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**PRESBYTERY OF THE RIVERINA**

Discipleship and Education Committee

Removing the stops and roadblocks to learning. Like a roundabout, D&E strives to allow for the continuous journey forward in your faith through engagement and learning.



**Safe Church Awareness Face to Face Workshop**

If you are needing to complete this training please consider attending the next workshop being held in Griffith.

Just contact D & E Committee Secretary - Jen Whitlock [jandbw@bigpond.net.au](mailto:jandbw@bigpond.net.au) and she will book you in!!!!!!!!!!!!!! It's that easy.

Register soon so you don't miss out!



23 September 2023	<b>Griffith Uniting Church</b> 28 Noorebar Ave, Griffith NSW 2680	9:30am - 4:00pm
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**Saltbush and Vital Ministries Café**

Come and join the dynamic pairing of Saltbush and Vital Ministries as we explore the topic "Being With..."

- Being with Creator God
- Being with Christ
- Being with Spirit
- Being with the World
- Being with Christian Community
- Being with One's Life

**Beginning July 12th at 7:30pm**

The cafe's will run over six weeks with a different member from Vital ministries presenting the topic, with a member from Saltbush hosting.

**All Are Welcome!**

Zoom id for Wednesday July 12th to Wednesday August 16th

**Join Zoom Meeting via**

<https://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/98387866269> Meeting ID: 983

**Saltbush Cafe**  
**is a great way**  
**to connect**  
**with others**





Below are some extracts from the Saltbush website - [saltbushcommunity.uca.org.au](http://saltbushcommunity.uca.org.au)

**Saltbush is part of the Uniting Church in Australia.**

Saltbush – Uniting the Scattered Community, seeks to encourage and connect Uniting Christian communities, irrespective of size or location. Saltbush seeks to enable us as a broad church to embrace the reality of being Christian community in the 21st. century and to affirm diverse ways for people across the land to belong; both to gather and be in mission together. Saltbush seeks to work with individuals and Christian communities who are willing to confront traditions and habits of the past to shape new intentional gatherings for the present future!

As part of this we are committed to providing ways for individuals, groups, congregations to connect both online and on ground. We offer online [cafés](#) in which people explore life and faith together – brought together across vast distances. We offer each week an online visual message and liturgy – [Word around the Bush](#) – which is for use by groups and congregations again to explore life and faith together. We offer difficult [conversations](#) for groups, councils, congregations, who want to discuss together who they are, how they gather and how they live out their faith. Each year in diverse places we hold [Gatherings](#) which bring people to one place for encouragement, conversation and hospitality.

We are excited to welcome Rev Geoff Wellington, who will be the new Riverina Presbytery, part time Saltbush Minister.

The Lord God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground - trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food.

*Genesis 2:9a*



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# Sacraments Refresher Course

Are you A LAY PRESIDER?



Do you need to do a  
**SACRAMENTS REFRESHER  
COURSE**  
this year?



If there is enough interest UME will run an online course some time in August  
Please contact Jen Whitlock ph 0429 818 657 or email [jandbw@bigpond.net.au](mailto:jandbw@bigpond.net.au)  
by 10th July

# SEEKING

# EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Expressions of Interest  
are now being taken for a

## ONE DAY RETREAT



Led by Rev Yvonne Ghavalas

**Saturday 23rd September at Lockhart**

If this is something you'd like to attend please let Jen Whitlock know ASAP...

Thanks

Ph 0429 818 657 or email [jandbw@bigpond.net.au](mailto:jandbw@bigpond.net.au)



Living Our Faith | Exploring the New Testament | Online via Zoom

8 sessions 18th July 2023

Ethical Ministry Foundation | Online via Zoom

4 sessions 31st August 2023

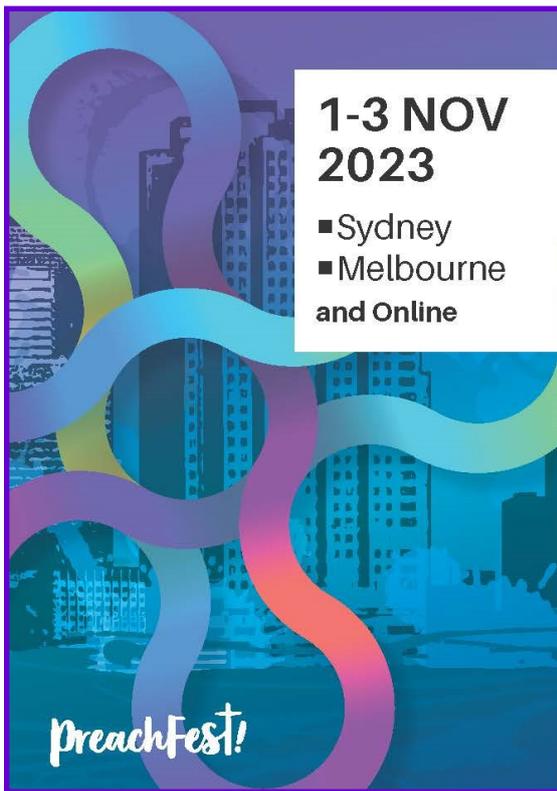
Living Our Faith | Leading Worship | Online via Zoom

