



TOOWONG  
UNITING CHURCH

may 2019

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## 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 March:

**\$17,026.29**

Offerings received April:

**\$16,208.85**

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

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**www.facebook.com/toowonguniting**

# Welcome

If you are a visitor or are looking for a community to make your home, we want to encourage you to further your journey with Christ at TUC.

Do you find yourself calmed and restored in beautiful gardens? Yet if your garden is anything like mine, then you may well despair at the abundance of weeds and the seeming reluctance of vegetables and herbs to flourish, despite your efforts. Why does nature appear to give preferential treatment to unwanted, exotic weeds in my back yard? What's true for my garden can also manifest in my life. I am easily beset by my worst habits and attitudes, yet struggling to see real growth of personal traits that bear the fruit of the Spirit.

Throughout the month of May, our preaching theme is 'Grow!' We know that life with Jesus means He will never allow us to freeze up, or be content in stasis, when the Spirit is purposely prodding us towards new growth. Faithful, constant interventions from God, and the flow of life's seasons enliven us to flourish towards our best and truest self, the person that God has in mind when we were created. Organic growth means sometimes being pruned, trellised, replanted and harvested. To live well is to bloom where you're planted, and while growth can be challenging, the results are always worth it. Our visual theme from Easter makes this statement beautifully.

Your spiritual relationship with God is absolutely not a trivial matter. We want to set a high bar for our lives when it comes to our individual flourishing and Christ-like transformation. Who we become is a necessary part of Christ's redemption and re-creation of all things. As Paul writes in Colossians 1:6 "Just as the Gospel is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God."

TUC is an urban allotment of amazing people that God has called together for a purpose. Help us cast the vision of what the Gospel calls us to grow into together.



**Matt Smith**  
Lead Minister

Matt came to faith at age 9 and came to TUC when he was 49. He considers that's 40 years of preparation to be here! His wife Narelle and their kids Gabby, Asher and Issy, are the joys of his family life, and they encourage him enormously.

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



## Playgroup Update New Coordinator

As you may know, we have been praying for a new Playgroup Coordinator to take over the role from Wendy Browne as Wendy focusses her time on her Chaplaincy work in schools. A big thank you must go to Wendy for all she has given in this role, growing the community of the Friday Playgroup and caring for the families who attend. It's been lovely to have her as part of the staff team, lighting up the office with her presence! After much searching, we are delighted to let you know that Claudia Diaz has agreed to take on the role of Playgroup Coordinator. We very much look forward to Claudia joining the team and sharing her gifts. Please be praying for Claudia; that God will richly bless her in this ministry role.



### **Claudia Diaz** Playgroup Coordinator

Claudia, her husband Anthony, and their two girls, Sofia (7) and Isabella (3) have been part of the TUC family for a number of years now, having originally connected with the church through the Friday Playgroup when Sofia was a toddler. Originally from Columbia, and having lived in the UK as well, Claudia looks forward to being able to welcome families from overseas as they settle in Toowong and join the Playgroup looking for community. Claudia has a degree in Architecture and has also completed a Masters in Urban Design at QUT. Her creative streak shows in her hobbies, too, which include the arts, dancing and oil painting. As a family, Claudia, Anthony and the girls love camping, 4 wheel driving and spending as much time outdoors as possible. Claudia's spiritual gifts of perseverance, faith, encouragement and discernment, along with her calm and kind presence, make her a wonderful fit for the role of Playgroup Coordinator. We thank God for her willingness to serve in this role!

Contact: [arq.claudiadiaz@hotmail.com](mailto:arq.claudiadiaz@hotmail.com)



### **Have you seen the above symbol?**

Recently a symbol to represent the Care & Connect teams has been developed. So, whenever you see this symbol, know and remember that someone is creating community in our church by caring for you, welcoming you or praying for you.

The three leaves in the image represent growth and the care for our people, just as the leaves that develop on the branch of a tree require care to grow. In addition, the leaves depict the three teams of Care & Connect and the colours acknowledge the roles of the teams.

