

APRIL 2025

DIARY

Tue 1	9.30 am—11 am	Study Group. All welcome.
Wed 2	8.00 am or 8.00 pm	Wednesday Prayer Circle—where you are!
Sat 5	6:30 pm	Youth Group
Sun 6	8.50 am	Worship & Sunday School Bring or Buy Lunch and Fellowship
Tue 8	9.30 am—11 am	Study Group. All Welcome
Wed 9	8 am or 8 pm	Wednesday Prayer Circle—where you are!
Thu 10	6.30 pm	Church Council
Sun 13	8.50 am	Palm Sunday
Tue 15	9.30 am—11 am	Study Group. All Welcome
Wed 16	8 am or 8 pm 10am 10.30 am	Wednesday Prayer Circle—where you are! Cuppa & Chat in Meeting Room. All welcome Bedingfeld Communion & Song Service
Thu 17	6.00 pm	Maundy Day Meal & Worship
Fri 18	9.00 am	Good Friday Worship
Sun 20	8.50 am	Easter Day Worship
Tue 22	9.30 am—11 am	Study Group. All Welcome
Wed 23	8 am or 8 pm	Wednesday Prayer Circle—where you are!
Thu 24	6.30pm	Ministry Team meeting
Fri 25		Anzac Day
Fri 25	10 am	Adult Fellowship All Welcome
Sun 27	8.50 am	Worship & Sunday School
Tue 29	9.30 am—11 am	Study Group. All Welcome

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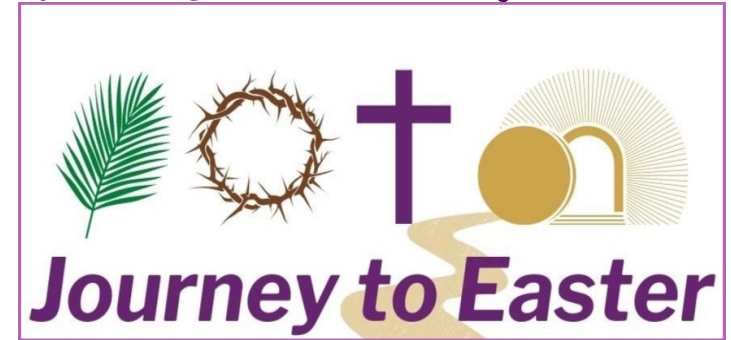
Friday 9th May at 6pm Mothers Day Italian Dinner. With Entertainment from the fabulous Janie's Boys.



I am the Vine.
You are the Branches

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Pinjarra Vine



Our Mission Statement

'To be the Face of God in the Community'

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A warm Welcome to Everyone *worshiping with us today.*
Please feel free to stay for fellowship and a cuppa after worship.

People to contact for information or assistance

Church Council Chairperson: Trevor Beer Ph. 0418 932 243

Ministry Team Leader: Arthur Morrell Ph. 9531 1244

Pinjarra Uniting Church is a safe place for all people to worship, regardless of race, creed, age, cultural background or sexual orientation. All are welcome.

This Week

TUESDAY

9.30 –11am STUDY GROUP

Tuesday This Tuesday we are continue with **Lenten Study “How to be a good neighbour”**. Come and join us. For a copy of Lenten Studies see Kerrie Birch phone. 0409 530 327.

WEDNESDAY

8.00am or/and 8.00pm PRAYER

CIRCLE Pray where you are in unity with others in our church family.

SUNDAY 6th April.

Bring or Buy Lunch. Stay and enjoy an informal relaxed time of fellowship with a bring or buy lunch. All welcome

**Uniting World's 2025
 Lent Event
 GOALS**

We hope to raise \$200,000 through Lent Event to fund our partners in the Pacific and South East Asia who are building resilience to climate change and working to mitigate climate impacts. **Every gift, large or small helps us reach our target. Thank you for your generosity!**

Week 4: The church in a changing climate

“The scientists will talk about climate change, and people might move. But when the theologians tell their stories, people take action.

That’s why the government always looks to the church leaders and asks them - what shall we do?

The Church are the powerful leaders at the grassroots level - people listen to them.” Rev Makoni Pulu

Our church partners in Tonga are faithful, wise and deeply connected within their local villages. When they talk, people listen.

