



SINGLETON - BRANXTON

July 2026 Newsletter

UNITING CHURCH



Committed to Christ and Community

Every Sunday at:

9am Singleton Traditional Service

10:30 2nd & 4th Sunday Singleton Cafe Service

5:30pm Branxton All-Age Service



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LECTIONARY

READINGS

July 5 2026 Pent 6 (14)

Gn 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 Ps 45:10-17 or Song 2:8-13
Rom 7:15-25a Mt 11:16-19, 25-30

July 12 2026 Pent 7 (15)

Gn 25:19-34 Is 55:10-13
Ps 119:105-112, 12-19, Ps 65(1-8), 9-13
Rom 8:1-11 Mt 13:1-9, 18-23

July 19 2026 Pent 8 (16)

Gn 28:10-19a, Is 44:6-8 Ps 139:1-12, 23-24, Ps 86:11-17
Rom 8:12-25 Mt 13:24-30, 36-43

July 26 2026 Pent 9 (17)

Gn 29:15-28, 1Kg 3:5-12 Ps 105:1-11, 45b, Ps 128, Ps 119:129-136
Rom 8:26-39 Mt 13:31-33, 44-52



MARK INSTALLING THE NEW NOTICE BOARD

At our May Church Council meeting it was decided to ask Mark and Susanne to purchase a notice board for the blank wall between the doors on the hall. As usual they were quickly on the job, ordering the board on Monday 25th May and surprisingly, the parcel arrived the very next day. Thankfully, Mark was feeling well enough to put up the notice board (with the help of his son and grandson who kindly came to assist him). Once again, we are thankful to Mark and Susanne for their efficiency and dedication to the task and we now have a great way to promote the events being held by our Church to the many people who use our hall each week. We pray that this initiative will bring results in our outreach into the local community.



120TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST ANDREWS UNITING CHURCH

On Sunday 7th June, 2026, we held a Celebration Service to recognise the 120th Anniversary of our beautiful Church building, St Andrews Uniting Church, the first Church in Singleton.

There were about 55 people in attendance and everyone received a warm welcome as they came to join with us at our special Worship Service which was capably lead by Rev Jason Street.

The theme of the day was 'Looking Back, Looking Forward' and at the special morning tea which followed, a number of people stood up and spoke of their own experiences and happy memories of times they shared here in days gone by.

A delicious morning tea was supplied and served by the ladies of the Adult Fellowship, the tables looked lovely with their pretty white lace tablecloths and chairs placed around them, ready for friends old and new to sit comfortably while they caught up on old times. Our celebratory cake was cut by our oldest member Ruth, and slices were shared and enjoyed by many and Jim filled the role of MC very capably and we thank Jim for making our day so enjoyable.

There was an outstanding display on the history of St Andrews most of which had been loaned by a number of Church members and placed on tables in the small hall for visitors to peruse and enjoy. Posters made up from Newspaper clippings were displayed on the walls. Our thanks to Di McDonald for setting it all up and for promoting this special occasion which brought so many people into our Church once more – it was lovely to see so many smiling faces enjoying each other's company at this special event.

We wish to thank everyone who gave of their time and efforts and helped make our celebration such a memorable occasion.



WHAT'S ON FOR JULY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28	29	30 W.Shed Branxton 9:30am	1	2 W.Shed Branxton 9:30am	3	4
5 Sunday serv Singleton Communion 9:00am	6 Prayer meeting in the Vestry 10am	7 W.Shed Branxton 9:30am	8	9 W.Shed Branxton 9:30am	10 Crafty Corner 9:30-1pm	11
12 Sunday serv Branxton Communion 5.30pm	13	14 W.Shed Branxton 9:30am Adult F. 1.30pm	15	16 W.Shed Branxton 9:30am	17	18
19	20 Fellowship lunch 12pm Club Singleton	21 W.Shed Branxton 9:30am	22	23 W.Shed Branxton 9:30am	24 Crafty Corner 9:30-1pm	25
26	27 Prayer meeting in the Vestry 10am	28 W.Shed Branxton 9:30am	29	30 W.Shed Branxton 9:30am	31 Church Council 10am	1

120 YEARS OF WORSHIP

The Singleton Presbyterian Church (now the Uniting Church) first opened its doors on 31st May, 1906, and was the second Presbyterian Church, replacing the original church built in 1838. Rev. Kemp-Bruce, the Moderator of the Presbyterian Church at the time prayed that men & women would go out from the Church strengthened by the Holy Spirit; that the congregation would become a greater power and seek to rise to the height of its responsibilities and privileges. He also prayed that the lives of congregation members would be an aspiration, as God blessed and prospered the work of the Church.

