

WHERE YOU'RE LEAD

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Where
you're sent



LOVE • PRAY • OBEY • OK!

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.

Offerings

Monthly Budgeted Offerings:

\$15,350.00

Offerings received July:

\$18,142.65

Thank you for your generous support of the mission of TUC!

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Welcome!

If you're looking for a church that embraces flawed and imperfect people, you're in the right place. Turns out that's all of us too! May the love of Christ be abundantly real for you.

Of the many aspects of Christian life that I struggle with, an important one, is the discipline of listening to God. Is that your experience too? It's not that I am resistant to the idea, it's just that it requires considerable self control and intention, even before one begins. Bringing our requests to God is obviously easier, because we have things we want God to do for us, and very politely we ask Him to get his act into gear! How about some more rain God? To quench those forest fires in the Amazon! And it's the Ashes' Test decider, so a few prayers for the Aussies might be worth a mention too.

But just listening to God, that's a whole other approach. Listening to silence, and being centred by the stillness and quiet that accompanies that God-soul space, is honestly difficult. When we do incorporate the posture of listening regularly into our lives, we become more attuned to the heart of Jesus.

Graham Long was the CEO /Pastor of King's Cross Wayside Chapel and tells the story of a local lady who regularly attended the weekly chapel services but continually interjected throughout his sermons. They affectionately called her 'St Interruptus'. One day, mid sermon, Graham asked her "Am I boring you?" She snapped back "That's your job!"

There's a lot of St Interruptus in me, as I often feel the need to trade God's presence (which requires me to be quiet) with my own agenda, concerns and schedule. Yet the times I do take to be still and try to hear what God is saying, always leave me restored and reoriented. And that's why we, as a Christian community, are asked to attend to God especially, asking "what do you want to say to me God?" Hear what the Spirit is saying to you all throughout September, with intentional focus on listening, and please let us know what you hear from those encounters.

So pleased to be sharing the Master's journey with you.

Matt

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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 – Clare, Lauren, Garry, Claudia and Joyce.

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

Please note that Matt's day off is Thursday.

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!

To receive a weekly prayer email, or fortnightly enews, please fill in the "Connect" form found in the pews, and place it in the offering basket.

Please be in touch and let us know if we can be of service in any way:

lauren@toowongunitingchurch.org.au



Combined Korean / TUC Service

10.30 am Sunday 15 September

Followed by a bbq lunch: \$5/person or \$15/family

We're really looking forward to getting together again with the Korean congregation for a combined worship service on Sunday 15 September. Please note, the service will begin at the later time of 10.30 am. After the service, we'll have a bbq lunch, so please feel free to invite your friends!

You may remember that the last time we had a combined service, members of the Korean congregation cooked us up a delicious Korean bbq lunch. It's now our turn to show our Korean brothers and sisters what constitutes a typical Aussie bbq! The cost of the lunch will be \$5/person, or \$15 for families. This is to cover the cost of the food.

For catering purposes, please let us know if you'll be there:
lauren@toowongunitingchurch.org.au

Connect Brunch

Welcome to TUC!

Sunday 8 September | 10.45am

Are you new to TUC? We'd love to catch up with you at the Connect Brunch after the service on Sunday 8 September. Join us in the church house for a meal and a chat.

Please be in touch with Dianne for more information, and to RSVP:
dianne.j.hubbard@gmail.com



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



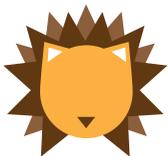
Tigers

Toddlers - Preschool



Leopards

Preschool - Year 2



Lions

Year 3 - Year 5

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 in the church house 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 Saturday night during the school term for Youth Group. **Our remaining dates for Senior Youth in term 2 are: 11 May, 25 May, 8 June and 22 June.**

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.

