

Conversations with Jesus

August 2023



TOOWONG
UNITING CHURCH



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 in the name of the one who brings us peace.

Calculated on average, Jesus' conversations with others lasted only 42 seconds, (according to Carl Medearis, author of 42 Seconds: The Jesus Model for Everyday Interactions.) That average of course doesn't account for the time Jesus spent engaging in real listening to another, to go to the heart of an issue, in brave, honest and transformative interactions with discussion partners. As you dwell on the gospels, what we typically observe is Jesus seeking either another's personal growth, their healing or a change of mind and heart (metanoia - 'repent') in their relationship to God and others. We should assume Jesus wants the same from us. That's a long -form conversation that can last the rest of your life, between you and God.

This month we'll find four moments when Jesus builds a bridge between himself and another, in four (slightly longer) conversations, as he extends a truth that can set them free, if only they are willing to receive it. Remaining in conversation with Jesus today requires attention and discipline, because we know there's so many other siren voices competing for our attention. So consider having a conversation with Jesus as a spiritual discipline that can transform your life.

Receive this blessing from the Welsh Retreat Centre of Ffald -y-Brenin.

"I bless you in the name of Jesus that the fullness of his peace may flood your heart and mind, sinking deeply into every part of your being and life. I bless you that your body may be strengthened and healed so you are free to walk in the joy of the Lord" So may it be!



Matt Smith Lead Minister

Matt and Narelle joined TUC Community 5 years ago. Matt works alongside a dedicated team of staff and volunteers to create and grow a community whose centre is Christ.

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

Please note that Matt is not available on Tuesdays.

Bible Readings

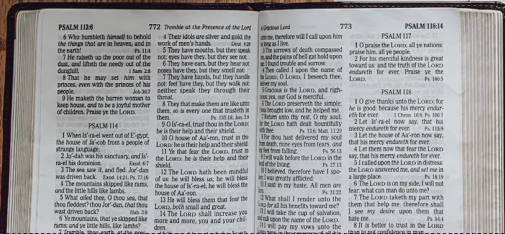
Here are our Bible readings for the next few weeks.
You might like to read along at home!

6 Aug: John 8 : 31-58

13 Aug: John 21 : 15-25

20 Aug: Luke 7 : 36-50

27 Aug: Matthew 26 : 17-35



the lectio course

A five session video series with Pete Greig exploring the ancient practice of Lectio Divina.

www.24-7prayer.com/lectiocourse



Beginning on **Thursday August 17**, the Thursday evening Bible Study group will commence a 5-week course called **Lectio Divina**.

The course is based on Pete Greig's book, *How to Hear God*, and explores the ancient practice of Lectio Divina.

This course addresses such questions as:
"How can I grow in my prayer life?"
"What on earth is God saying?"
"How do I make sense of the Bible?"

The Thursday night group meets in the church house behind the church, but since this course will be of interest to many people we will meet in the hall if numbers are too large for the house.

"Learning to hear God's voice – his word and his whisper – is the single most important thing you will ever learn to do." – Pete Greig

Please let Ross know if you are interested in attending the 5-week course: 0407 754064 or Ross.Homel@icloud.com.

The Lectio Course is a free small group resource from 24-7 Prayer International designed to equip Christians and Christian communities to learn how to hear God by praying the Bible.

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24-7 PRAYER

ALL BOOKINGS & PAYMENTS BY 14 AUG

Fri 25 Aug - Sun 27 Aug
Tamborine Life Centre



Toowong Uniting Church

Ladies Weekend Away

All women from TUC age 18+





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

Please note, Clare is away 7 August - 21 September inclusive.



Leopards

Preschool - Grade 2



Lions

Grade 3 - Grade 5

Youth Group

Junior Youth

Grades 6 - 8

Senior Youth

Grades 9 - 12

What happens at Children's Ministry?

- Children are encouraged to get to know God and to talk to Him
- Children grow in confidence to read and learn about God's word for themselves
- To help them do this, high-quality, approved, curriculum-based material has been chosen
- Teachers are passionate about sharing God's love with young people in a caring and supportive environment
- Children learn in a creative, thoughtful and play-based session

How can you as a parent or carer, help your child enjoy this time?

- **Come as often as you can** so that your child has continuity, knows what to expect and most important of all can make great friends!
- **Ask them about** what they learn and what they have experienced
- **Lean on God to help you:**
 - **Talk to God together** - A suggestion would be to pray with your child at bedtime after their bedtime story.
 - **Celebrate** - Enjoy time together and thank God for it.
 - **Read the Bible together** - read a Children's Bible story each night as part of the night time routine or together as a family.
 - **Grow with your children** - all these things are easier when your child is small but I urge you to continue these things throughout their lives; see them as not just a child's routine but as **your** routine. Your children will learn from you, as they mature into teenage and then adulthood, that friendship with God is a lifelong adventure.

SENIOR YOUTH
EVERY SECOND FRIDAY
6.30 - 9PM
CHURCH HALL
14 JUL 28 JUL 11 AUG 25 AUG 8 SEP

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JUNIOR YOUTH
Every Second Sunday,
During the Service
16 Jul 30 Jul 13 Aug 27 Aug 10 Sep

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THE OFFERINGS: JULY 2023

PROJECTED BUDGET
\$18,500

GENERAL OFFERINGS	PLANT
\$13,420.00	\$9,110.00

thank you David Vicig



After five years of outstanding management, David Vicig has concluded his position as TUC Treasurer, and we are very grateful for his invaluable contribution.

