

Spring

September 2022



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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Minister's Welcome

Could our church become known in our neighbourhood as a Community of Healing?

A place where people are restored to wholeness and 'life in all its fullness' that Jesus spoke passionately about? As we look around at our urban villages and cities, and hear the personal stories of hurting, we may feel that the scale of trauma and problems are beyond our capacity to cope. A growing chorus of disenchanted people who have experienced life - limiting pain and disappointments that prevent them from knowing 'life - fullness'. How could we ever respond meaningfully, given that many of these issues and problems are often issues each of us are dealing with?

To be in the life of Christ is to always be leaning deeper into the healing and renewal that flows from God. We let go of the hope we can somehow renew ourselves through our own will power and accept the invitation to be returned to health and become soul re-formed through Holy Spirit. Hasn't God called you and I into community for this purpose - to care for and reconcile to each other? (2 Corin 5: 17 - 20) When healthy communities know you personally, and hold your story in love, you will find the place and trust to heal, to grow and be re-imaged. Then together we invite the flow of Jesus to bring his healing to fragmented, hurting individuals, communities and even nations. Any person - or a community, centred 'In Christ' can experience how God moves us to receive healing from our past injuries and hurts through processes of truth telling, forgiveness and reconciliation.

What is becoming clear is the failure of any community to be perfect in any place or age across the world, and sadly Christian community is no exception. Even our best attempts sometimes bring wounding and scars. We get it wrong and hurt others, nevertheless even that disappointment can be used by God for the healing process to continue. Gently we're guided back to the table, to listen deeply, detangle our issues and seek to heal the pain. Most wonderfully, we can access what Holy Spirit provides to reconcile to an individual, especially when both people know they are accepted and safe to be open and honest about their life story.

Great community care is happening here at TUC, and healing flows out of your commitment to reflect Jesus to each other. Holy Spirit, we invite you to grow our church into a significant community of healing that first relies on your work of reconciliation - us to you.

Keep drinking from His well. (Isaiah 12:3)

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.

Bible Readings

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

- 4 Sep:** 2 Corinthians 4: 1 - 9
- 11 Sep:** 2 Timothy 1: 3 - 12
- 18 Sep:** Luke 24: 13 - 25
- 25 Sep:** Luke 16: 19 - 31



3rd Ministry Agent Initiative

Young Adults Ministry

OUR GOAL is to strategise, plan and facilitate opportunities for **youth and young adults** in the Toowong community and beyond to know the Gospel of Jesus and experience a 'campfire' culture at TUC where we strive to be a place for everyone to gather for warmth, community and fun.

How Can I Help?

To find more or to join this **missional initiative**, please pick up a copy of a flyer in the foyer or online via QR code.



You can complete the response sheet on the flyer then return it to the Church Office via email, printed copy or in the offering plate during the Sunday Service, using the envelopes provided.



Dates for TUC Activities

All TUC activities including **KATS** will be on break during the school holidays (17 Sep - 3 Oct).

<p>SafeSpace -Young Adults: Fortnightly Saturdays 5.30 pm in Church House 10th, 24th Sep</p>	<p>Playgroups: Every Thu & Fri 9.30 am 8th, 9th Sep 15th, 16th Sep</p>	<p>English Conversation: Every Monday 10 am Sep 6th, 13th</p>
<p>KATS Ministry: Every Sunday 4th, 11th Sep KATS will be substituted with children's activities during the holiday.</p>	<p>Youth Group: Fortnightly Fridays 7 pm 9th Sep</p>	<p>Bible Study: Every Tue & Thu 7 pm Tue @ Kate's place Thu @ Church House</p>

Children's & Youth Ministry

For Parents

You are amazing! I hope you know that Our Father God is with you; loving you and guiding you at this important time of life.

Please know that the whole Church family are supporting you in prayer.

As a parent, I go back to this verse in Isaiah again and again for encouragement:

He tends his flock like a shepherd:
He gathers the lambs in his arms
and carries them close to his heart;
he gently leads those that have young. (Isaiah 40:11)

KATS (Toddlers - Grade 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 **Leopard and Lion age groups**. An enthusiastic group of volunteers lead these groups, teaching the children about God in a fun and friendly environment. The Scripture Union Light curriculum is used for KATS.

KATS will meet every Sunday in 2022.

Youth (Grades 6 - 12)

This year we are launching a new look youth group which will combine Junior and Senior Youth Groups and will meet every second Friday night in the Hall. We pray that it will be a great evening to hang out with friends and to spend some time asking the big questions of life and to pray and worship together.

We really love seeing our young people take part in worship on Sundays. We seek to support and encourage them to discover their leadership gifts and to be looking at ways to serve God in the Church and Community.

Children's & Youth Events

A number of events are run during the year, such as the Youth camp, the Moonwalk and the Light Party. Keep checking the newsletter and weekly 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.



Clare Hankamer Families Pastor

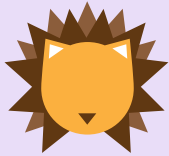
Clare oversees KATS and Youth and runs the Thursday Playgroup. Clare has a PhD in Horticulture with significant experience in both church and community youth work in the UK and Australia.

Contact Clare for details
0432 861 841



Leopards

Preschool - Grade 2



Lions

Grade 3 - Grade 5



Youth Group

Grades 6 - Grade 12



Baptism and Confirmation

Would you like to be **baptised** or make your public **confirmation**?