6 - 8 September, 2019
Woolloongabba Substation

A Photo Exhibition: Helping Mothers Care for Kids with Disabilities in India

This exhibition visually documents Natty Branjerdporn's research project training women in Indian communities to support mothers of babies with cerebral palsy through activities around play, movement, nutrition and health. Featuring the photography of Agi Davis, and the videography of Jordan Ream, the exhibition showcases the strength and resilience of these families as they learn to help their babies thrive.

Get your free tickets here: bit.ly/2YnAAj1

NEXT GEN ARISE

THE NEXT GENERATION FROM ALL NATIONS EMPOWERED TO BE DISCIPLE MAKERS

Worship Gathering

Sunday 29 September | 6.30 pm at TUC

Next Gen Arise exists to develop disciple makers who can inspire a movement of young people from all nations to passionately follow Jesus, selflessly build each other up, faithfully take places of leadership in the church and beyond, and fearlessly change the world. We are so excited that this group of young people are hosting their next Worship Gathering at TUC on Sunday 29 September. Please come and check it out!

Remaining dates for 2019: 7 Sept, 5 Oct, 2 Nov, 7 Dec

TUCK into Breakfast Men's Fellowship

**Saturday 7 September
7.30 am under the umbrellas**

Join us at 7.30 am on the first Saturday of each month for brekky (bacon & egg muffins, tea and coffee) and a chance to chat with each other. All ages are welcome, and please feel free to bring along your friends.

**For more information, please be in touch with Warwick Browne:
warwick.browne@gmail.com**



Working Bee!

Saturday 14 September | 1.30 - 4.30 pm

Please join us if you're free to help clean and repair various parts of the church building and grounds. Even half an hour of your time would be much appreciated!

Church Pantry

Can you donate a few items?

Recently, the TUC pantry has been able to support a number of people in our community. As a result, it is looking a little bare! If you are in a position to help, please consider adding one extra item to your trolley as you do your groceries to add to the pantry. These items can be left in the marked box in the TUC foyer.

The items that we need are: instant meals, long life milk, cereal, cans of tuna (plain and different flavours), pasta and sauce, coffee

Thank you very much for your help!



Morning Tea Under the Umbrellas

Wednesday 18 September | 9.45 - 11.00 am

Morning Tea Under the Umbrellas (MTUU) meets on the third Wednesday of every month. Everyone is warmly invited to join us on 18 September for a delicious morning tea and great company! Please be in touch with Wendy for more information, or to let her know if you can help with baking:

0422 373 326 | awgelden@bigpond.net.au



Sunday Roster: September

	01 Sept.	08 Sept.	15 Sept.	22 Sept.	29 Sept.
	9.30 am	9.30 am	9.30 am	9.30 am	9.30 am
Speaker	Matt Smith	Matt Smith	Matt Smith	John Frederick	Ben Reid
Elder	Dianne H	Garry J	Lauren M	Alicia M	Will S
Reader	Kim J	Garry J	Liz W	Rob L	Jane T
Prayer (during service)	-	Sarah S	Joyce S	Rob H	Ross H
Door	Jane T/Joyce S	Karen N/ Kim J	Lauren M/ Nikki B	Kelvin W/Ray M	Sue & Gary O
Connectors	Dianne H	Kim J	Lee P	Rob H	Claudia D/ Anthony E
Count Offering	Emilia B/ Karen N	Jane T/Paul B	Sandra H/ Rob H	Rob M/ Rob J	Ben H/Will S
Coffee Machine	Mex B	Vanessa S	-	Brad M & Jenny M	Vanessa S
Morning Tea	Carly K/Karen A	Gem M/Lee P	-	Grace T/ Lauren M	Karen B/Jane T
Prayer Ministry (after service)	Catherine Z	Lauren M	Karen N	Jane T	Neil D
Data / Sound	Naomi H / Ben H	TBC / Elias P	Luke R / Ben H	Scott G / Mitch G	Tim O / Lauren M
Music Team	Renata, Geoff, Thadeus, Yohannes, Steph	Dave, Brad, Garry, Karen	Lucy, Geoff, Renata, Adrian G, Eli	Hamish, Elias, Issy, Amelia, Riley	Lucy, Yohannes, Thadeus, Steph

Let's Pray Together: Where is God Leading TUC?

