

receive

May 2021

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!

As we approach Pentecost, the 'birthday of the Church', we remember how a small gathering of Jesus' followers were drenched with the Spirit 50 days after his resurrection. Filled with the Spirit, these first disciples spilled out into the streets and were empowered to proclaim the best news they had ever heard; that Jesus was risen and is Lord, and the Spirit's powerful presence testified to this truth.

Receive is our theme for May, with our focus on Jesus' invitation to 'Receive the Holy Spirit' (John 20: 22). When we do, the infinite power of the greatest Love and Truth becomes intravenous, we are vitally connected in a way we can't explain, but life in the Spirit is often beyond our own understanding!

Recently I have been often encouraged by dipping into Geoff Waugh's book "Flashpoints of Revival" to read the experiences of Christians over the last 300 years, in diverse countries and cultures, reporting very similar experiences of the Holy Spirit breaking into their lives. Their accounts include testimony of dramatic healings, outpourings of grace and forgiveness and a discovery of an ardent love for Jesus. These accounts are well attested and researched, and all reveal how the Spirit will move where the Spirit wants to. These movements are powerful and unexpected. However, common to all these accounts is an absolute willingness from people and the Church to receive this anointing that God desires to impart.

As we approach Pentecost, can we please make that time – as I know you do – to prayerfully intercede for our Church and our community, that there will be a wonderful anointing of God's Spirit on us, and through the ministry of the Spirit, we will be able to share the gifts of grace we have received in extraordinary ways – with each other and our neighbourhood.

"Remember, I am with you always, even to the end of the age!"

Every day with Jesus,

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.

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!

Please be in touch if you'd like to receive a weekly prayer email, or go on the enews list, or if we can be of help in any way: lauren@toowongunitingchurch.org.au

9 am Saturday - 9 am Sunday
22nd & 23rd May, 2021

pray · all · day
pentecost 24hr prayer

Let's pray together for 24 hrs nonstop!

**Choose 1 hour to pray during the following timeframe:
9 am Saturday - 9 am Sunday, 22nd & 23rd May**

Pentecost is celebrated on the 7th Sunday after Easter to commemorate the pouring out of the Holy Spirit upon the 12 apostles and many other followers of Jesus while they were praying together in Jerusalem. This year, Pentecost is celebrated on Sunday 23 May.

From 9 am on Saturday 22 May, we invite you to join with us for "Pray All Day"; our Pentecost 24 hour prayer meeting. This will wrap up at 9 am on Sunday 23 May with a special Pentecost worship service. Let's pray together for 24 hours non-stop for a pouring out of the Holy Spirit on our church so that we may know, understand and be part of God's plan for us as we look to the future and seek to continue to share the gospel message!

To take part, simply sign up for a one hour block during this time, then come along to the prayer room under the house at your allocated time.

If you can't physically make it into the prayer room, you are most welcome to pray from home.

You can pray as an individual, a group or a family, and you may even like to invite friends and family from around Brisbane, and around the world, to pray with you.

Sign up in the foyer, or email Lauren:
lauren@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

To receive the prayer email, please be in touch with Lauren:
lauren@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.



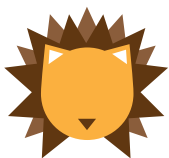
Tigers

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.

Dates for the remainder of term 2:

KATS: 9 May, 23 May,
6 Jun, 20 Jun

Junior Youth: 2 May, 16 May,
30 May, 13 Jun



Support our Local Chappy: Mandy Chiang

Strawberry Jam & Hot Chocolate

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 support Mandy, please bring powdered hot chocolate and strawberry jam to the collection point in the foyer.



Roster Volunteers

Would you like to be part of the June/ July/ August roster?

If you would like to help us make Sunday worship possible, please let us know! You can help out by: welcoming at the door, being part of the Worship and Tech Team, leading prayers, doing the Bible reading, serving morning tea or running the coffee machine, praying with people after worship, counting the offering, cleaning the bathrooms.

Please be in touch with Garry to volunteer:
info@toowongunitingchurch.org.au

Toowong Community Morning Tea

**Wednesday 19 May
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 19 May 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



FRI 13 - SUN 15 AUGUST

CAMP CONNECT 2021

CAMP DREWE,
LENNOX HEAD



Book your tickets now!

Fri 13 - Sun 15 August
Camp Drewe, Lennox Head

We are so excited to let you know that Camp Connect, our 2021 church camp, is back on! The location is Camp Drewe in beautiful Lennox Head. We will all drive down on Friday afternoon/night and return home on Sunday afternoon. See below for ticket prices and please let us know if you would like financial assistance to attend: lauren@toowongunitingchurch.org.au

Tickets

Complete Tickets

These include cabin accommodation for both nights plus all meals.

