



Yes, It's March already.....

March kicks off with a flurry of activity.



World Day of Prayer, this year being held on Friday the 1st of March at 2.30 p.m., once again gives us the opportunity to host the local community in a time of dedicated prayer, this year for the people of Slovenia.

Rev Park will be our guest speaker and volunteers from other local churches will be involved in bringing this specially prepared worldwide program to those gathered at our church. Afternoon tea will be served to our guests and if you are able to contribute by providing a plate of goodies it would be greatly appreciated.



<http://www.worlddayofprayeraustralia.org/world-day-of-prayer/>

Pancake Day

Our next big event, and a new one for us, follows closely on the heels of World Day of Prayer. This is our inaugural Pancake Day.

Pancake Day (Shrove Tuesday) marks the start of the build up to Easter. It is followed by Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent...a time of Christian fasting. So a custom has built up over the years of making pancakes to use up foods often given up for Lent.

Myung Hwa has encouraged us to engage more fully with this day as part of our Easter preparation and so with her support and encouragement we will be holding a special Pancake Day Event on the 5 March at 10 - 12 noon. We have decided to use the day as an opportunity not only for fun and feasting



but also to try to raise some money for those so deeply affected by the drought then the floods in Queensland. This is a community event. We will hold a pancake decoration competition and perhaps even a pancake flipping race which I'm sure will provide plenty of laughter.

Please come along and support this event...you need only bring yourself, perhaps a friend or two, your good humour and make a donation to help the disaster relief projects in Queensland.

Baptism

It is very exciting to announce that our church will host a baptism on Sunday 24 March. Tracey Brown, the grandmother of Willow, Jahmerickii, and Mercedes will be bringing them for baptism. If you are able to do so, please make the effort to come to that worship service to support the family.

What a privilege it was to share in the celebration of Celeste and Steve's wedding ceremony. We thank you both for the opportunity to share this special time with you. The Sawtell Uniting congregation extend our warmest best wishes to you and Levi for your future.



Safe Church Training

An advance notice that a Safe Church Training Day will be taking place at our church on Saturday 6 April (times and more details will be announced closer to the day). The Uniting Church takes very seriously the responsibility of making sure that the church is a safe place for all, not only physically but also spiritually, mentally and emotionally. The church therefore runs regular training courses to ensure that we are able to recognise unsafe and dangerous situations, and to have the resources to respond appropriately. This is particularly important for those in leadership positions in our congregation, but is also worthwhile for other members – so please mark this date in your diaries.

Night on the Town

A family friendly food only market, diverse in multicultural cuisine and lots of choices for the kids... Dog friendly too. Bring a blanket or chair, bottle of wine or beer and kick back and enjoy the entertainment. Located in one of Coffs Harbour's premier beach side locations, Park Beach Reserve, with the crystal clear water of Coffs Creek on its doorstep. Eat, relax, walk, swim and enjoy!
Sounds good.... then join us for Night on the Town on Friday, 29th March at about 6.30pm.

Carols by Candlelight

Yes, it was ages ago but I thought I would share some of the delightful photos we have recently received from Kirsty.
In the near future, after the pre-school elects its new committee, we will present to the pre-school the money they raised on the night of the carols.



Prayer Point

Please keep the plight of the farmers and residents of the towns in the flood affected areas in Queensland in your prayers as they begin to rebuild their lives.