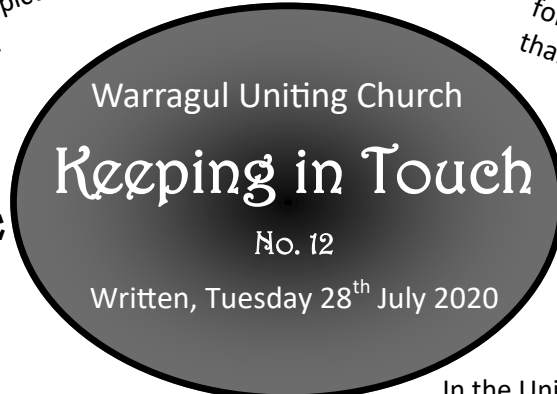


"I don't know where the week has gone"
someone said to me in the past few days. They had used some of the increased 'at home' time to sort out 'things' in the home and garden that have been waiting attention for ages. Other people experience times of loneliness as there is only just so much cleaning and tidying you can do. We can still enjoy our pets, visit a friend, make a phone call, email, and send a message. It is important that we do this and also receive these things from others. There are birthdays, wedding anniversaries and other significant times to celebrate.

HOW'S YOUR MASK!!! What sort of pattern is on the material and why? Some good conversations here! One of our daughters has pictures of 'Star Wars' and 'Wonder Woman' on hers!

QUIET, SECRETIVE, ALMOST PHANTOM LIKE... It is amazing how many of you visit the church grounds a do small and big jobs, here and there. Not organized working bees, but just because 'things' need doing. Thanks to the rose pruner and the hedge trimmer recently and lots of other things. This reminds us that we are a community looking after each other despite not being able to meet together at present.

THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS...
A number of the church family are recovering from surgery and illness, some are waiting the results of tests. Please keep them, others in the community and throughout the world who are facing these difficulties, the health workers, governments, homeless, unemployed, refugees and those who are close to you in your thoughts and prayers. Remember those who are struggling with their health and for whom recovery is slower than hoped for.



WORSHIP SERVICE INCLUDING COMMUNION ON SUNDAY, 2ND AUGUST...

Last week's KiT, and this week's printed service, explain what you need to do in preparation for the Zoom Worship Service and Communion. If you are coming to the church you will have phoned the Church Office to have your name added to a list...there is a maximum of 20 allowed. When you come to the church please enter and leave the building through the main entrance door. Inside this door will be a place to 'sign in' and use the hand sanitizer. A reminder to bring the printed order of service with you.

ZOOM 'Keeping in Touch' at 11am last Sunday...16 people took part ... a chance to catch up, share 'what's happening', have a smile or even a laugh! Interested? Contact David Morison.

WHO CAN PRESIDE AT (CONDUCT) THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION?

I have had some queries about this. In the Uniting Church, people ordained as Uniting Church Ministers are those authorised to preside. However, where it is not possible to arrange for an Ordained Minister to preside, it is possible for lay people to be given permission for a limited time period such as long service leave or a ministerial vacancy but not for an occasional service. For this to happen a lay person needs to complete a course of study (eg. Basis of Union, Theology and Sacrament) and be approved by the Pastoral Relations Committee of the Presbytery.

PLANNING for a Service of Worship and Communion for Sunday **September 6th** ... details will be made available in a few weeks' time when we are aware of any changes to the Government Restrictions and DHHS guidelines re COVID 19.

Peace and blessing,
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