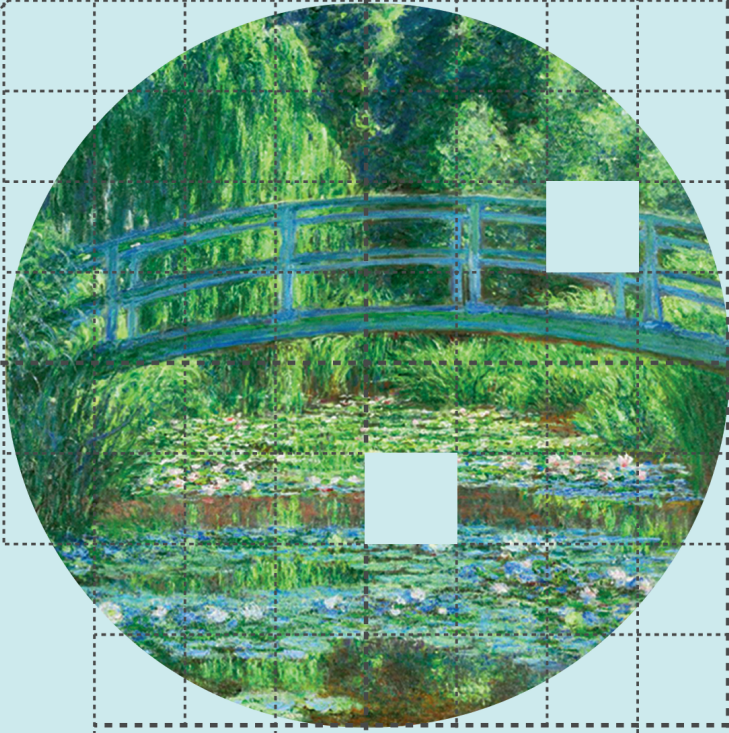
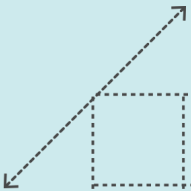


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Worship Information

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:

\$16,291.00

Offerings received Jan '20:

\$ 21,841.11

This includes the amount of \$1,447.75 collected on Christmas Eve for the Christmas Bowl

Online Giving:

National Australia Bank (NAB)

Uniting Church
Toowong General
Parish Fund

BSB: 084424

A/c No: 508563314

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Welcome!

It is our prayer that you grow in trust and love for God through your life in this community, and together we spread the liberating shalom of Jesus to all the people in our lives and our neighbourhoods.

The season of Lent is upon us, inviting us on a 40 day journey with Jesus to the cross and his resurrection. Lent can help us refresh our identity in Christ by watching how Jesus held fast to God's plan for him. During a difficult time, Jesus never lost his identity as God's beloved. Our theme for the month is 'Divine Perspective' and we consider the way that God's view on every aspect of life can illuminate our own. What we thought was a muddle or a mistake, can be a perfect fit for a beautiful design.

On the front cover of our newsletter, you can see Monet's The Japanese Bridge. Viewed at close range, it seems completely 'blobby'. I like to get up as close as I can to the great masters, and see their technique, but Monet's is frustratingly sloppy – just smears of colour seemingly flicked at the canvas! There seems to be no talent at all. But take two steps back and a genius masterpiece comes into focus. The image delights us, and then we can understand that each 'blob' was carefully placed by a great artist.

Although our natural tendency is to prefer a view of the world that's ego centric, which makes it "all about me", the precious gift of the Spirit is to transform us with a plan and purpose that comes from beyond us. We can then risk much when the Holy Spirit gives us a perspective that liberates us from self-centred myopia and elevates us to catch a divine perspective for life.

It's the truth that as a church, we are completely reliant on the Spirit to perceive God's plan for TUC. There is no other way. Paul's words to the church in Ephesus ring true for us "With all wisdom and insight, he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth."(Eph 1:9)

We are so glad to be doing this journey with you. God's shalom we receive.

Matt Smith



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.

For prayer and counselling, please contact Matt on 0409 917 729 Please note that Matt's day off is Wednesday.

