

**BRISBANE NORTH COAST  
EMMAUS COMMUNITY  
NEWSLETTER  
November 2019**

# ***Next Gathering***

***Let us approach the New Year with  
Thanksgiving & Grace  
Weaving God's Love to one another***

**When:                    *February 8, 2020***

***5.30pm***

**Where:                *Morayfield Uniting Church***

***Reminder Closing Service for  
Face to Face Encounter #3  
2.30pm November 12  
Coolum Uniting Church***





## ***From our Community***

### ***Lay Director***

*Hello everyone*

*This will be the last report for 2019. Hasn't the year gone fast? We have had a busy year with two successful Men's and Women's Walks and two Face To Face Encounters one of which is still in progress. As with any new program there are always things that don't run as smoothly as we would like but the first Face To Face Encounter this year in Gympie was very well received by the pilgrims who attended and from the reports I have received from the current encounter, it also is going well. By the time of the gathering, the Candlelighting for F2F 3 will have taken place and I hope many of the community were able to attend. The closing ceremony will be happening on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November and it would be great if a number of the community were able to attend to welcome the new Next Dayers into our community.*

*Due to the community website still not being completed, this month we, again, have had to go to paper copies of the newsletter. I am hoping an update on the progress of our website will be available at our November gathering.*

*As this year comes to a close, I pray that you will all have a blessed Christmas and a great New Year. I am looking forward to seeing what God has in store for us in 2020 and the preparations for the first walks are well under way so start thinking now who you can invite.*

*Paul Fletcher*

***Hebrews 13:16 "Do not neglect to do good  
and to share what you have,  
for such sacrifices are pleasing to God."***

## **From our Community Spiritual Director**



The Walks, Encounters and Gatherings of our community are drawing to a close for the year with our final Gathering on November 9<sup>th</sup>.

It's a good time to look back to see where we have come from, to take stock of where we are right at the moment, and to pause before we step across the threshold of a new year.

What can I celebrate? What do I regret? How has my faith been strengthened and renewed as I have walked through 2019?

Where have I felt closest to Jesus this year? How have I grown? What are the lessons I have learned? How will it be different in 2020 as a result of my journey this year?

I have been reflecting on trust as the antidote to worry and anxiety! How do you rate on the anxiety scale? If I am honest with myself, I am more anxious than a child of God should be because I forget whose I am in the day to day tumble of life. Being aware of this fairly common human trait of worry or anxiety, is actually an opportunity for us to grow as we learn to turn to the One who can lead us and give us a confident trust that the Lord is with us all the time and he will never let us down. We can count on his love and grace, his wisdom and faithfulness, his strength and courage to lift us above the murky waters of anxiety, worry and fear. "Trust in me," says Jesus.

The Christmas story assures us that we are not alone. Listen to *some* of its message:

**God's word to Mary from Gabriel**    Luke 1:26-38 (NRSV)



<sup>28</sup> And he came to her and said,  
"Greetings, favoured one! **The Lord  
is with you....** <sup>30</sup> The angel said to her,  
"**Do not be afraid, Mary, for you  
have found favour with God.**"

**God's word to Joseph also delivered through an angel**    Matthew 1:18 – 25

...an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "**Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife**, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.





<sup>9</sup>Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and **they were terrified**. <sup>10</sup>But the angel said to them, “**Do not be afraid**; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: <sup>11</sup>to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah,<sup>[a]</sup> the Lord.

Hear the message! “Do not be afraid!” **God** is with us. God **is** with us. God is **with** us! God is with **us!**

May this message sink deeply into our hearts so that our fear, anxiety and worry evaporate in the presence of our God Emmanuel ....

May the peace of God dwell in your hearts this Christmas season and fill you with joy and hope as we move on into the New Year!

God's amazing grace sustain you over the holiday season.

**De Colores**

*Jenny Sims*



## **Music**

*is vital to Emmaus Walks, Face to Face Encounters as well as our Gatherings*

***I am looking for people who can play music and lead worship. Please let me know if you like to lead singing, play the piano or other accompanying instrument; this can be for a Walk and Encounter or for a gathering.***

***Leanne Close Music Co-ordinator***

***'Phone 0414 768 329***

## *From the Board*

**Next Board meeting February 8<sup>th</sup> @ 3.30pm Board Members @ Morayfield Uniting Church,  
& 4.30pm Co-ordinators**

Our current Board Executive members are:

Community Lay Director	Paul Fletcher
Past Community Lay Director	Andrew Krosch
Community Lay Director Elect	Michelle Krosch
Community Spiritual Director	Rev Jenny Sims
Past Community Spiritual Director	Ps Margaret Niethé
Registrar	Rebecca Fletcher
Secretary	Linda Waldoek
Treasurer	Gary Nicholls

Co-ordinators are:

Prayer	Margaret Niethé
Walks	Michelle Krosch
Face to Face	Karren McDermott
Supplies	David Close
Music	Leanne Close
Dining Room	Wayne & Janelle Morrison
Agape	Lu Evans
Gatherings	Ian Riding
Website	Paul Fletcher
Newsletter	Helen Nutley; Margaret Niethé

May you each know God's wondrous blessings this Christmas  
from BNC Emmaus Board members

# Men's Walk #105



Lay Director

David Kanowski

My name is David Kanowski, and it has been a long time since my walk [Walk # 32] and not sure but I think I was on the table of Thomas.