Working with them means helping give them the training, guidance and financial resources to make the most of their excellent natural skills and connections to get things done: planning projects and making sure the right voices are in the room; mobilising people to take action like building seawalls, planting mangroves or cleaning up plastics; preparing evacuation centres and disaster routes; mapping where vulnerable people are located; moving building equipment after a disaster – the list goes on.

The church can do it because people trust them, and they’ve got people located everywhere!

READINGS April 7—28

April 6 Purple	Kerrie Birch Lent 5	Isaiah 43:16-21, Psalm 126, Philippians 3: 4b-14, John 12: 1-18.
April 13 Purple	Neil Illingworth Palm Sunday	Isaiah 50: 4-9a, Psalm 118:1-2,19-29, Philippians 2: 5-11, Luke 19: 28-40
April 17 Purple	Trevor Thomas Maundy Thursday	John 13:1-11. John 13:12-17.
April 18 Red	Kerrie Birch Good Friday	Isaiah 52:13-53:12, Psalm 22, Hebrews 10: 16-25, John 18:1-19:42
April 20 White	Karen Burke Easter Day	Acts 10:34-43, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24, 1 Corinthians 15:19-26, John 20:1-18
April 27 White	Neil Illingworth Easter 2	Acts 5:28-32, Psalm 118: 14-29, Revelations 1: 4-8. John 20: 19-31.

ROSTERS April 6—27

DATE	April 6	April 13	April 18	April 20	April 27
Song Leader	Arthur Morrell is the song leader for April				
Light Candle Reader	Linda Trewern	Olive Morrell	Lyn Donald	Arthur Morrell	Trish Crocker
PowerPoint	Neil Illingworth	Kerrie Birch	Neil Illingworth	Dannielle Atkinson	Kerrie Birch
Welcome	Trish Crocker & Bev Brochie	Lyn Donald & Sylvia Smith	Jane Rickman & Rhonda Ducker	Trish Crocker & Bev Brochie	Olive Morrell & Lyn Donald
Morning Tea	Kerrie Birch	Trish Crocker	All	Sylvia Smith	Bev Brochie
Mowing	Arthur Morrell will do the mowing for April				

Many thanks for your contribution.....Dannielle Atkinson

If the above does not suit, please find a replacement. Contact Dannielle Atkinson Phone 0439 595 827 and Kerrie Birch (for the Vine) 0409 530 327 or Email: carramaridge@bigpond.com

THIS & THAT

CARDS FOR YOUTHCARE

Lovely handmade cards & several other paper products for various occasions are available. See them in the hall at Morning Tea



There will be a **FAIRTRADE DISPLAY** in the hall
Sunday 6th April.

Fairtrade is about better prices, decent working conditions, local sustainability, and fair terms of trade for farmers and workers in the developing world.

Always look for Fairtrade products they can be found in our local supermarket.

We use FairTrade tea and coffee at church functions.



THINGS PINJARRA UCA COLLECT

5C COINS go in the **Frontier Services** 'Piggy Bank'. They are sent to our Patrol Partners (Pilbara Patrol) for things for outback children.



There is a Wheelie Bin in the back porch of the Church for the collection of cans.

All funds go to YouthCARE

Praying Together

We invite you to join us praying for these people and situations

Matters for Prayer

Synod & Wider Church

- Busselton, Capel & Nannup
- Augusta & Margaret River congregations
- Uniting Church campsites
- Naruru Congregational Church
- Methodist Church of Fiji

The Community

- Emergency services chaplains & workers
- Flood victims in Queensland
- Political scene

Local Church

- Ministry Team
- Youth Group
- Sunday School
- Adult Fellowship
- Church Council
- Chaplains. At all our schools

These people need prayer

Let us know the people you want prayer for this month.

- The Beer family, especially Trevor
- Our Church family
- Karen and her sons
- Annie Dodson
- Kaye's son Brian
- Malcom, Rhonda & Kerrie's Nephew
- Your prayer partners

Our Patrol Partners

- Pilbara Patrol: Rev David Jackson
- Mid West: Erica Payne

PLEASE NOTE

If you have a prayer need please speak to **Kerrie Birch** or **Email carramaridge@bigpond.com Ph. 0409 530 327** who will add it to the list

The **DEADLINE** for **MAY VINE** is **Tuesday NOON 22nd April 2025**

- Send to Kerrie Birch:
- ☺ hand to me at worship or
 - ☺ phone 0409 530 327
 - ☺ email carramaridge@bigpond.com

Special Celebrations

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

5 th. Beryl Lucas

7th. Nicolas Burke

God Bless you on your special day.

