

AUGUST 2021

more
like
Jesus

*It is no longer
I who live*



*but Christ
who lives in me*

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.

Online Giving

We are thankful that people at
TUC are generous givers in
more ways than one: giving their
time, sharing their gifts
and donating financially.

We take up an offering during
each worship service on Sundays.
These funds are used for the
continuation of ministries at TUC.

These days, many of us
don't carry cash, so you may like
to set up an ongoing, direct-
transfer offering through your
bank using these details:

National Australia Bank
(NAB)

Uniting Church Toowong
General Parish Fund

BSB: 084424

A/c No: 508563314

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Welcome!

To prevent this theme for August - 'More Like Jesus' - guilting us into weary effort, leaving us hopelessly disappointed in ourselves, and stranded in the realms of impossible standards, what if we gave up trying to become a saint? What if the invitation was to simply be ourselves in Jesus' company, and see what happens over the course of a good dinner? Think about the changes that happened to Zacchaeus over a delicious meal.

When thinking about a life in Christ, the analogy of pickling cucumbers might give hope. The moment the cucumbers are immersed in the pickle juice, a war immediately begins between the 'good' bacteria that provides the flavour and zest, and 'bad' bacteria that threatens to break down and decompose the cucumber. If the liquid environment of the catalysing agents is just right, the good bacteria win, and in the process, the humble cucumber becomes deliciously tasty, while still remaining precisely a cucumber.

Cucumbers and Christians share that process of immersion and conversion. And while there seems to be little change physically to both on the surface, the proof of the change is obvious on the inside. All through August, we're cheering each other on to become more like Jesus.

A friend recalls the time he was a support van driver for a team of endurance runners that covered hundreds of kilometres over a period of days. What inspired him above all was the enthusiastic, over-the-top encouragement that all teams gave to all competitors in a spirit of mutual caring. Everyone knew precisely what the other runners were going through, committed to the same experience. The cheering was continuous, the affection was genuine, especially with support runners who accompanied the 'rear guard', to urge them on and not give up. My friend came back from that experience thinking "Could my church life be as encouraging as this marathon weekend?"

In our marathon, it's not about winners and losers, it is about the one who went before us and showed us the way. Cheer each other on – and "be confident of this very thing, that he who has begun a good work in you, will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ." (Philippians 1: 6)

Cheering for you,

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.

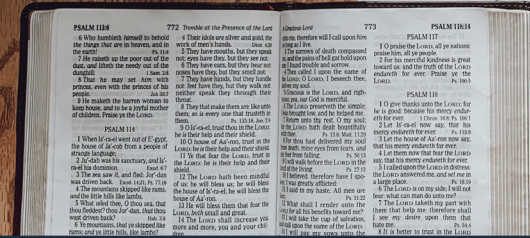
For prayer and counselling, please contact Matt on 0409 917 729.

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Bible Readings

Here are our Bible readings for the next few weeks.
You might like to read along at home!

- 1 August:** John 6:22-40 (To do the Father's will)
- 8 August:** John 11:1-16 (Live in God's pace and timing)
- 15 August:** Luke 5:12-16 (Willing to heal)
- 22 August:** Luke 6:27-36 (Love your enemies)
- 29 August:** Mark 1:15-18 (Challenge what's wrong)



the prayer course

An eight week journey through the Lord's Prayer

Starting 23 August in small groups
www.prayercourse.org

We are really excited to be starting The Prayer Course at TUC! This eight week course is run by the 24-7 Prayer group, and you can find all the resources you will need to run the course in your small group on the website above.

That's right, instead of just running this course from one location at TUC, we are asking you to start up small groups in your homes and lead the course yourselves. We think this will be a great opportunity to all be working through this course together as we grow deeper in our praying relationship with God and strengthen relationships with one another.

