

LISMORE REGIONAL UNITING CHURCH
Includes Bexhill, Coraki, Jiggi, Kyogle, Lismore Worship Centres.
20 SEPTEMBER 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.



MATTHEW 20: 1-11

People who know me know that I have difficulty with maths. I have been known to put 2 + 2 together and come up with 5 or 7. In this reading from Matthew's Gospel, it seems Jesus also had problems working out maths.

Jesus told of a man who had hired day workers to work in his vineyard—some early in the day, some at morning smoko, a few more at lunch and again in the afternoon. Then, when it was almost knock-off time, he hired some more workers. The ones who had started early were angry to discover they were paid the same as the ones who came late. In our world of workers' unions and fair day's pay for a fair day's work, we could agree with the workers, and question if Jesus had done the maths correctly.

But Jesus' parable isn't about worker's rights. The focus is on the generosity of the owner. And it is to remind us of the generosity of God.

There are wonderful people in the world who spend their lives serving God, and they are assured of their reward at the end of their earthly life. There are also people like the thief next to Jesus on the cross. He had spent his life serving himself at the expense of others. Yet, with his dying breath, when he asked Jesus to forgive him, he was immediately given that same assurance of a place in heaven after he died. God's forgiveness is available for all who ask for it.

The idea of last-minute repentance and forgiveness has a certain appeal, but it can be risky if left too late. And why leave it until late in life to have the certainty of eternal life? Some might argue that this system of forgiveness for all is unfair. Why should some Johnny-come-lately gain the same reward as someone who has faithfully shown their devotion to God for years. It defies the logic of mathematics. The answer is that our God is a loving and forgiving God, and his love and generosity has no bounds.

"Are you jealous because I am generous?"

Vernita Clapham.

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Kyogle Red Dove Op Shop: Open Wed to Fri, 9am to 12.30pm, and Sat 9am to 12noon.
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WHAT'S HAPPENING

LISMORE RED DOVE OP SHOP ROSTER: Mon Sept 21: Nerida Bellman, Toni Bacon.

Tues Sept 22: Betty Keevers, Cathy Ruigrok.

Wed Sept 23: Christine McCowan, Jeanie Pearson, Marie Cowin.

Thurs Sept 24: Rosemarie McLeod, Val Latimer. **Fri Sept 25:** Chris Kollar, Heather Blackman.

BEXHILL CENTENARY—*Mark your calendar for 12.00 noon, Sunday 27 September 2026!* We are delighted to invite our congregations and community members to a very special Service of Celebration to mark the 100th Year Centenary of Bexhill's precious 'Church of the Good Shepherd'. This wonderful service starts at 12.00pm and will be followed by a hosted Luncheon and Tree Planting ceremony. Please do RSVP your attendance (for catering purposes) to admin@lruc.org.au or phone your acceptance through to 02 6621 5801.

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 tags them for us and returns for sale. Please give to Louise Lancett, Marie Cowin or drop off at Alstonville. No large, heavy items please.

MORNING TEA LISMORE—*Please join us for morning tea in the Café space with room to sit and chat.*

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.

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**.

Morning Fellowship Wednesdays 10-12 at the church with Donna. *Prayer Meeting* each Thursday 5.30pm to 7.30pm with Colin.

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.*

The Lismore worshipping community is invited to a short forum/discussion following worship on Sunday 4 October. This is to further discuss and receive the community's collective thoughts regarding a decision of the Church Council to donate an amount equivalent to 10% of the Lismore Red Dove Op Shop takings for a period of one year to CASPA. The discussion and intent was that this would be reviewed next year and consideration given as to whether we continue to support CASPA or seek out another need in the community to support in a similar way for the following 12 months. The decision to hold the forum was taken by the Executive of the Church Council following concerns raised by several people. Please know that the Church Council is open to listening and discussing areas of concern as they pertain to the life of worship, witness, and service of the LRUC

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REVISED COMMON LECTIONARY.

Sept 20:

Ex 16: 2-15

Ps 105: 1-6, 37-45/Ps 145: 1-8

Phil 1: 21-30

Mt 20: 1-16

Sept 27:

Ex 17: 1-7

Ps 78: 1-4, 12-16

Phil 2: 1-13

Mt 21: 23-32

LISMORE REGIONAL U C SERVICES:

Lismore: Sundays **9am.**

Bexhill: Sundays **11am**—not 1st Sunday monthly.

Coraki: Sundays **9.30am.**

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

Kyogle: Sundays **9am.**