

November 2021

- 7 Sun:** Baptism & Confirmation service
KATS (during service)
- 8 Mon:** 10 am English Conversation
- 9 Tues:** 7 pm Pastorate (church house)
- 11 Thurs:** 9.30 am Playgroup
- 12 Fri:** 9.30 am Playgroup
7 pm Encounter Centenary UC (Youth night)
- 17 Wed:** 9.45 am Toowong Community Morning Tea
7.30 pm Church Council
- 19 Fri:** 7pm Senior Youth Group (church house)

December 2021

- 3 Fri:** 7pm Last Senior Youth Group and Year 12 Farewell
- 5 Sun:** Last KATS Christmas Celebration (during service)

Weekly Events

Prayer Meeting
8.30 - 9.30 am Tuesdays on Zoom
contact Matt:
matt@toowongunitingchurch.org.au

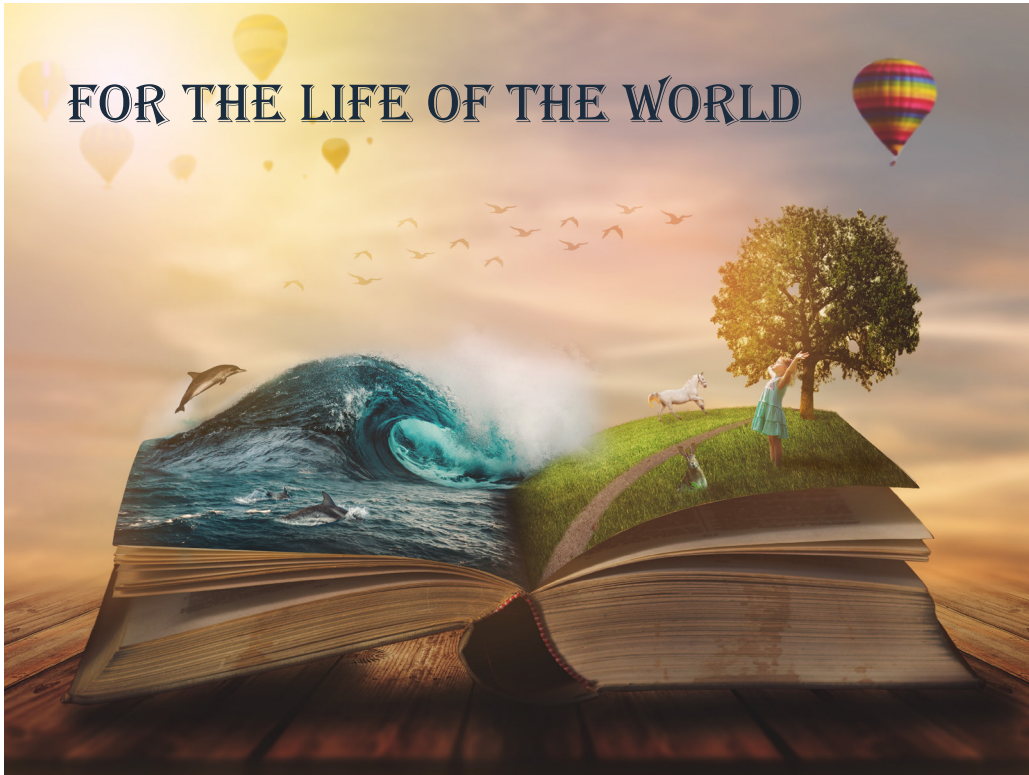
English Conversation
10 - 11.45 am Mondays
during the school term, in the hall
contact Jane: jftrewern@gmail.com

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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NOVEMBER 2021



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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Sunday Roster: November 2021

	7 November	14 November	21 November	28 November
	9.30 am	9.30 am	9.30 am	9.30 am
Speaker	Matt	Matt	Matt	Matt
Elder	Jo R	Beverley H	Dianne H	Ben R
Reader	Sue O'	Wendy B	Nadia A	Carly K
Pastoral Prayer	-	Sarah S	Rob H	Beverley H
Door	Ray M, Will S	Sue O', Gary O'	Nikki B, Karen N	Kabir S, Will S
Bathroom Cleaner	Dianne H	Ben R	Will S	TBA
Coffee Machine	-	-	-	
M'Tea	Wendy G, Gem M	Grace T, Narelle W	Brendan T, Jane T	Sarah S, Lijean B
Prayer Ministry	Rob H	Karen N	Beverley H	Dianne H
Offering Counters	Kelvin W	Kelvin W Rob J	Wendy G, Sarah H	Karen N, Wendy G
Tech Team	data: Kahlia sound: Adrian camera: Eli	data: TBA sound: Asher camera: Luke	data: Scott sound: Adrian camera: Samuel	data: Bill sound: Jack camera: Eli
Music Team	Renata, Luke, Thadeus, Yohannes, Karen N	Hamish, Brad, Stephanie S	Jisu, Mitch, Brad, Grace	Renata, Luke, Asher, Adrian, Kahlia



An eight week journey through the Lord's Prayer

Started on 23 August in small groups
www.prayercourse.org

Some of our groups have just completed The Prayer Course at TUC! This eight week course is run by the 24-7 Prayer group, and you can find all the resources you will need to run the course in your small group on the website above.