God Bless you all year through.

May you know the love of God and friends who pray for of you.



Has your special day been missed? Let Hilary Illingworth know your birthday and other special dates and we are most happy to



It is with great sadness that we inform you of the sudden passing, last Monday of our dear friend, Dawnine Beer.

Her Celebration of life Will be held here this Thursday 3rd April at 2 pm Afternoon tea will follow.



Notes from Council

Chairperson, Trevor Beer opened the meeting with a reading from Genesis “ The Wonders of God”. Thought for the Day: God’s Creation is one of delight and one of responsibility.

Have you noticed the cross on the outside wall? It is a work in progress. Watch this space.

The World Day of Prayer 2026 will be hosted by the Family Church.

The website is up to date. A monthly Vine is now printed (no more weekly issues) and posted out to folks in Care Homes.

Study Group are using the Lenten Material. The recent YouthCARE service went well with good representation from all the Churches. All the local Chaplains were present.

Various fund raising events for YouthCARE are in the “pipeline”.

The opening balance of the Church working account as at February 2025 was \$15,785.79; closing balance as at 28th February 2025 was \$18,790.65

The next Council meeting will be on April 10th at 6.30pm, as always. Members of the congregation are welcome to attend. Should anyone like to have a personal copy of the minutes, please speak to Olive or Trish as this can be arranged.

Olive Morrell

Ass. Secretary

March 2025



Olive Morrell
Council Secre-

What is Maundy Thursday?

Maundy Thursday is the day when Christians remember the Last Supper, when Jesus celebrated the Passover meal with his disciples before being betrayed and arrested. During the meal, Jesus took and blessed bread and wine and shared them with his disciples, calling the bread and wine his body and blood.

He urged the disciples to do the same after his death in memory of him, and indeed Christians have done so ever since at Holy Communion – also known as the Eucharist, The Lord’s Supper or Mass. Maundy Thursday takes its name from the Latin word ‘mandatum’ meaning commandment. During the supper Jesus told his disciples: “I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.” (John 13 v 34 –NRSV).

He also got up from the table and poured a basin of water and washed the disciples' feet. This was the act of a servant. He also told them to do the same for others. Many churches recreate this act at special services on Maundy Thursday as a reminder of how Jesus served others and of how Christians should also serve others. In medieval times it was common for kings and queens to take part in foot washing, as well as giving money and gifts, on Maundy Thursday. The practice was observed by Austro-Hungarian emperors right into the 20th Century.

In England it developed into what is called the Royal Maundy Service in which the monarch distributes special coins, known as Maundy Money, which have kept much the same form since 1670. This is usually held at a different cathedral each year.

During King Charles first Royal Maundy Service of his reign was celebrated at York Minster where 74 men and 74 women (signifying his age) received the gift to thank them for outstanding Christian service and for making a difference to the lives of people in their local communities.

Recipe for April

COLCANNON

900G Brushed potatoes, peeled and roughly chopped

50g Butter

300g Savoy Cabbage, hard core removed, shredded

60 ml (1/4 cup) milk

60 ml pouring cream (substitute Greek yogurt if desired)

White pepper

METHOD:

1. Boil potatoes over medium heat until tender. Drain and return to pan. Use a potato masher and mash until smooth (a Ricer is preferred if available) Transfer to a large heatproof bowl.
2. Melt half the butter in a large saucepan over medium heat. Add the cabbage and cook, stirring occasionally, until the cabbage softens, about 7 minutes.
3. Add the mashed potato and remaining butter to pan and stir to combine. Gradually add the milk and cream/yogurt, stir to combine. Season with salt and white pepper. Place into a serving dish to serve.



Have you got a recipe you would like to share? Tell Trish Crocker

MINISTRY TEAM NOTES FOR 20TH MARCH 2025

As usual, the team sat down to a lovely bring and share meal.

Trevor Thomas led us in devotion from Discovering Jesus with the story: No one will capture the imagination of the world like Jesus.