Child (0 - 3):	Free
Child (4-12):	\$100
Adult/Youth (13 and up):	\$150

Day Tickets:

Come for a day, or book day tickets to arrange your own accommodation off-site. Meals incl.

Day Rate (Saturday):	\$50
Day Rate (Sunday):	\$40

Book Online: www.toowongunitingchurch.org

Help support Karen's ministry with BST and Living Wholeness

While many of us know and love Karen Nivala as part of TUC, Karen also plays an essential role at Brisbane School of Theology (BST) as their Greek Lecturer, Student Mentor and Coordinator of the Living Wholeness Course.

We have been invited to support Karen's ministry with BST both through prayer and financially. If you are able to make a one-off donation or a monthly donation to support Karen in her role, please head here: www.bst.qld.edu.au/invest/

Please also be in touch with Karen to be praying for her in this role:
knivala@bst.qld.edu.au

Encounter

**Highschool Students
Friday 28 May
7 - 9pm in the TUC hall - \$5**

We are really excited to be hosting Encounter at TUC on Friday 28 May! Encounter is the Presbytery combined highschool student youth group gathering that happens 4 times a year.

All highschool students are invited to join us in the hall for games, bible study and worship. Please bring along \$5 to cover the cost of dinner.

Please be in touch with Jo Reynoldson if you'd like to help or for more information:
jojo_scarlett89@hotmail.com

Sunday Roster: May

	02 May	09 May	16 May	23 May	30 May
	9.30 am	9.30 am	9.30 am	9.30 am	9.30 am
Speaker	Matt	Matt	Matt	Matt	Matt
Elder	Jo R	Dianne H	Will S	Jo R	Dianne H
Reader	Karen N	Sue O'B	Wendy B	Sarah S	Catherine Z
Pastoral Prayer	-	Sarah S	Ross H	Laurel A	Wendy B
Door	Gary O'B	Nikki B, Ross H	Kelvin W & family	Sue & Gary O'B	Karen N, Lauren M
Cleaners	Matt	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC
Coffee Machine	-	-	-	Brad M, Rosanne G	Carly K Brodie S
M'Tea	Grace T, Dianne H	Grace T, Wendy G	Jane T, Sarah S	Karen N, Lijeane B	Narelle WS, Wendy G
Prayer Ministry	Will S	TBC	Neil D	Lauren M	Neil D
Offering Counters	Jane T, Wendy G	Rob J, Rob L	Sandra H, Jane T	Kelvin W, Emilia B	Rob L, Lauren M
Tech Team	data Asher sound: Jack camera: Eli	data: Lauren sound: Kelvin camera: Sam	data: Lauren sound: Adrian camera: Eli	data: Bill sound: Adrian camera: Eli	data: Scott sound: Kelvin camera: Sam
Music Team	Dave, Adrian, Kahlia, Issy, Stephanie	John, Luke, Brad, Karen	Jisu, Mitch, Asher, Grace, Kahlia, Issy	(Song leader TBC) Luke, Brad, Kahlia, Stephanie	Hamish, Mitch, Asher

May 2021

- 04 Tues:** 7 pm Tuesday Pastorate
- 08 Sat:** 6.30 pm SafeSpace (Young Adult Pastorate)
- 14 Fri:** 6.30 pm Senior Youth Group
- 15 Sat:** 9 - 10.30 am Triple P Parenting Course
- 18 Tues:** 7 pm Tuesday Pastorate
- 19 Wed:** 9.45 am Toowong Community Morning Tea
7.30 pm Church Council
- 22 Sat:** Pray all Day - Pentecost Prayer Event
6.30 pm SafeSpace (Young Adult Pastorate)
- 23 Sun:** **Pentecost Sunday**
- 28 Fri:** 6.30 pm Senior Youth Group
(also Encounter at TUC)

June 2021

- 01 Tues:** 7 pm Tuesday Pastorate
- 05 Sat:** 6.30 pm SafeSpace (Young Adult Pastorate)
- 11 Fri:** 6.30 pm Senior Youth Group
- 13 Sun:** **Congregational Meeting - Budget**
- 15 Tues:** 7 pm Tuesday Pastorate
- 16 Wed:** 9.45 am Toowong Community Morning Tea
7.30 pm Church Council
- 25 Fri:** **Last day of Term 2**
6.30 pm Senior Youth Group

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: jfrewern@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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