



29 JUNE , 2025

Welcome

Welcome to worship this morning,
we hope you enjoy being with us.

Lectionary Readings

This week 29 June, 2025

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14
Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20
Galatians 5:1, 13-25
Luke 9:51-62

Next week 6 July, 2025

2 Kings 5:1-14
Psalm 30
Galatians 6:(1-6), 7-16
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Op Shop Half-Price Sale

The Op Shop is having a half-price sale commencing this Monday so why not drop in and grab a bargain, at 37 Dell St Woodpark.

Cumberland Community Prayer Dinner

You are invited to this special night where Christians and community members from across our region gather in unity.

Event Details:

- **Date:** Tuesday, 26 August 2025
- **Time:** 7pm to 9.30pm
- **Venue:** Merrylands RSL Club, 8 Miller Street, Merrylands, NSW 2160
- **Guest Speaker:** *Caleb Campion* – Graduate Lawyer and finalist on *LEGO Masters Australia*

• This evening offers a unique opportunity to:

- Engage in collective prayers and enjoy musical performances
- Be inspired by our guest speaker's journey of faith
- Connect with fellow church and community members
- Share a delicious two-course meal with complimentary soft drinks

• **Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased from:**

<https://www.eventbookings.com/b/event/2025-cumberland-community-prayer-dinner>
or Cumberland Churches website,
www.cumberlandchurches.org.au



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Gratitude for people who have mentored us.

We will all have been mentored at some point in our lives. As children our parents and caregivers mentor us on the basics of life, from how to brush our teeth to how to drive a car. Some of us will have had professional mentors come into our lives; people who take us on as apprentices and trainees.

A good mentor takes time to get to know you, they are gentle, wise and patient. A good mentor invests themselves in their mentee for the good of the workplace. They will empathise with you when you make mistakes, knowing that we all mess things up from time to time and they will rejoice in your successes because they are humble and do not feel threatened if you appear to outdo them.

Mentors are important in all aspects of life but especially in ministry. In this week's Bible reading from 2 Kings we will hear about Elisha picking up the mantle (cloak) of his mentor Elijah as he is whisked away into heaven. Chariots of fire appear to either carry him away or at least block Elisha's view of his mentor going up into the clouds.

If you are in or around the baby boomer generation I wonder if as you read this, you can hear Vangelis' soundtrack to that inspiring academy award winning movie Chariots of Fire? If you like traditional bluesy hymns maybe you are hearing *Swing low sweet chariot, coming for to take me away*. I find it interesting how many biblical stories make their way into art and language. For example, most people will know what it means to "take on the mantle", they know it means to take on someone's role, job or position but do they know it appears in the Old Testament? God's prophets and chosen leaders wore a mantle, usually made out of animal hides to symbolise their submission to God and God's calling upon their lives.

In the Uniting Church in Australia people considering God's call upon their lives and possibly ordination are paired up with a mentor but the mentoring process is not meant to end there. As followers of Christ we are called into ministry, which simply means to serve, first God and then others.

Who has mentored you in the faith? Who has invested time in you so that you could grow in spiritual wisdom and understanding?

Let us give thanks to God for the people who have helped us on our way and let us give thanks to Jesus Christ who is our best mentor in how to do life.