Here's what to do:

1. Let us know if you would like to lead a small group.

- You can invite whoever you like to your group, and keep it as big or small as you like. Why not even invite friends and family from outside TUC to come along?
- You can choose when you meet with your group over the 8 weeks e.g. maybe every Sunday afternoon, or maybe on a weeknight, whatever suits you and your group best.
- You could choose to meet always in your home, or in a different home each time. You could also run each week's session on Zoom.
- Each session goes for an hour, and the website has all the videos, discussion questions and ideas for how to run each session - just follow along.

2. Let us know if you would like to be connected with a group.

We will get in touch with the group leaders and help connect you with a group.

There will be a signup sheet in the foyer, and you can also email us to volunteer to lead a group/be connected with a group: info@toowongunitingchurch.org.au

Prayer at TUC

We are committed to being a praying church, because only through prayer can we line ourselves up with God's plans and purposes. The more we pray, the better we learn to pray, the better calibrated we will be to God's agenda and the more useful we might be in His hands. Please join us in prayer, no experience necessary!

To join the Tuesday morning prayer meeting, please be in touch with Matt:
matt@toowongunitingchurch.org.au

Please also let us know if you would like to receive the weekly prayer email:
info@toowongunitingchurch.org.au





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 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 Friday night during the school term for Youth Group.

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.



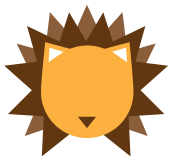
Tigers

Toddlers - Preschool



Leopards

Preschool - Year 2



Lions

Year 3 - Year 5

KATS & Junior Youth Dates

Due to Covid restrictions, we will run KATS and Junior Youth on alternate Sundays in the hall during the school terms. The children will take part in the first part of the service upstairs, which will include a Kids' Talk, before heading downstairs to the hall for KATS or Junior Youth.

Remaining dates in term 3:

KATS term 3: 1 Aug,
15 Aug, 29 Aug, 12 Sept

Junior Youth term 3: 8 Aug, 22 Aug, 5 Sept



Support our Local Chappy: Mandy Chiang

Apple Juice & Jam for Breakfast Club!



Mandy Chiang is our local Scripture Union Chaplain at the Queensland Academy for Science Mathematics and Technology in Toowong.

Every week, Mandy runs Breakfast Club for the students before school so they can have a meal and spend some time with one another.

If you'd like to help support Mandy, please bring along some bottles of long life juice and jars of jam to the collection point in the foyer. We have it on good authority that the students prefer apple juice to orange!

TESOL Course

Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages
5 August - 18 September
Bridgeman Downs Baptist Church

ITA (Intercultural Training Australia) is again offering a course of training in Cert 4, TESOL. This will be at the Bridgeman Downs Community Baptist Church from 5 August - 18 September. The 7 week course will be delivered two evenings a week and Saturdays. It includes how to teach English online as well as face-to-face. If you would like to be equipped to do this, here is a really interesting way.

Please contact Maureen Face for more info:
maureen@itateach.com
0404 471 909
www.interculturaltraining.com.au



Can you help?

Volunteers for KATS, Youth, the Tech Team & cleaning on Sundays

We are currently seeking a few more volunteers to help out in various ways. Please consider if you might be able to help in the following areas:

KATS and Youth: please be in touch with Clare
c_hankamer@hotmail.com

Tech Team: please be in touch with Matt
matt@toowongunitingchurch.org.au

Cleaning roster: this involves cleaning the bathrooms before and after worship. Please be in touch with Garry
info@toowongunitingchurch.org.au

We will provide you with training to ensure you are supported as you volunteer. Thank you!



Tuesday Pastorate

Fortnightly Tuesdays, 7 - 9 pm in the church house
Bible Study | Prayer | Community | Fun

Everyone is welcome to join us for Tuesday Pastorate! Our remaining dates in term 3 are: 10 August, 24 August, 7 September. Please be in touch for more information:
matt@toowongunitingchurch.org.au

Toowong Community Morning Tea

Wednesday 18 August
9.45 am in the hall

Our Toowong Community Morning Tea is held on the third Wednesday of every month. Everyone is warmly invited to join us on 18 August for a delicious morning tea and great company! If you are able to, we ask for a small \$5 donation to support local community charities.