I was asked to be Lay Director in August and I believe the Lord is calling us to step up, me in particular, once we come to faith sometimes it is then a struggle but Emmaus walks have helped me with many a fourth day.

With prayer and committing it to the Lord, planning and drawing the team together has steadily progressed. Looking at formation day and training days already as time is moving along rapidly.

As we set things in motion for the walk, I ask that you hold the team up in prayer for their time, families, their talks and their Christian walks as we commit to help in ministering for the Lord, there is always spiritual attacks.

Pray for the pilgrims, that the Lord will start preparing their hearts now, to say yes to going on an Emmaus Walk and please start thinking of people to sponsor who you know will be blessed.

Thank you, my community for helping me to encourage others in the body of Christ and be blessed.

De Colores

David





## Women's Walk #106

Lay Director

Anitta Kanowski

My name is Anitta from the table of Sarah Walk # 33.

It has now been a little over two months since I accepted the call to serve as Lay Director on Walk 106 in May 2020. It is a blessing to me that I have been given all this time to prepare, God knows I take so long mulling over things when I am in a planning mode that I missed placing a report in the last newsletter, for that I apologize.

The prayer directors answered the call without hesitation and we have been meeting weekly and praying for both teams, reading a Word for the day and also reading sections on the fruits of the Spirit from the Upper room Handbook. This has been a very special time for me as we have seen prayers answered already. It is a joy to know the God we serve and love is trust worthy in hearing all our requests.

I have steadily made progress in forming a team over recent weeks with not too many positions left to fill. Please pray for the team as they have a long period to prepare and wait for the training days which won't happen until March and April. Pray that their lives will be blessed in every way so that they won't lack anything or be hindered in any way from serving the Pilgrims in May.

John 10:10

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

Pray for abundance, Joy in the soul and a listening ear to the Holy Spirit.

Pray for the pilgrims who are yet to register, ask the Lord who you could sponsor for this walk.

Thank you for encouraging a sister to attend so she can grow in the Body of Christ.

De Colores

Anitta



## Face to Face Encounter #3 Coolum UC

October 22, 29 & November 5 & 12, 2019

### Progress Report

As I write this report we are preparing for Day 3 of 4. Face to Face has aroused significant interest in a number of neighbouring communities and we are expecting observers from Brisbane South and Gold Coast to attend Day 3 and join our community in candle lighting.

Our first two days have been amazing. Pilgrims and team alike have been blessed by the Spirit's overwhelming presence. This is our community's third implementation of this new and exciting ministry which is breathing new life into our seniors and encouraging them to step up and play a significant role in their churches. We have been extremely well fed both physically and spiritually. We thank our God for this ministry and the blessing it has been to all involved.

Please try and attend the closing service which will be held at Coolum Beach Uniting Church at 2:30pm 12<sup>th</sup> November and stay afterward for a cuppa and fellowship with the team and pilgrims.

Lay Director

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**Ian Riding**

Here is the link to the 72 hour prayer vigil.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050f4ba8aa2fa1fe3-face1>



### Don't forget



*The bank details for General Donations just in case you missed the Gathering and would like to contribute.*

*Bank details for donations to provide Agape gifts of- flowers, rainbow cake, Ice-cream & toppings,*

*Communion Elements etc.*

General Donations

**BSB: 334-040**

Walk Agape Donations

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**A/c No: 000 0553 890 883**

**A/c No: 000 0554 465 053**



For any prayer needs that you would like to share with the Emmaus Community,

Contact our Prayer Co-ordinator - Margaret Niethe

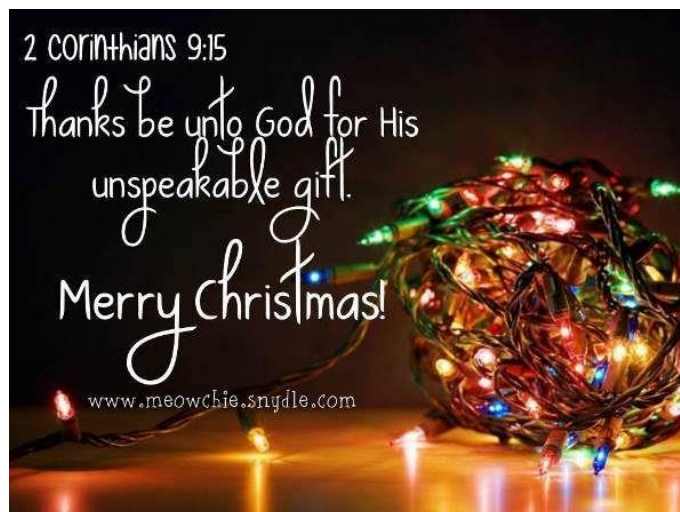
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### Upcoming Events to Diarise

12 November 2019		Coolum Uniting Church 22 Elizabeth St, Coolum Beach	Face to Face Encounter #3 Day 4 of 4
12 November 2019	2.30 pm	Coolum Uniting Church 22 Elizabeth St, Coolum Beach	Closing Ceremony Face to Face Encounter #3
8 February 2020	3.30pm	Morayfield UC	Board Meeting
8 February 2020	4.30pm	Morayfield UC	Co-ordinators join Meeting
14-17 May 2020		YMCA Camp Warrawee 81 Byrnes Rd Nth Joyner	Men's Walk #105
21-24 May 2020		YMCA Camp Warrawee 81 Byrnes Rd Nth Joyner	Women's Walk #106



**God bless You as you Walk with Him**