Our Pastoral concerns were all prayerfully considered.

The Ministers' get-together was postponed to the fourth Wednesday due to no one being able to attend on 19th March.

Youth report all going well, and they are enjoying the input from the men in the ministry team who are sharing their life experiences on a Saturday evening.

Our preparation for Easter is all well organized and coming together well.

We've had two infant Baptisms over the last two months, culminating in three adult Baptisms last Sunday 16th March. A very rewarding experience for everyone concerned.

In our outreach into the Community, we take our turn at Bedingfeld to share communion with the residents there.

The team got together and brought our Pastoral Carers' list up to date with quite a few changes.

We are looking to find a Guest Speaker for the Anniversary Services in July; Trevor Thomas is following this up.

Yours in Christ,

Arthur Morrell



Arthur Morrell
Team Leader

LECTIONARY THEMES. April 2025.

Easter dominates the Sundays in April.

The theme for April is: *Easter Journey.*

Lent 5. April 6. The Lord our Lord.
Isaiah 43:16-21. Watch for new things.
Psalm 126. He did great things for us.
John 12: 1-8. Jesus anointed.

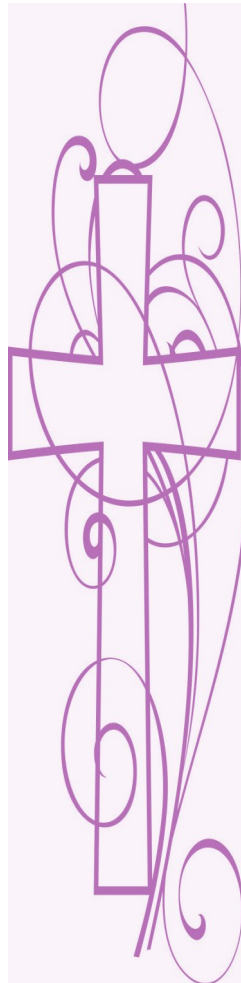
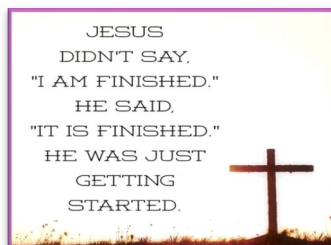
Palm Sunday. April 13. The Lord comes.
Isaiah 50:4-9a. God is near.
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29. Give thanks to the Lord.
Luke 19:28-40. God bless the King.

Good Friday. April 18. King of the Jews.
Isaiah 52:13-53:12. My Servant will succeed.
Psalm 22. God loved his people.
John 18:1-19:42. It is finished.

Easter Day. April 20. The risen Lord.
Acts 10: 34-43. God treats everyone the same.
Psalm 118: 1-2,14-24. Give thanks to the Lord.
John 20: 1-18. He must rise from death.

Easter 2. April 27. He is Lord.
Acts 5:27-32. We must obey God.
Psalm 118: 14-29. You are my God
John 20: 19-31. Peace be with you.

The fifty days of Easter conclude at Pentecost June 8.
We celebrate the Resurrection and Ascension of Christ.



For decades, Outback Links has been connecting volunteers with people in remote Australia doing it tough. We provide practical support when it's needed most. This could include anything from care taking to property maintenance, gardening to painting or perhaps general farm support is what's needed most. There is an opportunity for everyone to make a meaningful difference.

Outback Links volunteers bring hope by showing up and showing they care. They are there to lend a helping hand to relieve some pressure and get those tasks done. If you are ready to take part in a life-changing, meaningful experience, we look forward to hearing from you. www.frontierservices.org

Early Notice

Special Mothers Day Fundraiser for Youth Care. Please be generous as these events are in lieu of our annual market.

Join Us For



With Entertainment by Janie's Boys

6-8pm

Friday, May 9th

Pinjarra Uniting Church

Our Youth Group will be serving a delicious Italian Buffet from 6pm with Entertainment by the Fabulous Janie's Boys from 7pm.

This is a fundraiser for YouthCare.

In honour of Mother's Day.

all Mums will be given a special gift on arrival.

Pinjarra Uniting Church Easter Program

Theme:



Palm Sunday 13th April 2025.