2 Chronicles 20:12b: We do not know what to do, but our eyes are upon you

God has been and continues to do such amazing things through His church here in Toowong. We want to line up with His plans, rather than forge ahead with our own ideas, so this is why we'd like to be praying together for clarity around the plans our Lord has for us. Please join us in speaking and listening to God about the following and how we can be doing these things at TUC in a way that honours and brings Glory to God:

1. Loving God:

understanding how, giving thanks, checking for gaps, asking for God's inspiration
Bible inspiration - Psalm 23, Psalm 24, Psalm 29, Psalm 65, Psalm 66

2. Loving One Another:

understanding how, giving thanks, checking for gaps, asking for God's inspiration
Bible inspiration - John 13:34-35

3. Loving Toowong (& beyond):

understanding how, giving thanks, checking for gaps, asking for God's inspiration
Bible inspiration - Matthew 28:16-20

4. The Path Forward:

Once we've listened to God about points 1-3, then we might be in a position to ask Him what He has planned for our future.

Some bible verses that might help you pray for this are: John 14:4, John 12-15, John 14:17-20, Acts 2:18-21, Acts 2:28, Acts 2:42-44.

Let us know how God is speaking to you! Come and have a chat to Matt, Will, or anyone on church council, or email Will directly: walswdes@gmail.com

September

- 03 Tues:** 7 pm Pastorate
- 07 Sat:** 7.30 am TUCk into Breakfast
- 08 Sun:** 10.45 am Connect Brunch
- 12 Thurs:** 7 - 9 pm Watoto Children's Choir at Living Faith Uniting Church
- 14 Sat:** 1.30 - 4.30 pm Working Bee
6.30 pm Senior Youth Group
- 15 Sun:** 10.30 am combined service with Korean congregation + BBQ lunch
- 17 Tues:** 7 pm Pastorate
- 18 Wed:** 9.45 am Morning Tea Under the Umbrellas
- 20 Fri:** last day Term 3
- 22 Sun:** 2.30 pm Church Council Meeting
- 29 Sun:** 6.30 pm Next Gen Arise Worship - at TUC

October

- 05 Sat:** 7.30 am TUCk into Breakfast
- 08 Tues:** start of Term 4
7 pm Tuesday Pastorate resumes
- 10 Thurs:** 9.30 am Thursday Playgroup resumes
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- 11 Fri:** 9.30 am Friday Playgroup resumes
- 12 Sat:** 6.30 pm Senior Youth Group
- 13 Sun:** Baptism Sunday at TUC
- 14 Mon:** 9.30 am English Conversation resumes
- 15 Tues:** 7 pm Church Council Meeting
- 16 Wed:** 9.45 am Morning Tea Under the Umbrellas
- 19 Sat:** Handel's Messiah - evening at TUC
- 22 Tues:** 7 pm Pastorate
- 26 Sat:** Light Party (alternative to Halloween)
6.30 pm Senior Youth Group

Weekly Events

Easy English Bible Study

8.30 am Sundays before worship
in the church house
contact Joyce: lynns1009@gmail.com

Prayer Meetings

8.30 - 9.30 am Mondays
in the church house
contact Matt:
matt@toowongunitingchurch.org.au

English Conversation

9.30 - 11.30 am Mondays
during the school term
in the hall
contact Will: walswdes@gmail.com

Playgroup

9.30 - 11.00 am Thursdays
9.30 - 11.00 am Fridays
during the school term
in the hall

contact Clare (Thursdays):
c_hankamer@hotmail.com
contact Claudia (Fridays):
arq.claudiadiaz@hotmail.com

Thursday Pastorate

7.30 - 9.00 pm Thursdays
during the school term
in the church house
contact Wendy:
wendy.g.browne@gmail.com



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