In the years that followed, the church became a spiritual home for many of the residents in Singleton.

During WWI over 130 young men enlisted from Singleton, many who would have had families connected with local churches. Many prayers would have been prayed in the Church building for the safe return of sons and daughters. Similar prayers would have been prayed some twenty-something years later in WW2. Since Union in 1977 the Church building has been a source of strength and inspiration to many who have chosen to worship here. Baptisms, marriages and funerals continue to be part of Church Life.

The Church building, however, is much more than a place for the celebration of milestones – the primary reason a Church exists is to glorify God by fulfilling the teachings and Mission of Jesus Christ. It functions as a community of believers gathered to worship, support one another in spiritual growth and share the message of the Good News of Jesus Christ within local communities.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

In 1902, the town of Singleton was transformed by a visit from Evangelist Rev. D. O'Donnell who conducted a Tent Mission in Singleton.

Rev. O'Donnell spent 10 days in Singleton with the result that 568 entered the enquiry room at the Tent Mission where lives were transformed by the Holy Spirit's anointing upon penitent hearts.

The population in Singleton at the time was 3,000 – one sixth of the population was saved!

One newspaper reported "It is doubtful whether ever in the religious history of the State there has been such a wonderful record as that which reaches us from Singleton" (Watchman – Sydney, N.S.W. 1902-1926, Saturday, 5th July 1902, page 3).

The success of the Tent Mission was attributed to three main factors:

- Unity of the Body of Christ
- United Prayer
- Renewed passion for the Lord's work.



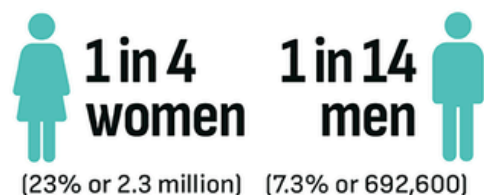
SUPPORT FOR FAMILY VIOLENCE

Singleton Uniting Church is being proactive in support of victims of domestic violence with the appointment of a Domestic Violence Liaison Officer, who is available to offer pastoral support where appropriate to those affected by domestic and family violence. With the appointment of a Domestic Violence Liaison Officer, it is the hope of the Church to strengthen their voice in the public space against family violence and advocate for those who have experienced gender-based violence. Domestic violence presents in many forms and includes verbal abuse, emotional abuse, psychological abuse, physical abuse, spiritual abuse, financial and sexual abuse. To access our Support Person, please telephone the Uniting Church Office on 65721652 to make an appointment with our Domestic Violence Liaison Officer. All referrals are strictly confidential.

Prevalence of domestic and family violence in Australia



have experienced violence by a boyfriend/ girlfriend/ date since the age of 15.



have experienced violence by an intimate partner since the age of 15.



have experienced partner emotional abuse since the age of 15.



have experienced violence by a family member since the age of 15.

WOMEN'S SHED BRANXTON



The ladies are continuing their work for community now completing 25 library bags, all fully lined with an embroidered pocket on the outside. These are going to Cessnock and Kurri Kurri Libraries.



They have also completed 25 Toasty Toes Blankets for Emmy-Lou's Charity Cook-Up Christmas in July Dinner. These blankets will be given to children of women who are escaping serious Domestic Violence or living in cars/tents. A big thank you goes to Kristi, Jo, Viv and Maureen.



Some of our ladies enjoyed a social bus trip out to Nundle, experiencing the tour of the mill and of course, purchasing some wool. Morning tea and lunch was shared at the Life of Pie, Murrurundi – the pies and coffee came highly recommended!



BRANXTON NEWS

Our congregation had the privilege of welcoming brothers Cooper (3 months) and Lucas (2 years) into the family of faith through baptism. They join Harley (4) who was baptised earlier, and the family are already familiar faces at Messy Church, where they are a regular and joyful part of our community. It was a beautiful occasion, and we look forward to journeying together with this family as they grow in faith and fellowship.

Thank you to Susan for leading the service.

At Messy Church we love to teach the children to pray, and it seems the lessons are taking root! It was a delight to notice that some of our young ones, quite unprompted, folded their hands together in prayer during our regular Sunday service - a simple and moving reminder that faith is being nurtured in the youngest hearts among us.





NEWLETTER ARTICLES DEADLINES:

Mon 20 July

Mon 24 August

Mon 21 September

Articles need to be sent to Claudia (office email) by 11am on the above dates

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Mondays and Wednesdays
9am to 3pm

