



# SINGLETON - BRANXTON

May 2025 Newsletter

# UNITING CHURCH



Committed to Christ and Community

Every Sunday at:

9am Singleton Uniting Church

5:30pm Branxton Uniting Church

5:30pm Cafe Church Singleton



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# LECTIONARY

## READINGS



### May 4 - Easter 3

Acts 9:1-6, (7-20)

Ps 30

Rev 5:11-14

Jn 21:1-19

*Singleton Reader: Kepa*

*Branxton Reader: Murray/Helen*

### May 11 - Easter 4

Acts 9:36-43

Ps 23

Rev 7:9-17

Jn 10:22-30

*Singleton Reader: Susanne*

*Branxton Reader: Murray/Helen*

### May 18 - Easter 5

Acts 11:1-18

Ps 148

Rev 21:1-16

Jn 13:31-35

*Singleton Reader: Helen P*

*Branxton Reader: Murray/Helen*

Vale Pope Francis, shepherd of grace and compassion

We extend our deepest condolences to Catholics worldwide upon the death of Pope Francis, who passed away aged 88. The Pope has been a beacon of humility and compassion from the moment he chose the name Francis, inspired by the saint known for his love of the poor and care for creation.

If for any reason you are unable to do the readings on your rostered day, please organise to swap with someone else.

### May 25 - Easter 6

Acts 16:9-15

Ps 67

Rev 21:10, 22-22:5

Jn 14:23-29 or Jn 5:1-9

*Singleton Reader: Joy*

*Branxton Reader: Murray/Helen*



R.I.P. Dawn Alder (Partridges Funerals)

# WHAT'S ON FOR

# MAY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
27	28	29 W.Shed Branxton 9:30am	30 Singleton Prayer Meeting 9:30am	1 W.Shed Branxton 9:30am	2	3
4 Holy Communion Singleton 9am	5	6 W.Shed Branxton 9:30am Fellowship Meeting Singleton 1:30pm	7 Domestic Violence Gathering	8 W.Shed Branxton 9:30am	9 Crafty Corner Singleton 9:30am	10 Mother's Day Market
11 Holy Communion Branxton 5:30pm	12	13 W.Shed Branxton 9:30am	14 Singleton Prayer Meeting 9:30am	15 W.Shed Branxton 9:30am	16	17 Saltbush Gathering
18	19 Fellows hip Lunch Singleton 12:00	20 W.Shed Branxton 9:30am	21 Singleton Prayer Meeting 9:30am	22 W.Shed Branxton 9:30am	23	24
25	26	27 W.Shed Branxton 9:30am	28 Singleton Prayer Meeting 9:30am	29 W.Shed Branxton 9:30am	30	31

# Cafe Church



**Something of Note!**

## May Worship

Sunday evenings  
5.30 - 6.30 pm,  
1 Church Street, Singleton

## SALTBUSH GATHERING SINGLETON - 17 May 2025

Saltbush Gatherings are a time of Christian community with worship, hospitality, a meal together, conversation and challenge as part of exploring life and faith together.

This is a day of encouragement for lay leaders and those within the life of our rural and coastal church. Come along and invite others to also join in this time of community together and meet the larger Saltbush team - Tim, Mark, and Natasha.

You can also join online via Zoom - but please still register through our webpage events: <https://saltbushcommunity.uca.org.au/community-events/>

**When:** Saturday, 17 May 2025  
9:30am to 3pm

**Where:** 2 Church Street, Singleton

**Cost:** None - but please RSVP for catering and printing purposes

Contact Yvonne on 0419 594 633 if you have any queries.



**4 May**  
Communion  
Singleton Church  
9.00am



**11 May**  
Rev John Barr  
Project Reconnect  
video presentation



**18 May**  
Project Reconnect  
video presentation



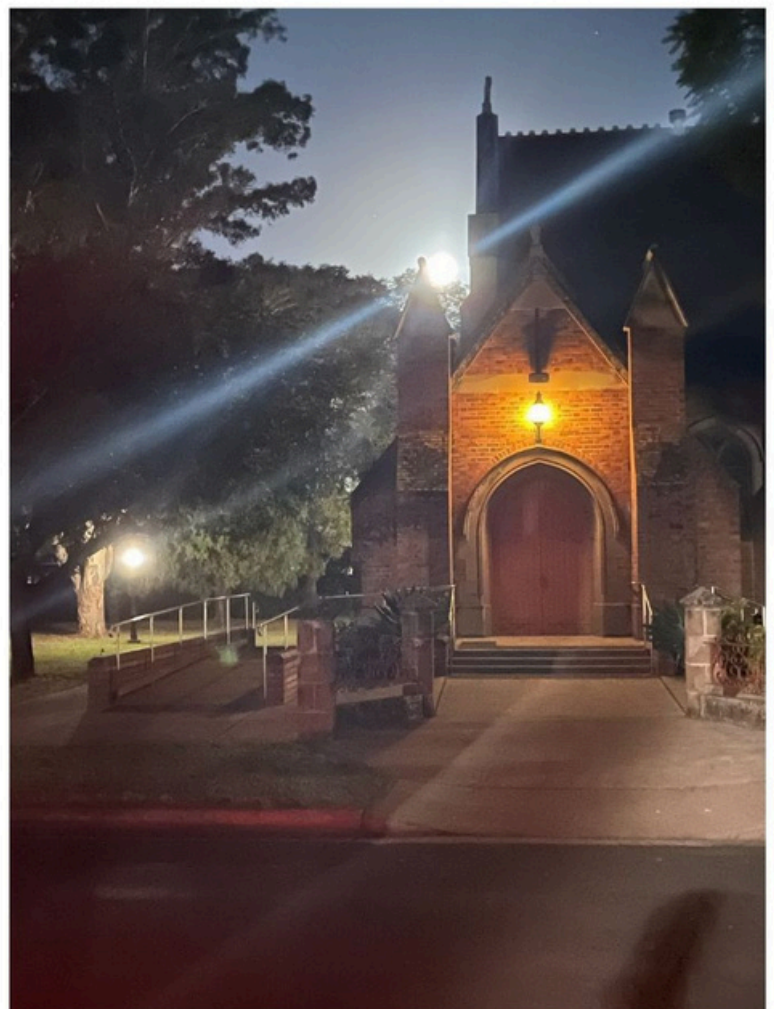
**25 May**  
Presenter: Saltbush  
- *Uniting the Scattered Community*

