

## October 2021

- 5 Tues:** 7 pm Tuesday Pastorate  
7 pm Prayer Course at The Homel Residence
- 7 Thurs:** 9.30 am Playgroup resumes  
7.30 pm Prayer Course (Zoom link from Dianne)
- 8 Fri:** 9.30 am Playgroup resumes  
6.30 pm Senior Youth Group resumes
- 10 Sun:** KATS resumes (during service)
- 11 Mon:** 10 am English Conversation
- 17 Sun:** Combined Worship and Lunch (after service)  
with Korean congregation
- 20 Wed:** 9.45 am Toowong Community Morning Tea  
7.30 pm Church Council

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- 2 Tues:** 7 pm Tuesday Pastorate
- 7 Sun:** KATS (during service)  
Baptism & Confirmation service
- 8 Mon:** 10 am English Conversation
- 12 Fri:** Encounter Centenary UC
- 17 Wed:** 9.45 am Toowong Community Morning Tea  
7.30 pm Church Council

## Weekly Events

### Prayer Meeting

8.30 - 9.30 am Tuesdays on Zoom  
contact Matt:  
[matt@toowongunitingchurch.org.au](mailto:matt@toowongunitingchurch.org.au)

### English Conversation

10 - 11.45 am Mondays  
during the school term, in the hall  
contact Jane: [jftrewern@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:c_hankamer@hotmail.com)



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**OCTOBER 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: October 2021

	3 October	10 October	17 October	24 October	31 October
	9.30 am	9.30 am	9.30 am	9.30 am	9.30 am
<b>Speaker</b>	David R	Matt	Matt	Matt	Matt
<b>Elder</b>	Beverley H	Jo R	Dianne H	Ben R	Will S
<b>Reader</b>	Ross H	Emilia B	Sarah S	Jane T	Karen N
<b>Pastoral Prayer</b>	TBA	Laurel A	Wendy B	Will S	Kate G
<b>Door</b>	Kabir S	Karen N, Nikki B	Ray M, Kabir S	Kelvin W, Dianne H	Jane T, Jo R
<b>Bathroom Cleaner</b>	Clare H	Jane T	Jo R	Jo R	Beverley H
<b>Coffee Machine</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>M'Tea</b>	Lijean B, Janet B	Brendan T, Sarah S	Janet B, Carly K	Karen B, Karen N	Grace T, Dianne H
<b>Prayer Ministry</b>	Dianne H	Beverley H	Will S	Wendy B	Neil D
<b>Offering Counters</b>	Wendy G, Karen N	Rob L, Rob J	Rob J, Karen N	Sandra H, Emilia B	Emilia B, Rob L
<b>Tech Team</b>	data: TBA sound: Gabe camera: Luke	data: Kelvin sound: Jack camera: Samuel	data: TBA sound: Asher camera: Eli	data: Scott sound: Adrian camera: Luke	data: Luke sound: Kelvin camera: Samuel
<b>Music Team</b>	Garry, Adrian, Eli, Kahlia, Grace	Renata, Yohannes, Luke, Thadeus	Jisu, Grace, Brad	Hamish, Mitch. Asher	Jisu, Grace, Brad



# An eight week journey through the Lord's Prayer

Started on 23 August in small groups  
[www.prayercourse.org](http://www.prayercourse.org)

We are excited to have started 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!

## What is Truth?

St Augustine wrote that truth, wherever it is found belongs to God: "Let every good and true Christian understand that wherever truth may be found, it belongs to our Master." Truth is an ultimate value for Christians, especially given the importance Jesus placed on truth as being representative of his person and mission "to bear witness to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me" (John 18:6). Jesus as 'God with us' surely deserves a believer's life- long commitment of 'faith seeking understanding', even as we enter a period in human history where it is increasingly difficult to get a firm agreement on what the facts are.

New quantum physics poses increasingly more questions on the nature of reality, as the 'spooky' action of quantum particles forces us to reconsider much of what we all took as granted - the Newtonian approach to understanding the universe.

With so much of science, historical record and even human values being 'up in the air' in a post-Christian era, you might be wondering has Jesus got much to say to our 21st century, beyond peace, love and good vibes? This month at TUC, you're invited to consider again our ultimate truth claims we receive as gift and how Jesus Christ offers a world that is astonishingly preferable to all other alternatives. Those who believe this need not succumb to the despair of the inevitability of power.

As this is only possible because we are nurtured and sustained by Holy Spirit, who continues to supply wisdom, we pray for this is your life and your family's.

The truth will set us free! (John 8:32)

*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

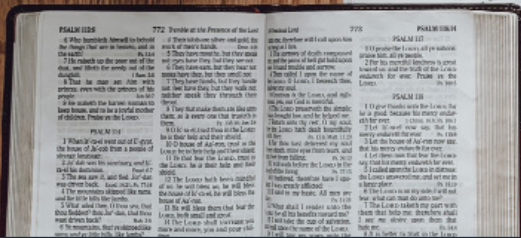
Here are our Bible readings for the next few weeks.  
You might like to read along at home.