2 sessions 14h October 2023

For more information and to register go to <https://ume.nswact.uca.org.au/>

Phone: 02 8838 8912





**1-3 NOV  
2023**

- Sydney
- Melbourne and Online

PreachFest!

# PreachFest

*Proclaiming the Inspirational and Transformational Word*

*PreachFest brings together preachers from all backgrounds and cultures who share a passion for proclaiming the inspirational and transformational Gospel of Jesus Christ. It is a space designed for you to connect, learn and be inspired by other ministers, pastors, as well as teachers of bible, theology and preaching.*

Sign up to the *PreachFest* mailing list for more information and to gain access to **special early bird ticket prices!** Scan the QR code or visit [tinyurl.com/52zvm3w](https://tinyurl.com/52zvm3w)



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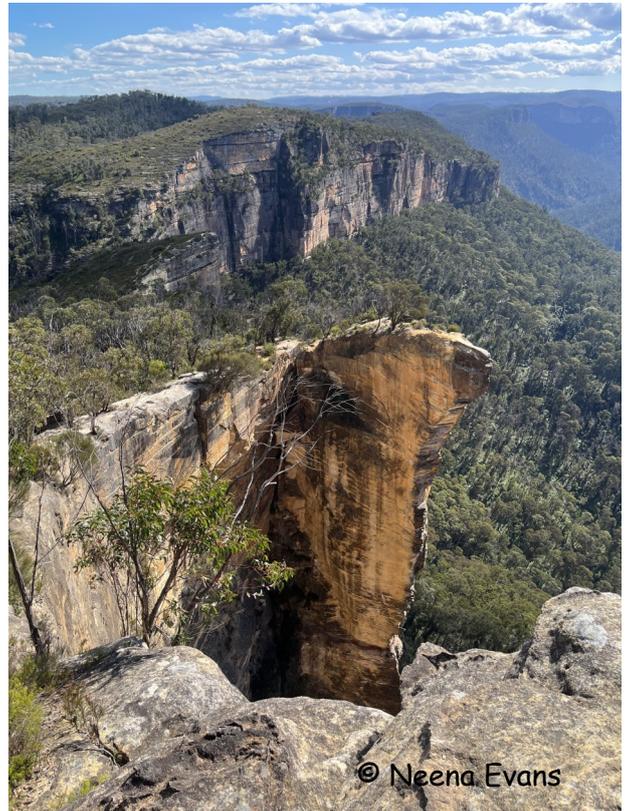
TO EVERYTHING  
 THERE IS A SEASON  
 AND  
 A TIME TO EVERY  
 PURPOSE  
 UNDER HEAVEN.

Ecclesiastes 3:1

Let us pray....

Come to us, God of hope.  
Come to us with your promises.  
Come in your mysterious presence.  
Come, that we may marvel at your faithfulness  
in past generations;  
that we may celebrate the new things you are  
doing among us today;  
that we may be your pilgrim people on our  
journey to your kingdom.  
Come to us, God of hope. Amen

Prayer source - NSW Synod, 26 days of Prayer



### **PRESBYTERY LIBRARY**

**Are you a lay leader taking services?**

Are you feeling a bit tired or looking to do worship just a little bit differently?

**Consider using one of the many Bible Studies**

found in the Riverina Presbytery Library!!!!

**There are multiply copies on many different subjects**

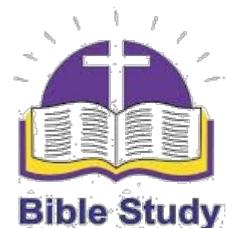
**These could be used by your congregation in lieu of the sermon...**

A short bible reading followed by a question and answer time.

**Want to know more???** Contact Lorraine Hoffman

Chairperson D&E on 0427 204 051 or

email lahoffman@bigpond.com



### **PRESBYTERY WEBSITE**

New resources available for service leaders and lay Preachers. For all the latest on upcoming events check often to keep up to date. <https://riverina.unitingchurch.org.au/>

### **D & E CONTACT INFO**

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