



pray



love



live

(& eat)





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 Letter: September

During the week, I have been hearing from some of you who made it to Mt Tambourine for the Ladies' Retreat. From what you've said, this has been a significant weekend of connecting at a heart and soul level, with some amazing food too! Our special thanks to Sarah, Kate, Michelle Wendy B and Wendy G who organised the get-away, and for Cassie who created a reflective space, and all 25 people who made time to share this experience together.

Weekends like this remind us of a truth – and I need to keep reminding myself of this – I choose to live in a covenant community, because I am called to do life together with my brothers and sisters in Christ. Any Christian's life should reflect a covenantal understanding of Jesus, as we try to embrace God's promises we receive, and in response, honour those promises we make to others in community with us. God's intention is always that the church grows into a life-enriching community, because God's Spirit is present. Jesus promised that to us – “where ever two or three of you gather in my name, I am there with you.” (Matt 18:20)

Being part of Christian community that is led by the Spirit will always be challenging to us, but far more so encouraging us towards our healing and to flourish in life. Our highest calling is to grow more into the likeness of Christ – for the sake of others. “We will in all things grow up into him, who is the Head, that is Jesus. From him the whole body...grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.” (Ephesians 4: 15)

This month our preaching theme is Pray, Love, Live (& Eat). We will look at some scripture resources for living as a community of Jesus, and also try to catch the vision of what Jesus had in mind for his church, and what that can look like for us here.

Shalom of Jesus,

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 Tuesdays.

Bible Readings

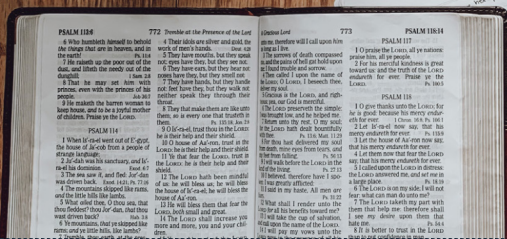
Here are our Bible readings for the next few weeks. You might like to read along at home!

3 Sep: Luke 22 : 14-30 “Christian Community”

10 Sep: John 17 : 6-19 “Pray”

17 Sep: Romans 12 : 3-21 “Love”

24 Sep: Ephesians 2 : 11-22 “Live”



Fostering a strong and engaged community

atmosphere where everyone can find acceptance and a sense of connection.

Furthermore, special thanks go to the Cluster Companions in the congregation for their consistent prayers for their group, providing meaningful channels for sharing our concerns and hopes with God.

Of course, pastoral care extends beyond prayer and welcoming - it also involves practical assistance: engaging in conversations, invitations to Sunday lunch, meeting up for coffee, and transportation to church and study groups. As well, the Prayer and Care Team (PACT) continues to attend to acute needs.

By fostering a culture centered around intentional support, prayer and genuine relationships, I pray we will continue to create a community that reflects Christ's love and light as we aspire to providing a place of encouragement for all in our congregation.

Dianne Hubbard
Care & Connect Coordinator

Refreshing the Care & Connect Framework

Recently, the Church Council participated in a workshop - “Community Care Framework”. This was conducted by Selena Gomersall who is a highly qualified and experienced consultant in Christian pastoral care and creating community. Through a thorough evaluation of our current framework, we identified areas of strength and of improvement, and in the coming months, we will work on creating an approach where our goal is to improve the quality of care, modify the quantity of care and assess where resources need to be directed.

Congregational pastoral care

At TUC, pastoral care encompasses our whole congregation. It is here we try to express all the fruits of the Spirit listed in Galatians 5:22-23. These fruits are in evidence at Sunday worship and in the actions and stories I hear about during the week - you have created a welcoming

Galatians 5:22-23
... the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

THE OFFERINGS: AUGUST 2023

PROJECTED BUDGET
\$18,500

GENERAL OFFERINGS

\$22,011.00

PLANT

\$9,230.00



The Thursday evening Bible Study group is studying a 5-week course called **Lectio Divina**, addressing 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 at 7pm. Please let Ross know if you are interested in attending the 5-week course: 0407 754064 or Ross.Homel@icloud.com.



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.

Next Generation Ministry

JUNIOR YOUTH

Every Second Sunday,
During the Service

16 Jul 30 Jul 13 Aug 27 Aug 10 Sep

TOOWONG UNITING CHURCH

SENIOR YOUTH

EVERY SECOND FRIDAY
6.30 - 9PM
CHURCH HALL

14 JUL 28 JUL 11 AUG 25 AUG 8 SEP

TOOWONG UNITING CHURCH

TUC SAFE SPACE

- ALL ARE WELCOME -

SEMESTER 2 DATES

CONTACT AMELIA FOR MORE INFO

02/09	CRAFTERNOON
16/09	THE RUTHLESS LIMITATION OF HURRY PART 2
30/09	MOVIE NIGHT
14/10	THE RUTHLESS LIMITATION OF HURRY PART 3
28/10	FIGHT HUSTLE END HURRY
11/11	END OF SEMESTER/YEAR PARTY

Prayer Ministry at Toowong Uniting Church

WEDNESDAY MORNING 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.