**10 October:** John 14:1-14 (Jesus is the Way to the Father)

**17 October:** TBA

**24 October:** John 18:33-40 (Jesus is King)

**31 October:** John 4:1-26 (Jesus is the Living Water)



## 17 October - 10.30 am TUC Combined Worship & Lunch with Korean congregation (Please RSVP)



## 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.

## Toowong Community Morning Tea

**Wednesday 20 October  
9.45 am in the hall**

Our Toowong Community Morning Tea 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 Wendy for more information:

**0422 373 326  
awgelden@bigpond.net.au**



# Check In Qld App



**In addition to pre-booking, we are now 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](http://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.**

## Restart Dates for TUC Activities

Many of our regular activities are on a break over the school holidays. Please see below for when they will resume in term 4:

### English Conversation:

Mon 11 October, 10 am

### Tuesday Pastorate:

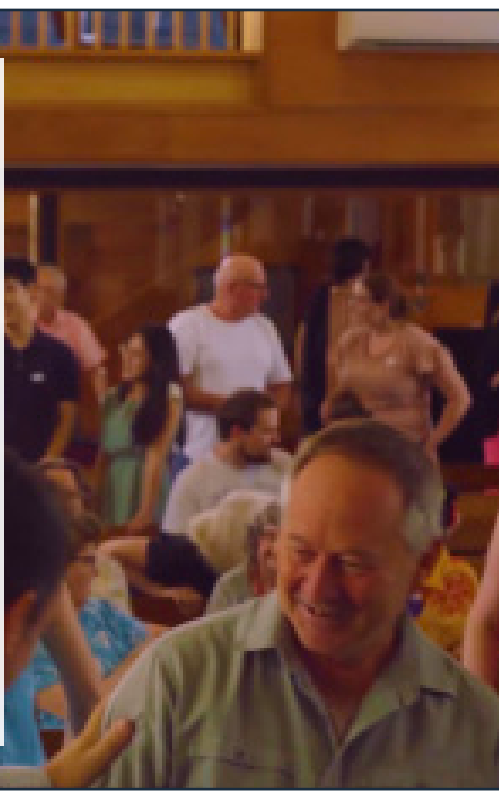
Tues 5 October, 7 pm

### Playgroups:

Thurs & Fri 7 & 8 October, 9.30 am

### Senior Youth:

Fri 8 October, 6.30 pm



# Dream Dreams

**The power to dream has driven the great minds throughout the ages to create and innovate but in the context of the church what can dreaming dreams provide for the next chapter in the Uniting Church and its place in the community? UnitingCare Queensland's Connect 100 Coordinator Scott Guyatt considers dreaming past, present and future for the church.**

**"I have a dream."**

From the steps of the Lincoln Memorial the words echoed out in the moment, and on down through the generations. This refrain from Martin Luther King Jr's landmark speech strikes a chord in all of us. There is power in those words. Inspiration. Challenge. Possibility.

When Albert Einstein was asked whether he trusted more to his imagination or his knowledge, he responded: "I am enough of an artist to draw freely upon my imagination. Imagination is more important than knowledge. For knowledge is limited, whereas imagination encircles the world."

Imagination, the capacity to dream, to wonder, to visualise, to create or concoct is, I am convinced, a God-given gift. The outcome of dreams or imagination reveal to us new possibilities. Dreaming and imagining begins the unfolding of a new world which can then be lived into being. That is the power of a dream.

The invitation, I think, is to dream dreams that are consistent with the heart of God for the world, with God's purposes and mission. The writer of Philippians, at the end of a passage encouraging prayer, rejoicing, gentleness and thanksgiving as hallmarks of the Christian community invites us to dream in this way: "Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things." (Philippians 4:8)

That's a wide net to cast for our dreaming and imagination. The good, the pure, the just, the pleasing, the excellent, the worthy of praise. Can you imagine a Christian community characterised by these kinds of dreams, these kinds of thoughts? And then with the courage to pursue such things? Can you imagine it?

Coincidentally as I was contemplating this notion of dreaming dreams consistent with God's purpose for us, I happened to re-read the Statement to the Nation made at the time of our church's inauguration in 1977. What a powerful statement it continues to be, and a statement that can easily be read through the lens of dreaming dreams consistent with Philippians 4:8. This is a church that dreamed of justice, integrity, love, compassion, the gospel proclaimed in Australia and beyond. A church that dreamed of challenging poverty, racism, systemic abuses, environmental degradation and more. A church that dreamed of holding its first allegiance to God no matter the implications of that allegiance. A church that dreamed of being guided not by self-interest, but by the welfare of all who are made in the image of God.

Those were, and remain, powerful dreams. Dreams to build a church upon. Dreams to challenge a society to be better. Dreams that ring true with God's purpose for us. Dreams that are true, honourable, just, pure, pleasing and commendable. Dreams that are excellent and worthy of praise.