All eyes turned heavenwards to see the April full moon rising over our Singleton Uniting Church at the conclusion of Cafe Church.

*Photo credit: Julie Stewart*

### USEFUL LINKS

Website:  
<https://saltbushcommunity.uca.org.au/>  
Facebook  
<https://www.facebook.com/Saltbushcommunity>



# NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

*The Preeminence of Christ*

Colossians 1:15-20

*“He is before all things, and  
in him all things hold together”*

*Col 1:17*



AUSTRALIA PRAYS



## 7 JUNE 2025 10 AM - 4 PM

*The theme this year is based on Colossian 1:15-20 and is “The Preeminence of Christ.”*

*Join in unity with churches of all denominations Australia wide to worship Him who is preeminent and to give Him glory on the National Day of Prayer, and to pray together in unity.*

*We encourage you to organise a combined church event or a single church event in your neighbourhood.*

*This will be a day of adoration and praise, honouring Jesus Christ as our Creator and Lord, repentance, and renewal, taking communion together, and prayer for our national and Church leaders, for harvesters and disciple makers, and to declare together Jesus’ preeminence over our lives and over our nation.*

**REGISTER HERE: [www.australiaprays.com.au](http://www.australiaprays.com.au)**

# Pray and Praise Gatherings

**St Andrew Uniting Church in  
Singleton is the venue for weekly  
Pray and Praise Gatherings**

Commencing at 9:30am every Wednesday  
morning for one hour.

All Welcome

For further information please contact Prayer  
Co-ordinator

Di McDonald 0412 299 294 or  
[dimac113@gmail.com](mailto:dimac113@gmail.com)



PLEASE JOIN US TO

# Shine a light

ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

People from all walks of life across the country will come together and light a candle in honour of those who have lost their lives, and those who have survived, domestic and family violence.

**Help us shine the light.**

**1 in 4**

**Australian women**

will experience domestic violence in their lifetime - over half with children in their care.

**78**

**women**

lost their life due to domestic or family violence in 2024.

**DV**

**leading cause**

of homelessness, for women, especially those over 50.

**Wednesday  
7th May 2025**

from 5:30pm

**St Andrews Uniting  
Church, Singleton**

2 Church Street,  
Singleton

**Organised by:**



Candles will be available at the event. Accepting donations on the night of non-perishable food items for survivors of domestic violence and homelessness.

For further information contact: Di McDonald 0412 299 294

## PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION

It was a special occasion when our Lay Preacher Susan had the honour of doing this presentation to both Linda Martin and Audrey Watson. Susan mentioned the many roles that the ladies have filled over many years which include –

Linda - being Secretary of the Adult Fellowship, a Representative to the Presbytery Adult Fellowship and a member of the Church Council. Linda is a great cook and we have all enjoyed her delicious sponge cakes and other delights. She has worked hard for the Church and has been an active member of Meals on Wheels on the Uniting Church Roster. We thank her for her years of service and dedication which she has given freely.



Audrey too, has filled special roles over many years, she cooked at Alroy House / Elizabeth Gates Village for 25 years and after she retired she's worked quietly in the kitchen, helping with food preparation for many Funerals and each Sunday, brings along delicious fresh sandwiches on the warmer months and hot food in the winter time. Her donation to our weekly morning tea and continual support is very much appreciated, thank you Audrey.

# MESSY CHURCH

Messy Church at Branxton was a hit during the April School Holidays with 16 children accompanied by their parents or grandparents. The theme was Easter and the activities were enjoyed by both young and old as can be seen in the photos.





# WOMEN'S SHED BRANXTON

Every month Creightons Funerals donate two lucky door prizes that is drawn on the last Thursday of the month. Georgie is preparing to retire so we are now getting to know Monica who is presenting the prizes.

Congratulations Lesley and Sue.



We have been very busy preparing for our three days at Tocal Field Days (May 2, 3,4) with the making of Prosperity Hens, knitwear, handtowels and ear rings. Whatever we have left we will bring to the Mother's Day Market (May 10) at Singleton



# MOTHER'S DAY

## Trash & Treasure

@ THE SINGLETON UNITING

CHURCH HALL

SAT 10 MAY

8AM-12NOON

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Some of our ladies from the Women's Shed Branxton marched at the Branxton RSL Sub Branch ANZAC service and laid a hand-crafted wreath.

## OUR CONTACT



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Mondays and Wednesdays  
9am to 1pm

