Lectionary Readings

7 July
2 Kings 5:1-14
Psalm 30
Galatians 6:(1-6), 7-16
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

14 July
Luke 10:25-37
Amos 7:7-17
Psalm 82
Colossians 1:1-14

21 July
Luke 10:38-42
Amos 8:1-12
Psalm 52
Colossians 1:15-28

28 July
Luke 11:1-13
Hosea 1:2-10
Psalm 85
Colossians 2:6-15, (16-19)

Prayer Points

* Renewal in our congregation
* SRE teachers
* Rev Tom, Kathy & Family
* Our Children & Family Worker, Cathy
* Our Church Council
* The Steering Committee
* Parents at Whitebridge Play Centre
* Messy Church
* Project Reconnect
* Wilfreda's Orphanage Kenya
* Watoto Child Care, Uganda
* Victims of floods, bushfire, damage and droughts
* Refugees on Nauru
* Catherine * Elsie
* Shirley * Nita
The bereaved
* All those who are unwell

Prayer points maintained by Enid Power

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Charlestown & Garden Suburb Uniting Church Multi-Centre Congregation

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From Rev Tom:

I write this message after a quick trip to Parkes on Sunday. We arrived in Parkes at 6pm and I stayed with my Dad, Wilbur, until he finally breathed his last at 11:30pm. Of course the one who Dad responded to in the last hours of his life when we arrived was Kathy! Then he quietly drifted further and further beyond the reaches of this life. I have been in this situation uncountable times but after 30 years of ministry I am finally discovering what it is like for it to be my father. I realise now that it is not even close to being a single feeling. I am discovering I can cry and laugh at the same time, even if it is during the remembering of one thing. I am discovering how grace immediately starts working on memory! I am sure that a person cannot be as perfect as I am now remembering my Dad! I am also discovering the diversity of ways people express their care, from the prayers of the chaplain at the Nursing Home, to the amazing knock on the door at 8:45am the next day with a member of the community providing for all the culinary needs for the rest of the day. I know what it feels to be completely washed out and not able to muster a prayer, yet feel gratitude at all that is giving this wonderful thing called life. It is amazing how my sister Margaret, who died of cancer in 2011, or my memory of her, taps on my heart saying, "I'm here in this too!" Life is a paradox of impermanence to inexorably coming into being and driving forward. It seems to have no edges and limits to meaning or varieties of felt experience. I realise that we really are God's creative work as every new moment is truly a new arising. Just like the universe is forever expanding so we constantly live at the frontier of God's creation. Psalm 139:14 reminds us that we are fearfully and wonderfully made, so wonderful are God's mighty works!

Vale Rev. Wardlow Little 27-7-1925 – 2-6-2019

Wardlow Little was on the Preaching plan of the Charlestown Parish which included Garden Suburb and Whitebridge, preaching until November 2011.

A group for young families called Family Circle, meeting monthly for a picnic lunch on Sundays, or dinner at a restaurant, was formed by Wardlow, who also began "Friday at 6" which included a meal, brief bible study, chorus singing and a guest speaker who talked about their lives as Christians.

Wardlow was the convener of the Mission Committee at Garden Suburb which aimed to have the life of the Community brought into the worship services of the Church. Favourite Hymn Sunday was held once a year, which was enjoyed by the congregation.

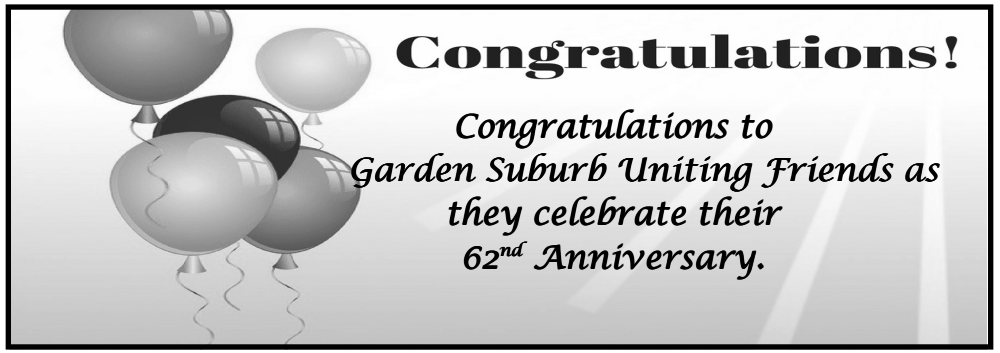
Wardlow conducted Church services on the 5th Sunday at Hawkins Village for 20 years.

Hazel and Wardlow attended the Presbytery meetings as Garden Suburb's representatives, and were both members of Uniting Friends.

Wardlow continued to study, obtaining a Master of Theology Degree in 2003

13 Kristen Close Cardiff was Hazel and Wardlow's home before their recent move to Kiama to be closer to family.

Wardlow was diligent in his Eldership, extending Pastoral care to all. Garden Suburb Church misses his caring involvement in the Christian life of the congregation.



MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday 20 July 2019 - 8am

GUEST SPEAKER

Rev Dr Chris Budden

Chris will speak about "Uluru Statement from the Heart": a call for the establishment of a First Nations Voice enshrined in the Constitution

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CHARLESTOWN UNITING CHURCH

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COMING UP IN AUGUST

5 August at 7.30pm
Girls Night Out at Garden Suburb

Deadline for next "Contact"

9am Wednesday 24th July

To 4943 4019 or office@charlestown.Unitingchurch.org.au

Jenny's hours are now 9.00am to 3.00pm every Wednesday

The Diary

Please keep this diary handy until the end of July

Monday 1 July
9.10am Garden Suburb Aged Care Pastoral Visitation
2.15pm Prayer & Share, contact Jean Witherspoon
4.00pm The Gathering, contact Rev Tom Stuart

Tuesday 2 July
9.30am Whitebridge Playgroup
10.30am Prayer & Share at Charlestown
7.30pm Notables practice at Charlestown

Wednesday 3 July
7.30pm Church Council meets at Charlestown

Thursday 4 July
11.00am Seniors Concert & Luncheon
1.00pm Creative Space at Whitebridge
3.30pm "Luke for Everyone" study at Whitebridge

Sunday 7 July
9.00am Service at Charlestown, led by Rev Tom Stuart
10.00am Service at Garden Suburb, led by Rev Tom Stuart

Monday 8 July
2.15pm Prayer & Share, contact Jean Witherspoon
4.00pm The Gathering, contact Rev Tom Stuart

Tuesday 9 July
10.30am Prayer & Share at Charlestown
12.00pm Garden Suburb Uniting Friends 62nd Anniversary Luncheon
7.30pm Notables practice at Charlestown

Wednesday 10 July
10.00am Charlestown Ladies Fellowship - Morning Tea and Film

Thursday 11 July
8.30am Community Garden at Whitebridge
9.30am Midweek Service at Charlestown, led by Rev Tom Stuart
1.00pm Creative Space at Whitebridge
2.00pm Service at Garden Suburb Aged Care led by Mr Grahame Pricter
3.30pm "Luke for Everyone" study at Whitebridge

Friday 12 July
6.00pm Ladies Dinner at Kahibah Sports Club

Saturday 13 July
11.00am Friendship Circle - Trip to Ash Island and picnic lunch

Sunday 14 July
9.00am Service at Charlestown, led by Rev Tom Stuart
10.00am Holy Communion Service at Garden Suburb, led by Rev Tom Stuart
2.00pm Hymnfest at Garden Suburb
7.00pm Contemplative Worship at Whitebridge

Monday 15 July
9.10am Garden Suburb Aged Care Pastoral Visitation
10.30am Hymn singing at Garden Suburb Aged Care
2.15pm Prayer & Share, contact Jean Witherspoon
4.00pm The Gathering, contact Rev Tom Stuart

Tuesday 16 July
9.00am Needlework & Natter at Garden Suburb
10.30am Prayer & Share at Charlestown
7.30pm Notables practice at Charlestown

Wednesday 17 July
9.30am School Holiday Fun Day at Charlestown

Thursday 18 July
8.30am Community Garden at Whitebridge
1.00pm Creative Space at Whitebridge
3.30pm "Luke for Everyone" study at Whitebridge

Sunday 21 July
9.00am Holy Communion Service at Charlestown, led by Rev Tom Stuart
10.00am Service at Garden Suburb, led by Mr Greg Smyth
4.30pm Messy Church at Whitebridge

Monday 22 July
2.15pm Prayer & Share, contact Jean Witherspoon
4.00pm The Gathering, contact Rev Tom Stuart

Tuesday 23 July
9.30am Whitebridge Playgroup
10.30am Prayer & Share at Charlestown
7.30pm Notables practice at Charlestown

Wednesday 24 July
1.30pm Coffee & Chat, location TBA, contact Anne Hall

Thursday 25 July
9.30am Midweek Service at Charlestown, led by Rev Tom Stuart
2.00pm Communion Service at Garden Suburb Aged Care, led by Rev Tom Stuart

Sunday 28 July
9.00am Service at Charlestown, led by Rev Tom Stuart
10.00am Service at Garden Suburb, led by Mr Ken Young
7.00pm Contemplative Worship at Whitebridge

The Church office will be closed on Wednesday 10 July 2019

Children & Family Worker's Update

The first half of he year has come & gone & with it so many children activities, some growing & others declining.
Playcentre continues to grow with new families arriving almost weekly, we average 30 families a week at Playcentre.
Holiday Kids has also shown some growth this year with a full house last holidays & expecting similar numbers these holidays.
Sadly **Messy Church** has been in a bit of decline but with the help of my Messy Church Team & congregation members I hope & pray we can turn this around in the 2nd half of the year.
Holiday Kids will be on the 17th July & our next **Messy Church** is the 21st July at WWC where we will finish the Gideon Story we started last month.

Cathy Beeton

LUKE *for* EVERYONE

Bible Discussion Group

3.30pm - 4.30pm Thursday
At Whitebridge Wellness Centre

You are welcome to join this group anytime