The **red leaf** represents the vitality, passion and strength of **PACT** (Prayer and Care Team) who have the energy to address immediate needs in the congregation.

The **green leaf** indicates growth, freshness and safety representing **Connect Community** which welcomes new people and helps to create a safe place in our congregation for people to grow.

The **aqua/blue leaf** is associated with water which is essential for growth. The blue leaf signifies trust, loyalty and faith characterising the **Connect Clusters** where our Cluster companions build relationships by praying with people.

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### **Who is your Cluster Companion?**

Clusters are now happening in the TUC community. This means you are being prayed for specifically each week by your Cluster Companion.

You may have already been contacted by your Companion or at the very least, you will be contacted shortly. If you are relatively new, you may not yet be part of a cluster and you will be added to a cluster in the near future.

If you have not yet been contacted by a Companion, and would like to know who is praying for you please contact Dianne Hubbard.

**Dianne Hubbard | Care & Connect**  
[dianne.j.hubbard@gmail.com](mailto:dianne.j.hubbard@gmail.com)

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## 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.



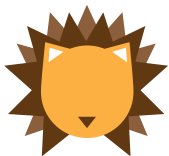
### Tigers

Toddlers - Preschool



### Leopards

Preschool - Year 2



### Lions

Year 3 - Year 5

# Democracy Sausage Sizzle & Bake Sale Fundraiser

Sat 18 May | 8 am - 3 pm



TUC has once again been asked to host a polling station in our hall for the May federal election on Saturday 18 May.

We will take this opportunity to run a sausage sizzle and bake sale between the times of 8 am and 3 pm to feed the hungry voters and raise funds for Outback Futures:  
[www.outbackfutures.org.au](http://www.outbackfutures.org.au)

The democracy sausage sizzle is always lots of fun to be part of!  
Are you able to volunteer one hour of your time between 8 am and 3 pm on 18 May to help run the stalls, or can you donate something to the bake sale?  
Please sign up in the foyer, or contact Will or Jane, below.  
Thank you in advance for your help!

**To volunteer for the sausage sizzle**  
please get in touch with Will: [walswdes@gmail.com](mailto:walswdes@gmail.com)

**To volunteer for the bake sale,  
or to bake something to sell**  
please get in touch with Jane: [jftrewern@gmail.com](mailto:jftrewern@gmail.com)

**All baked goods can be dropped off in the hall kitchen  
on Friday 17 May between 3 and 6 pm.**



## Pastorates at TUC

### Tuesday Pastorate

7.00 - 9.00 pm  
every second Tuesday  
in the church house  
during the school term  
dinner is served

#### Remaining Dates in term 2:

May 7, May 21, June 4, June 18

### Thursday Pastorate

7.30 - 9.00 pm  
every Thursday  
in the church house  
during the school term  
please eat dinner beforehand

#### Running in term 2

from 25 April - 27 June

Please contact the office for more info:  
[info@toowongunitingchurch.org.au](mailto:info@toowongunitingchurch.org.au)

Please contact Wendy for more info:  
[wendy.g.browne@gmail.com](mailto:wendy.g.browne@gmail.com)

What is a Pastorate? A pastorate is a mid-sized group that meets regularly for food, fellowship, teaching and prayer. It's a great way to get to know God and each other!

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**Open Night**  
**8 May 2019**

**1 Cross Street, Toowong**  
**6.00 pm for a guided tour | 6.30 pm start for lectures**  
**Register here: [bst.qld.edu.au/opennights](http://bst.qld.edu.au/opennights)**

Curious whether Bible college is the right next step for you? Register for our free Open Night to sit in on a lecture, meet students and staff, and get a taste of what it's like to study at BST.

