mat 9: 9-13, 18-26

14 June:

Gn 18:1-15,(21:1-7)

Ps 116:1-2, 12-19, Ps 100.

Rom 5:1-8, Ex 19:2-8a

Mat 9:35-10:8, (9-23)

LISMORE REGIONAL UC SERVICES:

Lismore: Every Sunday **9am**.

Bexhill: Every Sunday **11am**—except 1st Sunday monthly.

Coraki: Every Sunday **9.30am**.

Jiggi: Third Sunday of month **11am**.

Kyogle: Every Sunday **9am**.

On the weekend of 23/24 May, **Alcoholics Anonymous Area A**, held a conference in the Red Dove Auditorium of which the cost was more than reasonable. The catering was also highly praised. Members of Lismore were joined by others from Byron Bay, Clunes, Iluka, Coffs Harbour and Bellingen. Each day around 30 participated and the city benefited with accommodation, caterers and meals at the Workers Club.

Richard B and Don S are to be congratulated for organising and setting it all up.

A conference discusses how to take AA into the public arena i.e. hospitals, prisons, etc, and how to interact with the media. Education through schools, doctors, lawyers, social workers and the courts. The conference also covers Governance, the General Service offices, committee work, workshops. There are sharing sessions, various agendas and a gathering of collective conscience from local groups

Then there is a review of Literature availability, ordering and casting. Finally all finances and fund allocations are looked at.

Just before lunch break each person gave a short comment on the weekend, and there was a mention and applause for Terry S for his 50 years recovery!

Yours in Service, Alcoholics Anonymous.

Ministry Teams update.

The Ministry Teams are coming onboard now, and making a significant contribution to the ministry and life of the LRUC and assisting the Church Council to carry out its responsibilities.

Susie is working in the office a couple of days a week and her attention to admin tasks is greatly appreciated.

The Community Connections Team is planning some events and activities and seeking ways to connect into and be a presence in the wider community. Finance Team has been busy with looking at budget planning for the next financial year and has an extra meeting planned for next week to bring this work together. A team overseeing the Worship and Preaching Plan met last week and has planned out the next 3 months. The Property Team has a huge load of attending to a backlog of items pertaining to worship sites and manses, as well as planning the budget for what the likely property income and costs will be for the next financial year. We are thankful for the many people who assist in Pastoral Care across the region in both formal and informal ways. The Pastoral Care Team is yet to have its inaugural meeting, and that meeting will be looking at giving attention to church roles, crisis pastoral care, care of regular worshippers and those who are not able to attend worship. Training for carers and events to bring people together and care for them collectively, for example, a Sunday afternoon of hymns and treats are on the cards. It is exciting to see the significant increase in the number of people sharing in the ministry of this wonderful church. To all who support the ministry of LRUC in any way Denise and Jeff offer their sincere appreciation.

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CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING at Coraki, Friday 19 June 9am.

*"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all."
(2 Corinthians 13:14).*



Uniting Church - Coraki

CORAKI

What do you do when a local town legend, genuine sharer, long time faith walker is turning 90? You celebrate them, that's what!

On a fifth Sunday in the first part of this year, Coraki Uniting Community Church came around long standing local legend Norma with the help of family to share stories, celebrate the many gifts, and wide involvement Norma has had within the local community. From hokey coach, to caring for family in challenging times, to being a drop off place with the shop for after school treats, Norma has supported many to be their best selves. She has held together lives, seen young people flourish, and given some a sense of place and purpose.



With some good grace, humour and cheek, community and family shared their gratitude and thanks for all that Norma has brought to many lives over many decades. It can be emphatically said that Coraki is better off for having had Norma be the local legend that she is. Well done Norma on sharing the best of who you are with so many and from the wider Lismore Regional UC family we say a big Happy Birthday!!

KYOGLE

Every mothers day we give mothers a flower when they come to church, then we go to IGA and hand out flowers also. Bob, Brian and Mark were all away so our 16 year old grandson, Tyson, helped Ken at IGA (he was a big hit with all the mothers).

All mothers were delighted and thankful to receive a flower. One lady came out of the supermarket and said you've got everyone talking about receiving a flower. One little boy took a flower home to give to his mother.

We gave out between 130 and 140 flowers.

Shared by Raeme Perkins.



June 2026 Preaching Roster Across Lismore Regional Uniting Church

	7 June	14 June	21 June	28 June
	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
Kyogle 9am	Jeff	Craig	Denise (HC)	10 am Combined Worship (HC) And AGM
Lismore 9am	Denise	Jeff (HC) *	Worship Team with guest REAL	
Bexhill 11am		Jeff (HC) *	Worship Team	
Coraki 9:30 am	Colin	Barry HC	Colin	
Jiggi 11am			Jeff (HC)	

*Denise present

28 JUNE: Combined Worship and Congregational AGM – 10 am Kyogle