

## September 2021

- 13 Mon:** 10 am English Conversation (last of Term 3)
- 14 Tues:** 7 pm Prayer Course at The Homel Residence
- 15 Wed:** 9.45 am Toowong Community Morning Tea  
7.30 pm Church Council
- 16 Thurs:** 9.30 am Playgroup  
7.30 pm Prayer Course (Zoom; link provided by Dianne)
- 17 Fri:** 9.30 am Playgroup  
6.30 pm Senior Youth Group (last of Term 3)
- 18 Sat:** 6 pm Young Adults Safe Space

## October 2021

- 2 Sat:** 6 pm Young Adults Safe Space
- 5 Tues:** 7 pm Tuesday Pastorate
- 7 Thurs:** 9.30 am Playgroup resumes for Term 4
- 8 Fri:** 9.30 am Playgroup resumes for Term 4  
6.30 pm Senior Youth Group resumes for Term 4
- 10 Sun:** KATS resumes for Term 4 (during service)

Baptism and Confirmation Course - Church House (after service)

## 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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## 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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[www.youtube.com/c/ToowongUnitingChurch](https://www.youtube.com/c/ToowongUnitingChurch)

# Sunday Roster: September

|                          | 5 September                                    | 12 September                               | 19 September                                  | 26 September                                 |
|--------------------------|--|--|---|--|
|                          | 9.30 am  | 9.30 am                                    | 9.30 am                                       | 9.30 am                                      |
| <b>Speaker</b>           | Matt   | Matt                                       | Matt  | TBC  |
| <b>Elder</b>             | Beverley H                                     | Dianne H                                   | Ben R   | Will S                                       |
| <b>Reader</b>            | Nadia A  | Grace T                                    | Will S  | Grace T                                      |
| <b>Pastoral Prayer</b>   | -  | Kate G                                     | Ross H  | Beverley H                                   |
| <b>Door</b>              | Will S,<br>Grace T                             | Sue O',<br>Gary O'                         | Grace T,<br>Karen, N                          | Kabir S,<br>Nikki B                          |
| <b>Bathroom Cleaner</b>  | Clare H  | Bev H                                      | Dianne H                                      | Ben R  |
| <b>Coffee Machine</b>    | -  | -  | -   | -  |
| <b>M'Tea</b>             | Dianne H,<br>Mex B                             | Karen B,<br>Grace T                        | Narelle W,<br>Wendy B                         | Carly K,<br>Wendy G                          |
| <b>Prayer Ministry</b>   | Neil D   | Rob H                                      | Will S  | Neil D                                       |
| <b>Offering Counters</b> | Jane T<br>Rob L                                | Karen N,<br>Kelvin W                       | Emilia B,<br>Rob J                            | Kelvin W,<br>Sandra H                        |
| <b>Tech Team</b>         | data: Kelvin<br>sound: Asher<br>camera: Samuel | data: Scott<br>sound: Mitch<br>camera: Eli | data: Bill<br>sound: Kelvin<br>camera: Samuel | data: Kahlia<br>sound: Adrian<br>camera: Eli |
| <b>Music Team</b>        | Jisu, Brad, Grace                              | Renata, Thadeus,<br>Yohannes, Kahlia       | Hamish, Brad, Adrian,<br>Stephanie            | Jisu, Grace                                  |



## An eight week journey through the Lord's Prayer

[www.prayercourse.org](http://www.prayercourse.org)

We are excited to have launched 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.

There will be a signup sheet in the foyer, and you can also email us to volunteer to lead a group/be placed with a group: [info@toowongunitingchurch.org.au](mailto:info@toowongunitingchurch.org.au)

## Welcome!

"I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me." —Jesus

Who loves going on a big holiday trip? There's excitement when preparing for an adventure and exploring new horizons, especially when you first leave the driveway and everyone is buzzing. How does it feel 6, 12, 24 hours later? It can be tough, but at that point, well on your way, that long, sometime difficult journey offers up the possibility for personal transformation.

In the early church, believers were referred to as "followers of the Way." Paul recalls in Acts 22: 4 how he imprisoned without mercy "those of the Way." What is this way all about? What does it mean to be a follower of the way? Before Christianity was understood as a religion, it was instead known as a distinctive way of life. It's not so much that Christians are people who believe certain things, but that they are people who live a certain way.

Pilgrims throughout the centuries have walked on sacred tracks, notably Jerusalem as the final destination, or equally renown, El Camino (The Way

of St James) a network of pilgrim trails that lead to Spain's De Compostela church. These pilgrimages in times past required years of dedicated walking, navigating across seas and mountains, and still take many months to traverse today. People dedicated their walking as an act of devotion and worship to God, and we continue to find this thoughtful act of living on the trail deeply transformative.

In the many journeys you make in life, that shape you and refine your character, the path you take and the time it takes to get where you're going, is just as important as the destinations you choose (you know this.) As a Christ-community, we share the amazing task of recognising the call of God's Spirit on us, to follow Jesus, to continue on the Way. We do this best when we journey with spiritual companions like you.

Keep drinking from His well (Isaiah 12:3)!

**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.



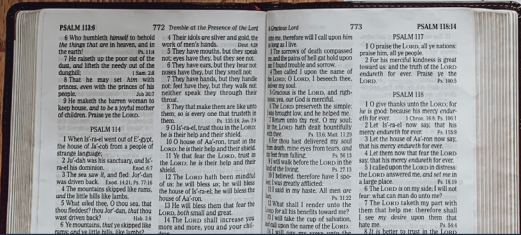
## Bible Readings

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

**5 September:** 2 Corinthians 5: 1-10 (Path to His house)

**12 September:** 2 Corinthians 4: 1-17 (Path of light)

**19 September:** 2 Corinthians 12:1-10 (Path of strength)



## 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 15 September  
9.45 am in the hall**

Our Toowong Community Morning Tea is held 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**



**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!



# 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.

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

# Meet Mandy Smith.....

.....the new pastor at St Lucia Uniting Church.



**Mandy Smith**  
**Pastor & Author**

**www.**  
**TheWayisTheWay.org**

Hi everyone, I grew up in Brisbane and am happy to be back after studying and ministering in the UK and US. In partnership with Trinity College and the Bremer Presbytery, St Lucia Uniting Church has begun a regeneration process. We're in a strategic location across the road from Iroside School and down the road from UQ, both incredibly diverse and highly-regarded centres of learning. Future world leaders come to St Lucia to be shaped and we have an opportunity to introduce them to Jesus in that time. And because of our partnership with Trinity we also have an opportunity to develop future church leaders! I'm excited to see what God has in store for this place and am eager to gather a team of folks who can partner with us in this new work here. Please ask the Lord if he's calling you to be part of that team.

To learn more, please come to our Informational Dessert Night at my home (384 Swann Road, St Lucia) at 7pm on September 16 (Thursday). Questions? [StLuciaMandy@gmail.com](mailto:StLuciaMandy@gmail.com)

## 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 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.



**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  
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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.



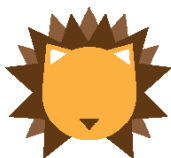
**Tigers**

Toddlers - Preschool



**Leopards**

Preschool - Year 2



**Lions**

Year 3 - Year 5

## KATS & Junior Youth remaining dates for Term 3

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.

**Junior Youth: 5 Sept**

**KATS: 12 Sept**



## Job opportunity at Indooroopilly Uniting Church

Indooroopilly Uniting Church (opposite Shoppingtown) is looking for a Part-time Office Administrator.

Details are available at <https://www.seek.com.au/>