## 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)



## Morning Tea Under the Umbrellas

**Wednesday 15 May | 9.45 - 11.30 am**

Morning Tea Under the Umbrellas (MTUU) meets on the third Wednesday of every month. Everyone is warmly invited to join us on 15 May when we will share morning tea, coffee, and hear from a speaker. Please be in touch with Wendy if you would like to join the MTUU team and help plan the event each month:

**0422 373 326 | [awgelden@bigpond.net.au](mailto:awgelden@bigpond.net.au)**



## Open Evening

Monday 27 May, 7 - 9 pm

Join us at our Open Evening to get a sense of what it's like to study at Trinity College Queensland. You'll meet with current students, learn about fee-help and listen to sample mini-lectures.

To find out more or to register for the free event visit [trinity.qld.edu.au/events/open](http://trinity.qld.edu.au/events/open)

## Sunday Roster: May

	05 May	12 May	19 May	26 May
	9.30 am	9.30 am	9.30 am	9.30 am
<b>Speaker</b>	Matt Smith	Olivier Jolliet	Matt Smith	Karen Nivala
<b>Elder</b>	Dianne H	Wayne M	TBC	Sue O
<b>Reader</b>	Ross H	Rob L	Jane T	Liz W
<b>Prayer (during service)</b>	-	Wendy B	Kim J	Rob H
<b>Door</b>	Nikki B, Rob H	Lauren M, Beth M	Will S + TBC	Catherine Z, Lauren M
<b>Counting</b>	Will S, Rob J	Wayne M Emilia B	Jane T, Kelvin W	Gary O, Rob H
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Sarah S, Gem M	Lijean B, Louise M	Brendan T, Kim J	Jane T, Vanessa S
<b>Coffee Machine</b>	Mex B	Vanessa S, Amelia B	Jenny M, Brad M	Mex B, Amelia B
<b>Data</b>	Naomi H	Scott G	Tim O	Ryan O
<b>Sound</b>	Ben H	Reuben B	Jack L	Elias P
<b>Prayer Ministry (after service)</b>	Rob H	Jane T	Will S	Neil D
<b>Music Team</b>	Dave, Yohannes, Thadeus, Karen, Graz	Alice, Hamish, Ryan, Graz, Gabe, Amelia, Riley	Renata, Geoff, Sue, Adrian G, Eli	Lucy, Adrian Z, Naomi, Luke, Brad

8 June - 23 June 2019

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## April

- 02 Tues:** 7.30 pm Tuesday Pastorate
- 04 Thurs:** 7.30 pm Thursday Pastorate
- 05 Fri:** last day, term 1
- 14 Sun:** 9.30 am Palm Sunday Service
- 17 Wed:** 9.45 am Morning Tea Under the Umbrellas
- 18 Thurs:** 7.00pm Maundy Thursday Prayer Walk
- 19 Fri:** 8.00am Good Friday Service
- 21 Sun:** 9.30 am Resurrection Sunday Service
- 23 Tues:** term 2 starts  
7.00 pm Tuesday Pastorate resumes
- 25 Thurs:** ANZAC Day (no Playgroup)  
7.30 pm Thursday Pastorate resumes
- 26 Fri:** 9.30 am Friday Playgroup resumes
- 27 Sat:** 6.30 - 9.00 pm Senior Youth Group
- 28 Sun:** 10.45 am Connect Brunch
- 29 Mon:** 9.30 am English Conversation resumes
- 30 Tues:** Church Council meeting

## May

- 02 Thurs:** 9.30 am Thursday Playgroup resumes
- 07 Tues:** 7.00 pm Tuesday Pastorate
- 11 Sat:** 6.30 - 9.00 pm Senior Youth Group
- 15 Wed:** 9.45 am Morning Tea Under the Umbrellas
- 17 Fri:** Synod meeting opens
- 20 Mon:** Synod meeting closes
- 21 Tues:** 7.00 pm Tuesday Pastorate
- 25 Sat:** 6.30 - 9.00 pm Senior Youth Group

## Weekly Events

### English Bible Study

8.30 am Sundays before worship  
in the church house

### Prayer Meetings

8.30 am Mondays  
in the church house

### English Conversation

9.30 am Mondays  
**during the school term**  
in the hall

### Playgroup

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

### Thursday Pastorate

7.30 pm Thursdays  
**during the school term**  
in the church house



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