Worship 8.50 am

Leader: Neil Illingworth,

Theme: **Jesus Christ-Our direction, strength and salvation**



Maundy Thursday 17th April 2025

Start Time: 6 pm.

Leader: Trevor Thomas,



Theme: **"Sharing God's Love. "**

A light meal will be served,

Please RSVP 0409 530 327 or add your name to the sign-up sheet in the hall.

Good Friday 18th April 2025

Worship 8.50am

Leader: Kerrie Birch,

Theme: **"Ours Were the Sorrows He Carried "**

Hot Cross Buns will be served for Morning Tea.

Retiring Offering for Lent Event



Easter Sunday 20th April 2025

Worship 8.50 am

Leader: Karen Burke,

Theme: **"The Promise of Easter "**



MEETING OF PRESBYTERY
SATURDAY 22ND MARCH 2025
AT TRINITY NORTH UNITING CHURCH



Trevor Thomas

Opening worship including: Welcome to Country Rev Mitchell Garlett and Community Time from Rev Ivan Clark.

Proposal 1: Meeting arrangements and acceptance of the Order of Business.

Agreed by consensus.

Reception of reports:

Chairperson Alison Xamon

Treasurer Janine McDonald

Budget shows a surplus of 25k due to staff vacancies. All congregational financial reports are due in April 2025.

Pastoral Relations Committee Sue Strutt

Cedal Rev Dr Cathie Lambert

Thrive Mission Committee Rev Greg Ross

All reports accepted by consensus.

Rev Luke Williams gave a presentation on Church Planting.

Dr Sureka Goringe gave a presentation of her work with Uniting World then invited table discussions followed by question time. The work of Uniting World is motivated by love and justice, being a good global neighbour and striving for climate change.

Reception of reports continued:

Candidates for Ministry Rev Bev Fabb

At present we have 1 new candidate for Ministry, 2 for acceptance as candidates, no new people are presently entering into a POD (period of discernment), Sue Lord is ready for ordination but as yet there are no suitable placements for her. There are 11 candidates for Lay Preacher.

Presbytery Property Committee Heather Hamblin

TheUCAWA currently have 205 buildings to oversee.

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Dawnine Beer spoke on her **Financial Report** stating that the church insurance has changed to a replacement value of \$2 million and therefore insurance costs have gone up considerably which is why the church accounts seem lower from previous years.

Trevor Beer spoke on his **Music Ministry** inviting parishioners to bring songs along to the singing practice enjoyed during our monthly share luncheons.

YouthCare Market Cancelled with a variety of YouthCare Fundraisers instead, until end of May/25, Neil Illingworth, Chairperson, reminded the congregation that the YouthCare Market Fundraiser is being replaced by smaller fundraising events such as the Australia Day Breakfast. This was well attended and raised over \$3500 due to a very large donation. Another fundraiser is in the works which will be a collaboration between the Youth Group preparing and serving a meal with entertainment by Janie's Boys to enjoy afterwards. Karen Burke will get in touch with the Youth Group and Graeme Rickman to arrange a date for the event. (later decided for May 9th)

Maundy Thursday, Trevor Thomas will be taking the service for Maundy Thursday.

Next meeting Nov 23, 2025

Meeting closed in prayer at 10:30 am

Congregational Meeting: Feb 16 2025

Attendees: Arthur Fitzsimmons, Lyn Donald, Trish Crocker, Maureen Lamb, Kate Wright, Jane Rickman, Graeme Rickman, Heather Hunter, Dawnine Beer, Trevor Beer, Dannielle Atkinson, Hilary Illingworth, Neil Illingworth, Karen Burke, Bev Brotchie

Apologies: Kerrie Birch, Olive Morrell, Arthur Morrell, Trevor Thomas, Jane Thomas, Jim Landells, Wayne Atkinson, Paris Morrell

Attendance Book was circulated

Opening Prayer lead by Neil Illingworth

Neil Illingworth, Chairperson, asked that the **previous Congregational Meeting Minutes from Nov/24 be accepted.**

Trish Crocker, moved

Bev Brotchie, seconded

All accepted/carried

A Heartfelt Thanks, Neil Illingworth, Chairperson, thanked everyone with the following message:

“ I wish to firstly refer to last year with the loss of valued members to this congregation, persons who we all respected and who contributed greatly to this fellowship. This has led to other people picking up those responsibilities and I wish to thank everyone who have absorbed these jobs into their own schedules, many of these being sight unseen. I mention Kerrie scripting the Vine and leading Bible study, Trish and Bev in the kitchen, Dannielle in compiling this report and so on”.

