

# *breath*

July 2019



**TOOWONG**  
UNITING CHURCH



## Worship Information

### 9.30 am Sunday Morning

Please join us afterwards for **morning tea** & a chat downstairs in the hall.

You are also welcome to receive **prayer ministry** following worship at the front of the church.

## Offerings

Monthly Budgeted Offerings:

**\$15,350.00**

Offerings received June:

**\$16,605.70**

Thank you for your generous support of the mission of TUC!

## Online Giving:

National Australia Bank (NAB)

Uniting Church  
Toowong General  
Parish Fund

BSB: 084424

A/c No: 508563314

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**www.facebook.com/toowonguniting**

# Welcome!

Our prayer is you find at TUC a community that will embrace and encourage you in everyday life to live in the power of the Spirit, and together locate our identity in Jesus.

Captain Bligh (of Mutiny on the Bounty fame) recorded the attempt the Bounty made to sail around Cape Horn, South America in 1788, on route to Tahiti. As soon as they rounded the Cape, the Bounty hit howling head winds and massive waves (the biggest Bligh had ever encountered, he recorded) and the crew spent the next 33 days urging their ship to make forward progress. After 'round the clock shifts, rigging the ship to tack forward into an unrelenting gale force roar of freezing wind and waves and continually shovelling snow from the frozen deck, Bligh calculated they had in fact had been blown backwards, and actually lost progress in their voyage.

He wisely ordered the ship to be turned around and to make passage around the Horn of Africa instead. The longer route, but now sailing with the wind. The exhausted crew were jubilant.

All through June and July, we at TUC are attempting to lean into the wind of the Spirit. If you have ever been sailing, you will know that moment when the wind gust fills the sail, the boat shudders and tilts, and the resulting energy powers the vessel along. The crew have to either work with the breeze or be buffeted by it. We want to be blown by the Spirit in the direction God is calling us to. There is a strong sense the wind is blowing, and we are blessed to have people attuned to listen and be obedient to the Holy Spirit's leading. Surely God has wonderful plans and purposes for us, still all sinners and broken, yet called by Jesus to serve in God's redemptive plan of reconciliation for the whole world.

That's a big vision, and only possible by harnessing the unlimited power of God's Spirit, that was promised to us to fulfil this goal. No, we can't do it in our power, or we will soon become completely exhausted. God's plan is far too big for our own efforts. But can you feel that breeze? So climb aboard, grab a rope and Heave Away! and allow the Spirit to empower us, in the direction He wants, to the total glory of Jesus in this community.



## Matt Smith Lead Minister

Matt and Narelle are excited to be growing into the TUC community. Matt is constantly thankful for the dedicated staff team he is part of - Clare, Lauren, Garry, Claudia and Joyce.

For prayer and counselling, please contact Matt on 0409 917 729

Please note that Matt's day off is Thursday.

## New to TUC? Welcome, it's great to have you here!

Our desire is to live and explain the Christian faith with as much clarity, authenticity and relevance as we can. Please stick around if you can for morning tea after worship; we'd love to have a chat!

To receive a weekly prayer email, or fortnightly enews, please fill in the "Connect" form found in the pews, and place it in the offering basket.

Please be in touch and let us know if we can be of service in any way:

[lauren@toowongunitingchurch.org.au](mailto:lauren@toowongunitingchurch.org.au)



## Care & Connect Workshops Equipping for Pastoral Care Wednesday 24 July at TUC



Our upcoming Care & Connect Workshops are for all people interested in pastoral care. For those at TUC, we would recommend coming along to the evening workshop, since it is tailored for a TUC audience. However, you are most welcome to attend both workshops. In this case, a \$10 fee will cover the cost of both.

**Please RSVP to Dianne by 17 July: [dianne.j.hubbard@gmail.com](mailto:dianne.j.hubbard@gmail.com)**

## Meet the Team



**Joyce Shi**  
TUC Uni Chaplain  
[lynns1009@gmail.com](mailto:lynns1009@gmail.com)

Joyce arrived in Brisbane from China on 4 July 2016 to study Information Technology at university. She still remembers that day, and the pretty morning sunrise that could be seen from the plane!