That's right, instead of just running this course from one location at TUC, we are asking you to start up small groups in your homes and lead the course yourselves. We think this will be a great opportunity to all be working through this course together as we grow deeper in our praying relationship with God and strengthen relationships with one another.

Here's what to do:

1. Let us know if you would like to lead a small group.

You can invite whoever you like to your group, and keep it as big or small as you like. Why not even invite friends and family from outside TUC to come along? You can choose when you meet with your group over the 8 weeks e.g. maybe every Sunday afternoon, or maybe on a weeknight, whatever suits you and your group best. You could choose to meet always in your home, or in a different home each time. You could also run each week's session on Zoom. Each session goes for an hour, and the website has all the videos, discussion questions and ideas for how to run each session - just follow along.

2. Let us know if you would like to be placed with a group.

We will get in touch with the group leaders and help connect you with a group.

Welcome!

Have you ever asked yourself the question "what is my salvation for?" Obviously we have received the Great Exchange of our disobedience and sin for salvation in Christ and eternal life in the kingdom. So every Monday morning, as our feet hit the floor, ask yourself again just what it is that my salvation is working out in God's kingdom. How is my personal redemption forming the life of Christ in my street.

Jesus told his disciples that he is "the living bread, which is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world." When you and I catch the significance of this, as we are incorporated into the Body of Christ, we become 'the Body' brought together for the life of the world, for the flourishing of all creation. What does flourishing life in the Kingdom look like from your front door? Where should that vision come from in your life?

Rainer Rilke was an Austrian poet (1875 – 1926) who after visiting Russia, and being inspired by the lives of faith he encountered there, wrote a book of poetry he called love poems to God. His poem 'The Limits of Your Longing' might speak to your desire to allow Christ to embody you.

God speaks to each of us as He makes us,
Then walks with us silently out of the night.
These are the words we dimly hear.
You, sent out beyond your recall
Go to the limits of your longing.
Embody me.
Flare up like flame
And make big shadows I can move in.
Let everything happen to you: beauty and terror.
Just keep going, no feeling is final.
Don't let yourself lose me.
Nearby is the country they call life.
You will know it by its seriousness.
Give me your hand.

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 November.
You might like to read along at home.

7 November: Haggai 2: 1 – 9 (My Spirit abides among you)

14 November: Isaiah 35 : 1 – 10 (Flourishing)

21 November: Psalm 77: 1 – 15 (Wonder transforms us)

28 November: 2 Corinthians 4: 16 – 18 (Present Hope of a future Kingdom)



A call for the Ministry of Elder

The Ministry of Elder is described in 1 Timothy 3:1-10, as essential to church leadership. TUC is seeking a new elder for the church council. Anyone interested in discussing further this expression of leadership in the church, please contact Matt Smith or Will Stewart.

Check In Qld App



In addition to pre-booking, we are required to check in upon arrival on Sundays with the “Check In Qld App”:

Please continue to book in to attend Sunday worship by 4.00 pm each Saturday. Click the link in the weekly email, or head to the website to book: www.toowongunitingchurch.org

We will send out the seating chart on Saturday night or before the service on Sunday.

Please check in with the Check In Qld App when you arrive on Sunday morning, before moving to your allocated seat/s.

You can download the Check In Qld App from the App Store or Google Play. Register your details in the App. You may already have this on your phone, because the App is already being used at many establishments.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Toowong Community Morning Tea (TCMT) Wednesday 17 November

(Last TCMT of the year)

9.45 am in the hall

Our TCMT occurs on the third Wednesday of every month. Everyone is welcome to join us for a hearty morning tea and great company! If you are able to, we ask for a small \$5 donation to support local community charities.

Please be in touch with our TCMT convenor, Wendy for more information:

0422 373 326

awgelden@bigpond.net.au



Children's Christmas Celebration

Sunday 5 December - 9.30 am



We cordially invite you to this family service with Children's Nativity followed by a party in the Hall

Restart dates for TUC Activities

Please see below for when they will resume in November:

English Conversation (weekly):

Mon 8 Nov., 10 am

Tuesday Pastorate (fortnightly):

Tues 9 Nov., 7pm

Playgroups (weekly):

Thurs & Fri 11 & 12 Nov., 9.30 am

Senior Youth (fortnightly):

Fri 19 Nov., 7pm

Care & Connect

Spontaneous caring and connecting has truly become part of the nature and identity of the TUC congregation as we seek to shine the light of Christ.