Meet the Team



Zac Li
TUC Uni Chaplain

lizeyu199305@gmail.com

Zac is our new Uni Chaplain, and was an international student at UQ and member of TUC before taking up the role. We're really excited to have him on the team! Here's what he has to say:

"Jesus was absent in my life before I was introduced to Power to Change international Student Ministry (ISM). The people of ISM helped guide me towards God and transform me into the Christian I am today. During that time, I met the previous TUC Uni Chaplains, Steve and Grace. They played a huge role in my walk with God, taking me to TUC and feeding me constant knowledge about Jesus. I began to trust more and more in the Lord and that's when I decided to get baptized. My baptism was confirmed last March at TUC.

As TUC's Uni Chaplain, I'm passionate about helping other international students hear the Gospel, meet Jesus, and grow and mature in their lives with God while in Australia. I very much enjoy being part of the Christian community and love connecting students to TUC and the Lord! Participating in student ministry makes up a big part of my life and I really enjoy it. I am very excited to see where God will take me next!"



Annual General Meeting

Sunday 29 March
11.00 am in the hall

At the AGM, we will vote to accept the Annual Report, budget and elders. Please grab a cup of tea and some morning tea after worship, and meet us in the hall for the meeting at approximately 11.00 am.

Everyone is most welcome to attend the AGM, and we'd love to have everyone join us. However, please note that only formal TUC members will be eligible to vote to accept the reports, budget and elders. For more information about formal membership, please check out our membership form in the foyer.

We would also like to invite anyone who is interested to nominate to become an elder on the church council. Nomination forms can be also found in the foyer.

For more information on membership and elder nomination, please be in touch with Lauren: lauren@toowongunitingchurch.org.au

Connect Brunch

Welcome to TUC!
Sunday 15 March | 10.45am at TUC

Are you new to TUC? We'd love to catch up with you at the Connect Brunch after the service on Sunday 15 March. Join us in the church house for a meal and a chat.

Please be in touch with Dianne for more information, and to RSVP:
dianne.j.hubbard@gmail.com



Clare Hankamer Families Pastor

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.



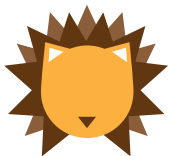
Tigers

Toddlers - Preschool



Leopards

Preschool - Year 2



Lions

Year 3 - Year 5

FRI 1 - SUN 3 MAY

**CAMP
CONNECT
2020**

**CAMP DREWE,
LENNOX HEAD**

Book your tickets here:

www.bit.ly/CampConnect2020

Bookings close 31 March, 2020

TUC's Camp Connect is for all ages and we are really looking forward to gathering together as a Christian community to grow in our faith and get to know each other better. The weekend will include worship, guest speakers, a kid's program, group activities, free time to hang out together, and much more!

Camp Connect goes from Friday night, 1 May, until Sunday afternoon, 3 May. A Child ticket (4-12 years old) is \$110, while an Adult/Youth ticket (13 and up) is \$150. Ticket prices include accommodation for Friday and Saturday night, plus all meals.

There is shared cabin accommodation, and you have the option to request with whom you share your cabin. Please note that children aged 0-3 are free. If you'd like to come, but would prefer to stay off-site, please purchase the "Day Rate" tickets.

For more information, or help, please don't hesitate to be in touch with Sarah: sarahjsmith@email.com



English Conversation

**Every Monday during the school term
9.30 - 11.30 am in the TUC hall**

Our free English Conversation classes happen every Monday during the school term. This is a great way to practice speaking English while meeting people in the community. Please be in touch with Jane for more information:

jffrewern@gmail.com



TUC Playgroup Coordinator

We are still on the look-out for a Playgroup Coordinator to run the Friday Playgroup at TUC. If you are interested in this 5-hour per week role, please be in touch with Clare for a full position description: **c_hankamer@hotmail.com**



TUCk into Breakfast

**Men's Fellowship
Saturday 7 March | 7.30 am at TUC**

Men of all ages are invited to join us on the first Saturday of each month for food, fun, and fellowship. Please be in touch with Warwick for more information: **warwick.browne@gmail.com**



Trinity
UNPLUGGED



Too much too young

The sexualisation of our children
and what we can do about it.

Speaker: Melinda Tankard Reist

Date: Thursday 26 March

Time: 7.00 - 9.00 pm

Location: Brisbane Boys' College Hall,
Kensington Terrace, Toowong

Tickets: \$10 - 25

Book here: www.trinity.qld.edu.au/events

Toowong Community Morning Tea

**Wednesday 18 March
9.45 am in the hall**

Our Toowong Community Morning Tea occurs on the third Wednesday of every month. Everyone is warmly invited to join us on 18 March for a delicious morning tea and great company!

