



TOOWONG
UNITING CHURCH

lost things



may
2023

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
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Uniting Church Toowong
General Parish Fund

BSB: 084424

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Welcome to TUC.

One of Narelle's (who is my better half) many super-powers is that she has an amazing sense of direction. It really is uncanny how she can geo-locate herself in just about any new place in the world. Her natural sat-nav was particularly useful when we once travelled through Europe and faced the bewildering maze of old city streets, (this was in the dark ages prior to google maps). As I would attempt to find our way back to our starting point, often resulting in adding distance from where we needed to go, Narelle would patiently point out that we should alter course, and wait for me to admit I had no idea where we were, or even the right direction. Narelle would then take us directly back to the place we needed to be. I only found this infuriating on a few occasions, when my sense of male competence must have been challenged.

Anyone who has spent any time being temporarily 'lost' in life can attest to the terrible isolation it brings, but also the joyous sense of relief that floods us when we're 'found' or re-orientated, it is a life-giving experience. Sometimes feeling lost isn't all bad, as a necessary precondition to setting a new direction in our life, and as Tolkien wrote "Not all those who wander are lost". Ending up where we least expected is often the sign of God in your life. But sometimes, we only admit we have lost our way long after the territory has changed beyond recognition. Even admitting we're lost is usually very difficult, I should know.

Most of the people that Jesus said were lost, would probably have said they were doing just fine, right up to the point they had a life changing encounter with Jesus. There's something about the gospel of grace penetrating our inner being that brings up for us completely new understandings of direction, destination and destiny. Being found and rescued is the beautiful promise of our Saviour, and that of course implies that we were - or have again become one of the lost things that Jesus spoke about. This month we explore what it means to be lost and then found by God's unceasing grace.

This month is the season of Pentecost, Sunday 28th May. Come Holy Spirit and kindle in us the fire of your love, and we shall be created. And you shall renew the face of the earth.

Matt



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 Wednesdays.

Bible Readings

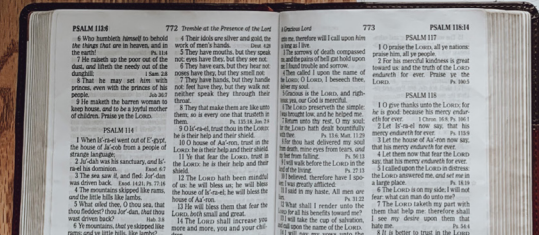
Here are our Bible readings for the next few weeks.
You might like to read along at home!

7 May: -

14 May: Looking for the Lost - Isaiah 49: 1 - 26

21 May: Rejoicing in the Found - Luke 15: 1 - 10

28 May: Found and Forgiven - Luke 15: 11 - 31



^ Easter Sunday Egg Hunt (9 April 2023)

AGM and BBQ (23 Apr 2023) v

Face-to-Face

Safety Training for Volunteers

Sunday 21st May

Church Hall

11AM (after the service)

Training Modules 1 & 2



SAFEMINISTRY
with children



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

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.



Leopards

Preschool- Grade2



Lions

Grade3- Grade5

Youth Group

Junior Youth
Grades 6 - 8

Senior Youth
Grades 9 - 12

JUNIOR YOUTH

Every Second Sunday, During the Service

23 APR 7 MAY 21 MAY 4 JUN 18 JUN

Senior Youth

EVERY SECOND FRIDAY
6.30 - 9PM
CHURCH HALL

21 APR 5 MAY 19 MAY
2 JUN 16 JUN

Share the love

THE OFFERINGS APRIL 2023

	PROJECTED BUDGET
	\$18,500
GENERAL OFFERINGS	PLANT
\$16,475.00	\$8,890.00

DAY CAMP

for children in years 1 - 6

27 - 30 JUNE

9am - 3pm

- fun activities
- bush walks
- craft and games
- cooking food over campfire

Yr 7 & 8s!

Are you up for leadership roles?
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We invite you to...

Thursday Bible Study

- open to ALL COMERS
- doesn't matter how much or how little you know about the Bible!
- meet a friendly, welcoming, and supportive group
- End of Term 2 dinner on Thursday June 22

Every Thu | 7 - 8.30pm
@Church house



NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER & FASTING

27 MAY 2023

Love and Unity

"Love one another as I have loved you, so that the world may know..."

John 13:34-35
John 17:20-21

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Sunday Roster: May 2023

	7 May	14 May	21 May	28 May
	9.30 am	9.30 am	9.30 am	9.30 am
Speaker	Matt	Matt	Jason	Warwick
Kids' Talk	No Kids' Talk	Bev H	Clare H	Clare H
Communion Helpers	Sam W Kabir S Will S Wendy B	-	-	-
Reader	Outback Futures	Nadia A	Warwick B	Rob H
Pastoral Prayer	Sarah S	Rob H	Ross H	Will S
Prayer Ministry	Laurel A	-	Warwick B	Laurel A
Elder	Wendy B	Ben R	Bev H	Will S
Door	Warwick B Nikki B	Jane T Kelvin W	Nadia A -	Grace T Sue O
M'Tea	Narelle W Nadia A	Michelle R Eve N	Sarah S Asher W	David D Jane D
Coffee Machine	-	Hanum L Brodie S	-	Hanum L -
Offering Counters	Rob L -	Jane T Rob J	Rob L -	Rob J Grace T
Tech Team	data: Asher sound: Eli camera: Eli	data: Grace sound: Jack camera: -	data: Kahlia sound: Luke camera: Sam	data: Madeline sound: Mitch camera: Kelvin
Music Team	Renata, Geoff, Luke, Josh, Yohannes, Jordan	Sue, Amelia	Adrian Z, Asher, Adrian G, Issy	Liz, Warwick, Josh, Yohannes



AN INVITATION TO

UNITING IN PRAYER

28 MAY - 22 JUNE 2023

Between **Pentecost (28 May)** and the Uniting Church Anniversary (22 June) this year, the whole Uniting Church is called to join in '**Uniting In Prayer**'.

During this time we'll give thanks to God for our past, reflect on our present, and with hope we'll listen to God's calling and each other.

To learn more about this project, search 'Uniting In Prayer 2023' or scan the QR code and sign up to updates!



May 2023

- 5 Fri** Senior Youth
- 7 Sun** Junior Youth
Outback Futures Morning Tea
- 17 Wed** Church Council
- 19 Fri** Senior Youth
- 21 Sun** Pray All Day
Junior Youth
Safety Training for Volunteers
at TUC: Module 1 & 2
(Rev Russell Reynoldson)
- 27 Sat** Moon Walk (TBC)
- 28 Sun** Pentecost Sunday

June 2023

- 2 Fri** Senior Youth
- 4 Sun** Junior Youth
- 16 Fri** Senior Youth
- 21 Wed** Church Council
- 23 Fri** Last Playgroup of Term 2
- 24 Sun** Budget Congregation Meeting

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 - Women's Group

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

Bible Study - Evening Group

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



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