OPENHOUSE

Prayer is for everyone

Every Wednesday
6.30pm - 7.30pm
Church House



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.



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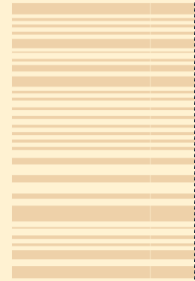
A WORSHIP EVENT SHOWCASING MOVIES THAT HIGHLIGHT THE CHRISTIAN MESSAGE

FORTNIGHTLY SUNDAYS AT 5PM

27 Aug 10 Sept 24 Sept
8 Oct 22 Oct

ADMIT ONE

TICKET NO. 1225



Presbytery of The Downs
Uniting Church in Australia, Queensland Synod

invites you to celebrate with the

Crows Nest District Uniting Church
the Commissioning as Pastor of

Mrs Cynthia Taafe

1:30pm
Sunday, 17th September, 2023

12:30pm Finger Food Lunch
Afternoon tea will be served after the service.
(Gluten Free options will be available)

Crows Nest Uniting Church
17 Emu Creek Road, Crows Nest

RSVP for catering purposes by 10th September:
cnduc.secretary@gmail.com or 0429 777 941

Crows Nest Uniting Church



Thornville Uniting Church

Safe Ministry with Children

As we embrace the Safe Ministry with Children Policy to cultivate a culture of shared guardianship within our community, we kindly request all volunteers to participate in safety training as they begin their volunteering journey and consistently throughout.

It's important to note that:

- all volunteers are required to complete **Module 1** every 2 years.
- Additionally, volunteers engaged in activities involving children are kindly asked to complete an additional course, **Module 2**, every 12 months.

If you know you need to take the training or renew your certification, please refer to the following dates for upcoming face-to-face sessions.

- **Sunday 8th October**
2.30pm - 5.30pm
@ Indooroopilly Uniting Church
- **Saturday 4th November**
9am - 12pm
@ Bremer Brisbane Presbytery Office
(13 William Street, Goodna)

To RSVP or for any questions, please contact Madeline madeline@toowongunitingchurch.org.au

Sunday Roster: September 2023

	3 Sep	10 Sep	17 Sep	24 Sep	1 Oct
	9.30 am	9.30 am	9.30 am	9.30 am	9.30 am
Speaker	Matt	Matt	Matt	Matt	Matt
Kids' Talk	No Kids' Talk	Bev H	School Holiday		
Communion Helpers	Di H Will S Jack L				Will S Sarah S
Reader	Chloe M	Cameron B	Nadia A	Eve N	Jane T
Pastoral Prayer	Luke T	Cassie L	Laurel A	Ross H	Karen B
Prayer Ministry	Barbara F	Rob H	Warwick B	Karen N	Laurel A
Elder	Di H	Ben R	Wendy B	Bev H	Will S
Door	Will S Carly K	Nikki B Jane T	Will S Kabir S	Sue O Karen N	Luke T Nikki B
M'Tea	Karen B Nadia A	Eve N -	Narelle W -	Jane T Brendan T	David D Jane D
Coffee Machine	-	-	Hanum L Luke T	-	Hanum L Rosanne G
Offering Counters	Cameron B -	Rob J Rob L	Nadia A -	Rob J -	Rob L -
Tech Team	data: Bill sound: Adrian, camera: Luke	data: - sound: Mitch camera: -	data: Kahlia sound: Cameron camera: Eli	data: Madeline sound: Jack camera: -	data: Bill sound: Adrian camera: Eli
Music Team	Renata, Geoff, Richard, Eli, Keira	Sue, Asher, Boram	Amelia, Mitch, Keira, Luke, Josh, Adrian	Liz, Brad, Yohannes	Renata, Geoff, Richard, Asher

HAPPY Father's DAY

Happy Father's Day to all the amazing fathers among us! On this special day, we celebrate and honour the incredible role that fathers play in our lives. Through their guidance, love, and strength, they reflect the qualities of our Heavenly Father.

"Those who trust in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint." Isaiah 40:31

September 2023

- 8 Fri** Senior Youth
- 10 Sun** Red Carpet worship
Junior Youth
- 15 Fri** Last day of Term 3
- 20 Wed** Church council
- 24 Sun** Red Carpet worship

*Clare is away (7 Aug - 21 Sept)

October 2023

- 3 Tue** Term 4 begins
- 6 Fri** Senior Youth
- 8 Sun** Combined service with Kor
Congregation & BBQ
Junior Youth
Red Carpet worship
- 14 Sat** Referendum BBQ Fundraiser
- 18 Wed** Church council
- 20 Fri** Senior Youth
- 22 Sun** Junior Youth
Red Carpet worship
- 29 Sun** Connect Brunch

Weekly Events

Prayer Meeting

8.30 - 9.30 am Wednesdays on Zoom
contact Matt:
matt@toowongunitingchurch.org.au

Openhouse Prayer Meeting

6.30 - 7.30 pm Wednesdays
In the church house
contact Jason:
jason@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



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