Congregational Ministry Reports, (moved, seconded and carried as part of the acceptance of the Nov/24 Congregational Meeting Minutes as above). Neil Illingworth, Chairperson, invited anyone to speak about their report.

Uniting Generations Network

Rev Kim Francis & Ps Julie Ridden

Rural and Remote Ministry Network

Yuko Tonia-Moore

One issue is the concern of “billeting” people coming in to city meetings from the country.

Intercultural Network

Rev Judy Sanderson

On 15th June 2025 we will be celebrating 40 years of being a multicultural church.

All reports we accepted by consensus.

Rev Ken Devereux presented an:

Australian Religious Response to Climate Change (ARRCCP)

Proposal 2: Climate care and Net Zero emissions by 2030/40

Agreed by consensus.

Presentation by Rev Reuben Edmonds and Sue Strutt on:

Strategic Priorities Update & Health and Vitality Toolkit

Alison Xamon offered a huge thank you to all concerned before, Julie Ridden gave the closing worship.

SPECIAL MEETING OF SYNOD 3PM AT

TRINITY NORTH UNITING CHURCH

22ND MARCH 2025

At the closing of our Presbytery meeting the General Secretary Rev Dr Andrew Williams took the chair.

He informed the meeting that due to the sensitivity of the subject matter, security personnel had been hired for the safety of members. Also it would be a closed meeting meaning that anyone attending the meeting must have a green card to enter. Green cards are a evidence on a person being eligible to attend by being a member of Synod.

Everyone then had to leave the premises and only those with green cards were allowed into the meeting.

Once members were seated, the General Secretary ordered the doors to be closed and secured with the security personnel guarding entry.

The Moderator Rev Dr Ian Tozer then took the chair then informed the meeting that Special Synod meetings are rare and unusual, but the matter at hand required an urgent decision from members.

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The subject matter to be discussed and a decision made stems from what was commonly known as "Sister Kate's," now known as Congress and Beananing Kwuurt Insitute (BKI).

The land and property on where Sister Kate's operated was according to Alison Xamon "quite a large and substantial piece of land."

With the conception of the Uniting Church ALL properties came under their ownership. This particular land and property was subsequently given back to Congress and BKI in 2007.

Somewhere along the way the land was divide into two separate blocks, one was sold and has been developed, the remaining land is in the ownership of congress.

At the present time "squatters" have made the area their home some are indige-nous some are white. The indigenous people involved are making a claim for Na-tive Title.

Upon visiting the site recently the Moderator reported the atmosphere to be that of 'extreme hatred, bullying and much distress.'

A video was shown with the late Rev Celin Garlett being interviewed where he spoke of having a 'vision' for the land. His vision include a Healing Centre for peo-ple of the Stolen Generation a Spiritual place a Service Centre and Ministry a learn-ing and development site, focusing on supporting those affected by the Stolen Gen-eration.

With the sad passing of Rev Garlett congress struggled (for a while) and lost their self-determination resulting in neglect by the church to afford the correct line of support.

The current Board at BKI are considered to be irresponsible and are determined to sell the property ignoring the vision of the late Rev Garlett.

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Rev Garlett's wife and children were present, as were members of Congress, many of whom presented their case for rightful ownership of the land and for our support to allow Rev Garlett's vision to come to fruition.

More than one speaker spoke of "Lets not think about the past anymore lets move to the future together."

According to Alison Xamon, who is a lawyer, the current Western Australian Government have promised up to \$30m to support the vision enough to build the service centre and place of spiritual healing in accordance with Rev Garlett's vision.

Proposal: To agree to dissolve the current Board of BKI and replace them with elected members of Congress.

Agreed by consensus.

The meeting then sang Amazing Grace before the Moderator offered members of Congress an apology for taking so long to provide the church's support.

Meeting closed around 4.50pm

'I suspect now that the people currently squatting on the land will be evicted causing much friction. Also those indigenous people claiming Native Title may slow the process of Rev Garlett's vision . These are just my own thoughts.'

Trevor Thomas