David's sensitivity to TUC's vision and his ability to make complex matters comprehensible, provided financial oversight and guidance that allowed our church to respond to opportunities for mission. David has also been part of TUC's leadership both as a Council Member (11 years) and Worship Leader. We thank David for his immense contribution to the life and ministry of TUC. Thank you also to Fiona and their family for generously sharing David's time with us!

We welcome John Densley who has now stepped into the role of Treasurer. John's career as an Chartered Accountant provides a wealth of experience. **Thank you David and John!**



OPENHOUSE

Prayer is for everyone

Wednesday 23 August
6.30pm - 7.30pm
Church House



Join the community on
WhatsApp to find out more.



Can we pray with you?

Prayer Ministry After the Service

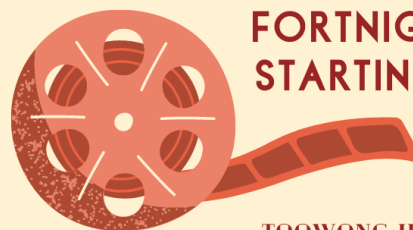
Please come forward at the end of the service on Sundays to receive prayer for particular needs or issues.



RED CARPET

FOR YOUNG ADULTS

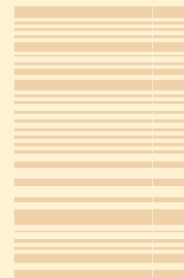
FORTNIGHTLY SUNDAY STARTING 27 AUGUST



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ADMIT ONE

TICKET NO. 1225



A YOUNG ADULTS
WORSHIP EVENT THAT
SHOWCASES MOVIES
THAT HIGHLIGHT THE
CHRISTIAN MESSAGE

WEDNESDAY PRAYER MEETING

OUR TUESDAY ONLINE ZOOM PRAYER MEETING IS MOVED TO WEDNESDAY MORNING AT 8:30.

Call to pray for our church and our community. Please let us know how we can pray for you.

It's our privilege to pray for each other and as a church, we go to prayer as a matter of first resort.

Please contact Matt for prayer support.

Sunday Roster: August 2023

	6 Aug	13 Aug	20 Aug	27 Aug
	9.30 am	9.30 am	9.30 am	9.30 am
Speaker	Matt	Matt	Matt	Matt
Kids' Talk	No Kids' Talk	Bev H	Jo R	TBC
Communion Helpers	Will S Warwick B Kate G Ben R			
Reader	Luke T	Cassie L	Jane T	Eve N
Pastoral Prayer	-	Will S	Karen B	Ross H
Prayer Ministry	Rob H	Karen N	Will S	Laurel A
Elder	Ben R	Di H	Will S	Jo R
Door	Will S Luke T	Jane T Di H	Nadia A -	Luke T Kelvin W
M'Tea	Brendan T -	David D Jane D	Narelle W Brendan T	Wendy B Warwick B
Coffee Machine	Hanum L Brodie S	Luke T Amelia B	-	Brodie S Hanum L
Offering Counters	Rob L Nadia A	Rob J Jane T	Jane T Kelvin W	Rob L Rob J
Tech Team	data: Asher sound: Kelvin camera: Sam	data: - sound: Mitch camera: Luke	data: Bill sound: Sam camera: Kelvin	data: - sound: Jack camera: -
Music Team	Liz, Luke, Eli, Adrian G, Jordan	Renata, Geoff, Josh, Boram	Amelia, Mitch, Asher, Adrian G, Karen	Adrian Z, Eli, Yohannes

Local SU School Chaplain



Scan QR Code to Donate to School Chaplaincy



Denise Ko

Kenmore South State School and
QASMT

August 2023

- 1 Tue** Craft group
- 11 Fri** Senior Youth
- 13 Sun** Junior Youth
- 15 Tue** Craft group
- 16 Wed** Church council
- 17 Thu** Lectio Divina begins
- 23 Wed** Openhouse prayer meeting
- 25 Fri** Senior Youth
Ladies Weekend Away
- 27 Sun** Junior Youth
Red Carpet begins
- 29 Tue** Craft group

September 2023

- 3 Sun** Baptism Sunday
- 8 Fri** Senior Youth
- 15 Fri** Last day of Term 3
- 17 Sun** Kor/Eng Congregation BBQ
(TBC)
- 20 Wed** Church council

*Clare is away (7 Aug - 21 Sept)

Weekly Events

Prayer Meeting

8.30 - 9.30 am Wednesdays 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 - Women's Group

7 - 8.30 pm Tuesdays
During the school term
At Kate's house
contact Boram:
info@toowongunitingchurch.org.au

Bible Study - Thursday Evening

7 - 8.30 pm Thursdays
During the school term
In the church house
contact Ross: ross.homel@icloud.com

Playgroup

9.30 - 11.00 am Thursdays & Fridays
during the school term, in the hall
contact Clare: c_hankamer@hotmail.com