Please be in touch with Wendy for more information:

0422 373 326
awgelden@bigpond.net.au



The Light of Christ for all the World

Our values are expressed in the things we do, the activities we run, the decisions we make - everything! When these values are expressed, we are on our way to fulfilling God's mission for us - that the light of Christ is shared with all the world.

Please take a read through TUC's values, below, and pick up a copy of the **Mission & Values document** from the foyer for more detail.

1. Prayer

We are a people of prayer, individually and corporately totally dependent on God in all aspects of our life and ministry.

2. Word & Worship

We believe that Scripture is the written Word of God, and that Jesus is the Living Word. We seek to understand God's Word and know Him more through it.

3. Equipping

We want everyone to identify, use and develop the unique gifts they have been given by God so we can encourage one another, mature in faith and partner with God to grow His kingdom.

4. Community

We are called to care for all those around us, both practically and spiritually. We seek to connect with and welcome everyone, regardless of ethnicity or background.

5. Sharing

We are called to create and take up all opportunities to share our faith with others, through word and action, offering the transforming power of Christ.

Sunday Roster: August

	01 August	08 August	15 August	22 August	29 August
	9.30 am	9.30 am	9.30 am	9.30 am	9.30 am
Speaker	Matt	Matt	Matt	Matt	Matt
Elder	Will S	Ben R	TBC	Will S	Jo R
Reader	Jane T	Karen N	Nadia A	Sue O'B	Wendy B
Pastoral Prayer	-	Ross H	Laurel A	Will S	Ross H
Door	Karen N, Ray M	Nikki B, Will S	Will S, Ray M	Kelvin W, Gary O'B	Ray M, Kabir S
Bathroom Cleaner	Ben R	TBC	TBC	Jane T	Clare H
Coffee Machine	-	-	-	-	-
M'Tea	Wendy G, Karen B	Narelle WS, Wendy B	Gem M, Sarah S	Carly K, Karen N	Karen B, Janet B
Prayer Ministry	Will S	Bev H	Neil D	Wendy B	Karen N
Offering Counters	Emilia B, Sandra H	Wendy G, Jane T	Karen N, Rob L	Rob J, Wendy G	Sandra H, Emilia B
Tech Team	data: Lauren sound: Kelvin camera: Luke	data: Scott sound: Jack camera: Luke	data: Scott sound: Gabe camera: Kelvin	data: TBC sound: Asher camera: Eli	data: Bill sound: Adrian camera: Samuel
Music Team	Dave, Adrian, Asher	Dave, Mitch, Thadeus, Yohannes	Hamish, Mitch, Luke, Brad	Jisu, Grace, Brad, Adrian, Steph	John, Eli

August 2021

- 10 Tues:** 7 pm Tuesday Pastorate
- 11 Wed:** **Royal Queensland Show Public Holiday**
- 13 Fri:** 6.30 pm Senior Youth Group
- 18 Wed:** 9.45 am Toowong Community Morning Tea
7.30 pm Church Council
- 20 Fri:** Encounter at Glebe Rd UC (Youth Group)
- 23 Mon:** Prayer Course begins
- 24 Tues:** 7 pm Tuesday Pastorate
- 27 Fri:** 6.30 pm Senior Youth Group

September 2021

- 7 Tues:** 7 pm Tuesday Pastorate
- 10 Fri:** 6.30 pm Senior Youth Group
- 12 Sun:** Combined Korean/English Worship & BBQ lunch
- 15 Wed:** 9.45 am Toowong Community Morning Tea
7.30 pm Church Council
- 17 Fri:** **last day of Term 3**

Weekly Events

Prayer Meeting

8.30 - 9.30 am Tuesdays on Zoom
contact Matt:

matt@toowongunitingchurch.org.au

English Conversation

10 - 11.30 am Mondays
during the school term, in the hall

contact Jane: jftrewern@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



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