Let's keep dreaming that dream, a dream that, in Einstein's words, can encircle the world. And more than that, let us speak out those dreams, name them, share them, and like Luther King Jr, declare them.

And then, let us be so bold as to pursue those dreams. Now, and always.

**Scott Guyatt**







**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.



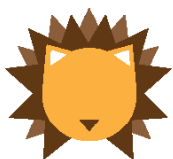
**Tigers**

Toddlers - Preschool



**Leopards**

Preschool - Year 2



**Lions**

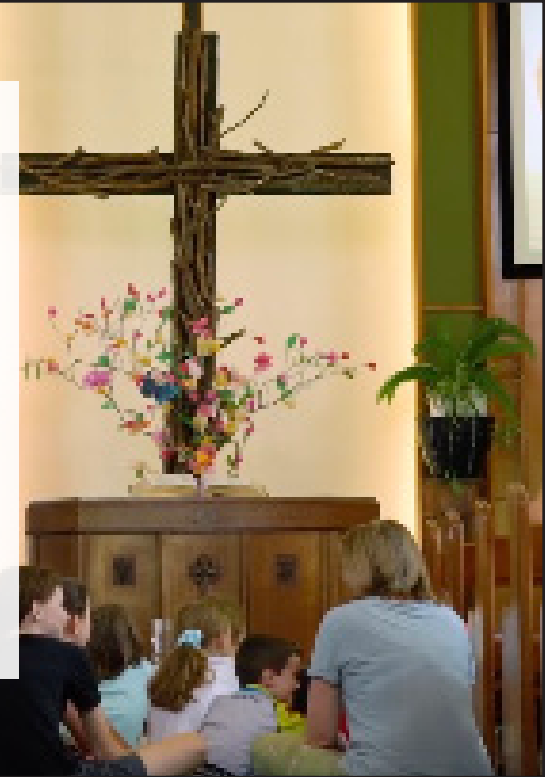
Year 3 - Year 5

## KATS & Junior Youth 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:** 10 Oct, 24 Oct, 7 Nov, 21 Nov, 5 Dec.

**Junior Youth:** 17 Oct, 31 Oct, 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!

# Baptism and confirmation

Would you like to be baptised or make your public confirmation?

Receiving baptism – or alternatively, the response of confirmation, is offered to anyone who would like to explore this significant step in following Jesus.

At TUC, this is explored in a discussion group over five sessions, to be offered Sundays after church, commencing Sunday 10th of October.

Please speak to Clare or Matt if you would like more info, or email [info@toowongunitingchurch.org.au](mailto:info@toowongunitingchurch.org.au) to register your interest.

## Voluntary Assisted Dying

We acknowledge that many people across the life of the Uniting Church have strong views on this issue. While our official position is opposed to the legalisation of voluntary assisted dying, advocating the value and dignity of every life at all stages and in all circumstances, the Church remains committed to offering a compassionate and pastoral response to people and families who choose this path. Under this legislation, organisations are required to allow access to the scheme in their residential facilities and, in certain circumstances, in their hospitals.

Our position is that we will commit to compassionate support of the people we serve, while not asking staff in Uniting Church entities to participate directly in acts intended to end the life of a person through voluntary assisted dying. We are committed to maintaining our engagement with the State Government to ensure that safeguards are optimised in the upcoming development of policies and procedures that will set out the exact requirements for the scheme. This engagement will aim to protect our staff and our residents/patients of aged care facilities, disability, hospices and hospitals so that no one is forced to participate in, or be a witness to, any part of the Voluntary Assisted Dying process against their wishes and beliefs.

We will also continue to advocate for full funding of palliative care throughout Queensland and consultation with our First Nations communities. It is essential that all individuals, particularly those who are vulnerable, have the real choice of excellent, accessible palliative end of life care.

Rev Andrew Gunton (Moderator, UCAQLD Synod)

# 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](mailto: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 15 October, 2021

For further information, please contact our Office Manager, Garry Jennings at [info@toowongunitingchurch.org.au](mailto:info@toowongunitingchurch.org.au) or call 3870 9684.

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**Details:** Thursday, 14th of October; 7pm to 8.30pm at Trinity College

Please email [ask@trinity.qld.edu.au](mailto:ask@trinity.qld.edu.au) for more details.



## Revive Us Again?

What is revival anyway? Do we actually want it? What would it even look like today? Join the conversation online or in person at Trinity College Queensland, Level 1, 60 Bayliss Street, AUCHENFLOWER 4066

**Date and Time:** Thursday 21st October 2021; 7-8.30pm; **Cost:** \$5 per person

Booking is essential.

### Speakers:

**Mandy Smith**, an experienced pastor and author of numerous books on pastoral ministry and is currently is pastoring at St Lucia Uniting Church.

**Simon Gomersall** lectures in historical and contemporary mission at Trinity College Queensland as well as pastoring at Graceville Uniting Church.