Please be in touch with Wendy for more information, or to let her know if you can help with baking:

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



Sunday Roster: March

	03 March	08 March	15 March	22 March	29 March
	9.30 am	9.30 am	9.30 am	9.30 am	9.30 am
Speaker	Matt Smith	Matt Smith	Matt Smith	Matt Smith	Matt Smith
Elder	Dianne H	Will S	Wayne M	Lauren M	David V
Reader	Liz W	Emilia B	Joyce S	Carly K	Will S
Pastoral Prayer	-	Catherine Z	Wendy B	Ross H	-
Door	Sarah S Lauren M	Felix C Kelvin W	Beth M Sarah S	Joyce S Kim J	Nikki B Lauren M
Connect	Kim J	Claudia D	Sue O'B	Dianne H	Sue O'B
Count Offering	Rob H Gary O'B	Jane T Ray M	Wayne M Sandra H	Ray M Karen N	Ben H Kelvin W
Coffee Machine	Rosanne G Mex B	Ness S	Jenny M Brad M	Rosanne G Mex B Reuben B	Ness S Amelia B Kanika B
M'Tea	TBC	Gem M Grace T Lee P	Louise M Karen N	Gem M Lijean B	Kim J TBC
Prayer Ministry	Neil D	Will S	Warwick B	Rob H	Neil D
Data / Sound	Luke R / Elias P	Bill B / Jack L	Naomi H / Ben H	Scott G / Tim O'B	Bill B / Jack L
Music Team	Lucy, Amelia, Clara, Eli, Adrian G, Kanika, Kahlia, Issy, Steph	Dave, Adrian Z, Franz, Brad, Emma, Karen	Hamish, Clara, Elias, Garry, Alice, Kanika, Amelia,	Renata, Geoff, Mitch, Luke, Eli, Adrian G, Issy, Kahlia, Steph	Jisu, Graz, Brad, Grace, Lucy, Karen

Kim's Baby Shower

**Sunday 5 April
2.00 - 4.00 pm in the church house**

All ladies are warmly invited to Kim's baby shower to celebrate the upcoming birth of baby Jennings! The theme of the party is rainbow colours, and for those who feel inspired, why not wear a brightly coloured hat or top - although there is no pressure to do so. We would also be so grateful if folk could bring a plate of eats to share - anything sweet or savoury, big or small.

**For more information, and to RSVP, please be in touch with
Iris Marais: irismarais@gmail.com**

March 2020

- 03 Tues:** 7.00 pm Tuesday Pastorate
- 07 Sat:** 7.30 am TUCK into Breakfast
- 10 Tues:** 7.00 pm Church Council meeting
- 13 Fri:** 6.30 pm Senior Youth
- 15 Sun:** Connect Brunch
- 17 Tues:** 7.00 pm Tuesday Pastorate
- 18 Wed:** 9.45 am Toowong Community Morning Tea
- 27 Fri:** 6.30 pm Senior Youth
- 29 Sun:** 11.00 am AGM
- 31 Tues:** 7.00 pm Tuesday Pastorate

April 2020

- 03 Fri:** **Last day of term 1**
- 04 Sat:** 7.30 am TUCK into Breakfast
- 05 Sun:** Palm Sunday
2.00 pm Kim's Baby Shower
- 09 Thurs:** Maundy Thursday
- 10 Fri:** 8.00 am Good Friday Service
- 12 Sun:** 9.30 am Easter Sunday Service
- 15 Wed:** 9.45 am Toowong Community Morning Tea
- 20 Mon:** **Term 2 starts**
9.30 am English Conversation resumes
- 23 Thurs:** 9.30 am Playgroup resumes
7.30 pm Thursday Pastorate resumes
- 24 Fri:** 9.30 am Playgroup resumes
- 26 Sun:** 2.30 pm Church Council Meeting
- 28 Tues:** 7.00 pm Tuesday Pastorate resumes

Weekly Events

Easy English Bible Study

8.30 am Sundays before worship
in the church house
contact Zac: lizeyu199305@gmail.com

Prayer Meeting

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: c_hankamer@hotmail.com

Thursday Pastorate

7.30 - 9.00 pm Thursdays
during the school term
in the church house
contact Warwick:
warwick.browne@gmail.com



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