While studying, Joyce connected with Power to Change and soon started coming along to TUC. We have loved getting to know Joyce and it's been wonderful to see her faith in God grow and grow! We definitely agree that Joyce has gifts of understanding and compassion, which help her to understand other's needs and support them in gentle ways. In her role as TUC Uni Chaplain, Joyce hopes to help more international students know Jesus, and be involved in building a cross-cultural church. Along with this part-time role, Joyce also works full-time as a Business Analyst at CoTe Software & Solutions in Milton. In her spare time, Joyce loves going to the cinema, especially to watch superhero movies!

### Afternoon Session: 2.00 - 3.45 pm

This afternoon session is open to all those at TUC and other churches and organisations. It will provide information about more overall aspects of an effective pastoral care program.

A gold coin donation for entry will cover the cost of materials, handouts, and afternoon tea.

### Evening Session: 6.45 pm for 7.00 - 9.00 pm

This evening session is tailored particularly for Toowong Uniting Church. It is an opportunity to experience together an educational and stimulating two hours in learning and sharing about facilitating good, low-stress pastoral care in our congregation.

A \$10 entry fee will cover the cost of materials, handouts, desserts, coffee & tea.



## Clare Hankamer Families Worker

Clare oversees KATS, Junior Youth, Senior Youth and runs the Thursday Playgroup. Clare has a PhD in Horticulture with significant experience in both church and community youth work in the UK and Australia.

**Contact:**  
0432 861 841

# Children's & Youth Ministry

## KATS (Toddlers - Year 5)

KATS stands for Kids at Toowong on Sunday and is our Sunday morning children's program run during the school term. The children leave after the children's talk to gather in their **Tiger, Leopard and Lion age groups**. An enthusiastic group of volunteers lead these groups, teaching the children about God in a fun and friendly environment.

## Junior Youth (years 6 - 8)

Junior Youth also gather on Sunday mornings after the children's talk in the church house for a time of bible study and fun activities. The Scripture Union Light curriculum is used for KATS and Junior Youth. Each session encourages the children to get to know God better through praying together, looking at the bible together and themed games and craft.

## Senior Youth (years 9 - 12)

Senior Youth join in with the whole Sunday worship and are encouraged to take on leadership roles in the church. Senior Youth also meet together every second Saturday night during the school term for Youth Group. **Our remaining dates for Senior Youth in term 2 are: 11 May, 25 May, 8 June and 22 June.**

## Children's & Youth Events

A number of events are run during the year, such as the Junior Youth Sleepover, the Moonwalk and the Light Party. Keep checking the newsletter and enews for updates about these events.

## Safe Ministry with Children

TUC has adopted the Uniting Church in Australia Queensland Synod's Safe Ministry with Children policy and believes that every person is precious to God and in following Jesus' example, we are committed to providing a safe church for all, particularly those who are vulnerable. All volunteers working with children at TUC have up-to-date Blue Cards and have completed the Safe Ministry with Children training.



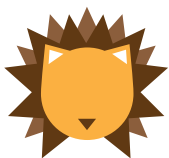
### Tigers

Toddlers - Preschool



### Leopards

Preschool - Year 2



### Lions

Year 3 - Year 5



## Senior Youth Camp!

**Saturday 20 - Sunday 21 July**

**CCC Campsite, Cedar Creek, Samford**

Our Senior Youth (grades 9 - 12) are looking forward to kicking off term 3 with a camp! We'd love your prayers for safety, and that the group will have a wonderful time growing in their faith. Please also be praying for the leaders: Clare, Hamish, Lachlan and Mikayla. The rest of our Senior Youth dates for term 3 are as follows:

**3 August | 17 August | 31 August | 14 September**



**Who:** young adults (year 12 - 30 years old)

**Cost:** \$190/person

**Where:** Alex Park Conference Centre,  
13 Mari Street, Alexandra Headlands

Young adults (year 12 - 30 years) are invited to Unite! This is a great way to meet other young Christians while taking part in prayer and worship.