Receiving baptism – or alternatively, the response of confirmation, is offered to anyone who would like to explore this significant step in following Jesus.

At TUC, this is explored in a *discussion group* over three sessions commencing **Sunday 16th October** in the Church House straight after the service.

Please speak to Clare or Matt if you would like more info, or email info@toowongunitingchurch.org.au to register your interest.

BIBLE STUDY

TERM 3 WITH TUC

01

EVERY
TUESDAY
NIGHT

contact **Kate Green**

continue with **Reflections Series**

at **Kate's House**

7 PM – 8.30 PM

kategreenqld@gmail.com

02

EVERY
THURSDAY
NIGHT

contact **Ross Homel**

6 new series on **Character of God**

at **Church House**

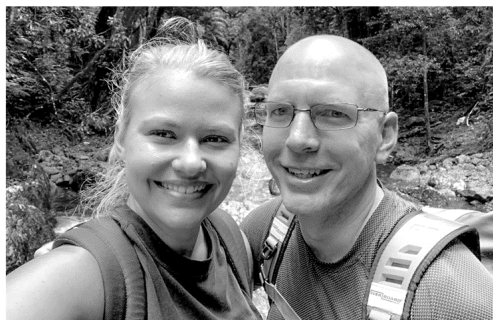
7 PM – 8.30 PM

ross.homel@icloud.com



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Michelle
& Ben



Ben and Michelle's Wedding is on
SATURDAY 29 OCT
3 PM AT TUC

Ben and Michelle would be delighted for you to join for an afternoon tea celebration, so please feel most welcome to attend and be part of their special day.



**FAITH AND
THE ARTS
FRIDAYS**

Faith and the Arts Fridays at Trinity College Queensland features four extraordinary Christian artists, joining us for conversations about how their faith intersects with their artistic endeavours, as well as showcasing their talent and creativity.

9 SEP

Musician: Chris Poulsen and his Trio

7 OCT

Award-Winning Author: Claire Zorn

4 NOV

Film Buff and Theologian: Paul Jones



Express in Your Way

Geoff is collating creative artworks of 2022 and we are seeking involvement from the hidden artists in the congregation!

Whether you are a **professional designer** or **simply a hobbyist**, we are excited to explore the creativity and the gift you have!

The art piece is not limited to just colour paintings, it can be in any form including **paintings, photography, embroidery, pottery, patchworks, 3D, literature** and **MORE!**

Share it with us — madeline@toowongunitingchurch.org.au

Making God's Good News Known to Australians



**Support our
Local Chappy:
Mandy Chiang**

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!

**Apple Juice & Jam for
Breakfast Club!**

THE OFFERINGS : JULY 2022

PROJECTED BUDGET

\$18,500

GENERAL OFFERING

\$19,426

Wesleyan Hymn Singing

A time to enjoy the beauty of hymns by Charles Wesley and with them to sing God's praise.

When: 3.00pm Sunday 18 September

Where: St Thomas Anglican Church,
High Street, Toowong

Parking: 67 High Street, Toowong

Entry: Donation and includes afternoon tea

Contact: 0422 641 657 or
toowong@anglicanchurchsq.org.au



Book your ticket now
www.stthomastoowong.org.au

Sunday Roster: September 2022

	11 Sep	18 Sep	25 Sep	2 Oct
	9.30 am	9.30 am	9.30 am	9.30 am
Speaker	Matt	Matt	Matt	Matt
Kids' Talk	Clare H	School holiday		
Reader	Kabir S	Carly K	Sue O	Emilia B
Pastoral Prayer	Di H	Laurel A	Will S	Rob H
Prayer Ministry	Karen N	Wendy B	Cynthia T	Laurel A
Elder	Bev H	Wendy B	Ben R	Di H
Door	Cynthia T Grace T	Gary O Karen N	Kabir S Di H	Nikki B Gary O
M'Tea	Karen B Eve N	Cynthia T Brendan T	Michelle S Narelle W	Wendy B Warwick B
Coffee Machine	Brad M Hanum L	- -	Brodie S -	Brad M Hanum L
Bathroom Cleaner	Clare H	-	Ben R	Clare H
Offering Counters	Cynthia T Nadia A	Emilia B Kelvin W	Jane T Grace T	Rob J Rob L
Tech Team	data: Bill sound: Jack camera: -	data: Madeline sound: Kelvin camera: Sam	data: Issy sound: Mitch camera: Eli	data: Kahlia sound: Eli camera: Kelvin
Music Team	Yohannes, Thadeus, Stephanie	Geoff, Renata, Jordan	James, Asher, Grace	Sue, Amelia, Adrian

*If you would like to help by joining the roster, please get in touch with Boram

September 2022

- 3 Sat** Moon Walk (Yr3-6)
- 9 Fri** Youth Group
Straddie Men's Camp (9th-11th)
- 10 Sat** SafeSpace
- 16 Fri** Last day of Term 3
- 21 Wed** Church Council

October 2022

- 3 Mon** First day of Term 4
- 7 Fri** Youth Group
- 8 Sat** Evangelism Training Opportunity
- 16 Sun** Baptism course begins
- 19 Wed** Church Council
- 21 Fri** Youth Group
- 24 - 26th** Presbytery Ministers Retreat

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 Boram:

info@toowongunitingchurch.org.au

Bible Study

7 - 8.30 pm Tuesdays and Thursdays
during the school term, in the church house

contact Ross: ross.homel@icloud.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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