To experience God's love and to come to know Him is the goal of pastoral care. A huge THANK YOU to everyone for being involved in this goal.

Without being requested, people in our congregation visit people in hospital, look after visitors or new people at Sunday's morning tea, ask someone home for a cuppa, or ask someone to lunch or coffee; and still more send texts and make phone calls of encouragement. Of course, unseen prayers for healing and encouragement are prayed by so many.

The caring and welcoming culture of our congregation is also very obvious at our various outreach activities like playgroups, TCMT and English conversation.

Impromptu caring is the lifeblood of our connections with others; however, we also need the more formal Care & Connect teams. COVID has continued to curtail some of the activities of our Care & Connect teams during this year and we are very grateful to the Carers, Connectors and particularly the Cluster Companions who have persisted in regularly praying for individual people.

Reinvigorating, replenishing and rebuilding the teams for 2022 is essential and important, so please pray and see if you are prompted to care for others by joining one of the Care & Connect teams. Matt and I would welcome any contact at all about any aspect of pastoral care.

Dianne Hubbard

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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.

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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 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 Friday night during the school term for Youth Group.

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.



Tigers

Toddlers - Preschool



Leopards

Preschool - Year 2



Lions

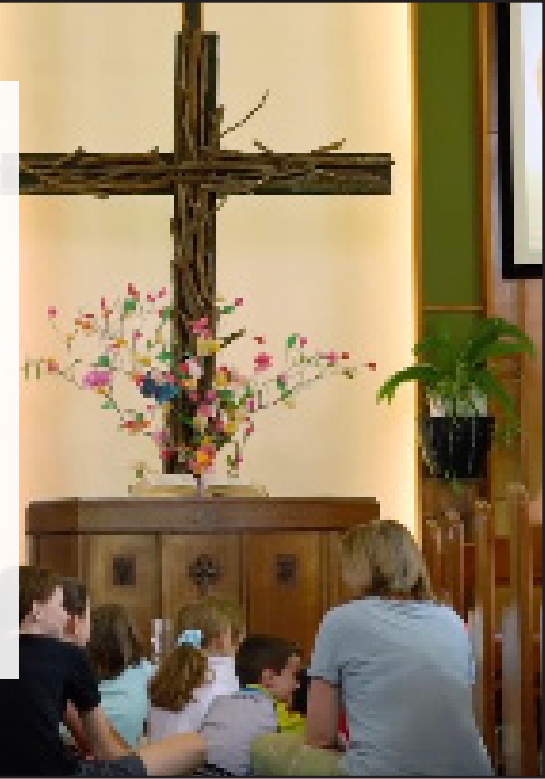
Year 3 - Year 5

KATS & Junior Youth Remaining Dates for Term 4

Due to Covid restrictions, we will run KATS and Junior Youth on alternate Sundays in the hall during the school terms. The children will take part in the first part of the service upstairs, which will include a Kids' Talk, before heading downstairs to the hall for KATS or Junior Youth.

KATS: 7 Nov, 21 Nov, 5 Dec.

Junior Youth: 14 Nov, 28 Nov.



Support our Local Chappy: Mandy Chiang

Apple Juice & Jam for Breakfast Club!

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!

Young Adult Retreat

Amity Point Straddie

3 - 5 December 2021

\$100 - Full Retreat

\$45 - One Day

incl: Acc, Food & Ferry*

***Passenger fare only**

***Vehicle fare will be extra**

Register: moretonriverspresbytery.org.au/young-adults



Membership

What does it mean to 'belong'? People come to TUC for a variety of reasons. Whatever brings you to TUC, we want you to know that you are welcome and, for whatever period of time you might be with us, you are part of the family. As a Uniting Church, TUC operates within the regulations of the Uniting Church in Australia, following a number of processes and procedures to enable good governance. Accordingly, the UC regulations define 'membership' in Uniting churches to allow baptised believers to fully participate in ministry activities and the more formal decision-making processes of the church.

If you would like to be a member of TUC, please feel free to contact office via info@toowongunitingchurch.org.au.

We are hiring...

Ministries and Communication Coordinator

Could this be you? TUC is seeking a follower of Christ who understands the vital need for safe ministry standards in a church, and who also has a passion for encouraging and equipping a missional community. Joining our team would provide you with a supportive working environment and a church community that are excited about sharing who Jesus is in relevant and creative ways across Toowong and beyond.

Applications close: Friday 26 November, 2021

For further information, please contact our Office Manager, Garry Jennings at info@toowongunitingchurch.org.au or call 3870 9684.

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Bremer Brisbane Presbytery
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12 November, 7-9pm, \$5

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