**Register now!** [facebook.com/UniteYoungAdultsRetreat](https://www.facebook.com/UniteYoungAdultsRetreat)





## Pastorates at TUC

A pastorate is a mid-sized group that meets regularly for fellowship, teaching and prayer. Both our Tuesday and Thursday Pastorates meet in the TUC house, 11 Grove Street, Toowong. Everyone is most welcome to join us!

**Tuesday Pastorate** meets fortnightly on the following dates in term 3:  
**23 July, 6 August, 20 August, 3 September, 17 September.**

**Thursday Pastorate** meets weekly starting on **18 July** and finishing on 19 September.

**Dates for 2019: 3 Aug, 7 Sept, 5 Oct, 2 Nov, 7 Dec**

## TUCk into Breakfast Men's Fellowship

**First Saturday of each month  
7.30 am under the umbrellas**

Join us at 7.30 am on the first Saturday of each month for brekky (bacon & egg muffins, tea and coffee) and a chance to chat with each other. Please feel free to bring along your friends.

**For more information, please be in touch with Warwick Browne:  
warwick.browne@gmail.com**



## Morning Tea Under the Umbrellas

**Wednesday 17 July | 9.45 - 11.00 am**

Morning Tea Under the Umbrellas (MTUU) meets on the third Wednesday of every month. Everyone is warmly invited to join us on 17 July for a delicious morning tea and great company! Please be in touch with Wendy for more information:

**0422 373 326 | awgelden@bigpond.net.au**

## Mondays at Midday

**8 Mondays in a row  
22 July - 9 September  
12 noon at TUC**

Mondays at Midday will run for 8 consecutive Mondays starting on 22 July. While this has been planned with English Conversation attendees in mind, anyone wanting to know more about the Christian faith is most welcome to join us. We will take a break at 11.30 am after English Conversation before starting our Mondays at Midday gathering at 12 noon.

**For more information, please be in touch with Matt:  
matt@toowongunitingchurch.org.au**



## Three Course Questions of Life & Faith

4 Wednesday Evenings, 7 - 9 pm

7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> August

In the church house

11 Grove Street, Toowong

TUC's Three Course is a simple series of reflections and questions attempting to explain the Christian faith in a clear and accessible manner. It assumes there is 'something more', which billions of people have discovered as they have encountered 'God' as described by the Christian faith. Three investigates a trio of key dimensions in Christian experience: relating to God as a Father, making sense of Jesus Christ and discovering the dynamic power of the Holy Spirit. Everyone is most welcome to come along, regardless of where you are in your faith journey.

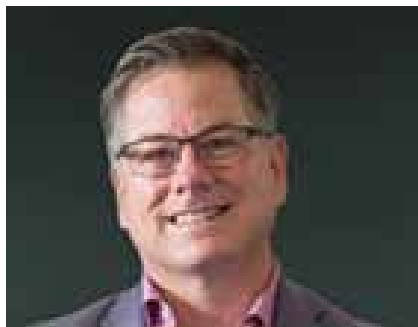
Please RSVP by 31 July to Lauren:  
[lauren@toowongunitingchurch.org.au](mailto:lauren@toowongunitingchurch.org.au)



## Sunday Roster: July

	07 July	14 July	21 July	28 July
	9.30 am	9.30 am	9.30 am	9.30 am
<b>Speaker</b>	Matt	Haoxi - Power to Change	Matt	Matt
<b>Elder</b>	Will S	Dianne H	Dave V	Wayne M
<b>Reader</b>	Ross H	Joyce S	Kim J	Garry J
<b>Prayer (during service)</b>	-	Kim J	Sarah S	Will S
<b>Door</b>	Rob & Di H	Kelvin W, Karen N	Joyce S, Ray M	Beth M, Lauren M
<b>Counting</b>	Kelvin W, Karen N	Rob M, Ben H	Rob H, Rob J	Wayme M, Emilia B
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Bill & Karen B	Sandra H, Kim J	Jane T, Lee P	Louise M, Lijean B
<b>Coffee Machine</b>	Jenny M, Brad M	Vanessa S	Jenny M, Brad M	Amelia B, Mex B
<b>Data</b>	Lauren M	Bill B	Elias P	Mitch G
<b>Sound</b>	Lauren M	Luke R	Jack L	Reuben B
<b>Prayer Ministry (after service)</b>	Will S	Lauren M	Neil D	Rob H
<b>Music Team</b>	Adrian Z, Lucy, Garry, Luke	Hamish, Garry, Brad, Steph	Lucy, Renata, Geoff, Graz, Scott, Luke, Brad, Steph	Alice, Kanika, Dave, Gabe, Amelia, Riley

## Open Lectures With Dr John Dickson



### Education and Memory: from Plato to Paul

Monday 15 July, 7 - 9 pm  
Brisbane School of Theology  
1 Cross Street, Toowong

Register here:  
[http://bst.qld.edu.au/John\\_Dickson](http://bst.qld.edu.au/John_Dickson)

### Making Sense: Why God Matters for Head and Heart

Wednesday 31 July, 7 - 8.30 pm  
Newlife Brisbane, Albert Street Uniting Church  
Head to the Newlife Brisbane Facebook page for all the event information, and to register:  
[facebook.com/newlifebrisbane](https://www.facebook.com/newlifebrisbane)

There are two, free, open lectures with Dr John Dickson coming up in July. John is the Distinguished Fellow and Senior Lecturer in Public Christianity, Ridley College and visiting lecturer in the Department of Jewish and Biblical Studies, University of Sydney.

## July

- 06 Sat:** 7.30 am TUCk into Breakfast
- 12 Fri:** 7.30 pm Worship Team Meeting
- 14 Sun:** 9.30 am Power to Change service at TUC
- 15 Mon:** first day Term 3  
8.30 am Prayer Meeting resumes  
9.30 am English Conversation resumes
- 17 Wed:** 9.45 am Morning Tea Under the Umbrellas
- 18 Thurs:** 9.30 am Thursday Playgroup resumes  
7.30 pm Thursday Pastorate resumes
- 19 Fri:** 9.30 am Friday Playgroup resumes
- 20 Sat:** Senior Youth Camp
- 21 Sun:** 9.30 am BBC Boarders at TUC  
Senior Youth Camp  
2.30 pm Church Council meeting
- 23 Tues:** 7.00 pm Tuesday Pastorate resumes
- 24 Wed:** 2 - 3.45 pm Care & Connect Workshop  
7 - 9 pm Care & Connect Workshop

## August

- 03 Sat:** 7.30 am TUCk into Breakfast  
6.30 pm Senior Youth Group
- 06 Tues:** 7pm Pastorate
- 07 Wed:** 7pm Three Course (part 1)
- 10 Sat:** Curry Night at TUC
- 13 Tues:** 7 pm Church Council Meeting
- 14 Wed:** 7pm Three Course (part 2)
- 17 Sat:** 6.30 pm Senior Youth Group
- 20 Tues:** 7pm Pastorate
- 21 Wed:** 9.45 am Morning Tea Under the Umbrellas  
7 pm Three Course (part 3)
- 28 Wed:** 7pm Three Course (part 4)
- 31 Sat:** 6.30 pm Senior Youth Group

## Weekly Events

### Easy English Bible Study

8.30 am Sundays before worship  
in the church house  
contact Joyce: lynns1009@gmail.com

### Prayer Meetings

8.30 - 9.30 am Mondays  
in the church house  
contact Matt:  
matt@toowongunitingchurch.org.au

### English Conversation

9.30 - 11.30 am Mondays  
**during the school term**  
in the hall  
contact Will: walswdes@gmail.com

### Playgroup

9.30 - 11.00 am Thursdays  
9.30 - 11.00 am Fridays  
**during the school term**  
in the hall

contact Clare (Thursdays):  
c\_hankamer@hotmail.com  
contact Claudia (Fridays):  
arq.claudiadiaz@hotmail.com

### Thursday Pastorate

7.30 - 9.00 pm Thursdays  
**during the school term**  
in the church house  
contact Wendy:  
wendy.g.browne@gmail.com



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