

Preaching

8.30am Graham Huth
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Lectionary Readings

Exodus 20:1-17
Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 1:18-25
John 2:13-22



Welcome to AUC!

Please join us after the service for refreshments in the 'breezeway'.

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Please Pray For:

- ✓ Thanksgiving for the rain!
- ✓ Family and friends of Maude Hammond who passed away this week
- ✓ Safety on the roads with wet weather and flooding

Learning from one of the best

Last week we lost one of the greatest and influential men of this era. Billy Graham, preacher, evangelist, pioneer and writer; loved and respected by the rich, poor, powerful, and down-trodden alike, passed away at the age of 99 leaving behind an incredible legacy. There is no telling the extent to which his influence has had on the world. The following extracts come from an article on the Uniting Church Journey Online website entitled, *Billy Graham: the life and times of a Christian Crusader*, written by Nick Mattiske:

“The late Billy Graham preached to millions, and reached tens of millions through television and books. He established *Christianity Today*, America’s biggest religious magazine and his radio show was the most listened-to religious program. More than simply an American phenomenon, his reach was global, attracting crowds rivalled only by the pope. When he toured Australia and New Zealand in 1959, it was the biggest show the country had seen. Australians saw him as curiosity, spectacle, inspiration, and, for many, a turning point. He put his finger on a deep need in people.”

“It was a time when religious figures could be celebrities: theologians could appear on the cover of Time magazine, and Christianity still had a largely uncontentious place in the American psyche. It was also a time when Americans trusted their celebrities and leaders more than today, and Graham routinely headed the list of the most trustworthy.”

“Although he emphasised the personal decision to accept Christ as saviour, he was also a prophet to America (and the West), happy to theatrically exaggerate the moral decline of society...In all this, his core message never changed, though. Central to the life of the believer is their relationship with Christ, which doesn’t go out of fashion. But how that relationship relates to, and how it is conveyed to, the wider world has changed, meaning Graham was a man of his time, a figure from a different age.”

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As I reflect on Earth's loss and Heaven's gain, I can't help but wonder where the next 'Billy Grahams' will come from. The world has moved on, and the world needs the insight of those with new vision, but the same passion. Pastor Brian Houston in his book Live Love Lead says, "The truth is that the message of Jesus Christ is timeless, and it is as relevant today as it was two thousand years ago. However, the challenge for us all is this: How do we ensure that this generation hears the message in a relevant way-in the midst of the thousands of other voices vying for their attention?" The world is ready and ripe for revival; may we accept the challenge to take up the baton to discover innovative ways to relay the exciting, eternal truth of the Gospel to this new generation.

Richest Blessings, Pastor Graham Huth

Please pray for the family of our dear sister in Christ, Maude Hammond, who passed away this week at the wonderful age of 104. We particularly remember her younger sister Lillian Mulligan, who attends our 8.30 service. The funeral is next Thursday 8 March, 10am at the Morley's Funerals Chapel.

Chocolate chats

Will now be held on the first Tuesday of the month

Next catch up:

Tuesday 6th March

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Max Brenners

7.30pm



Congratulations...and Thank you!



Congratulations on a very successful Stable on the Strand 2017! We welcomed 41,909 Guests over 6 nights (including Preview Night). A big Thank You to our volunteers, sponsors, donors and suppliers for the time, energy, prayer, and finances you contributed to Stable 2017. You are what makes Stable on the Strand a success and your efforts are appreciated.



Thank you so much!

The Stable Committee on behalf of the Combined Churches of Townsville

AUC
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2017



Members of the 8.30 service will have noticed some change to the sound of the organ last week. Thanks to the work carried out by Don Adamson speakers on the back wall have again come into use. Additional donated speakers at the front near the lectern have also been connected. The connection of all of the speakers provides a much richer and even sound throughout the church.

The Church has been fortunate to receive the organ and front speakers as a generous gift from the estate of Bill and Maureen Poultney. The estate has been administered by Mark Wedrat (nephew of Bill and Maureen) who has been most helpful regarding the transfer of the organ and speakers to the church.

Coincidentally, Carmel has recently discovered a copy of *The Australian Hymn Book* which was donated to the Church some years ago in memory of Mrs Lou Poultney by her family. Mrs Poultney faithfully served as organist at the Aitkenvale Methodist Church and for a period after Union when it became the Aitkenvale Uniting Church. It is good to have that additional connection to the Poultney family

Combined morning tea TODAY 9.45am in the breezeway

Seniors worship & Morning tea

Thursday 8th March
9.30am
MLHOP

Theme: Creation
Speaker: David Pohlman

If transport is needed please call:
Lola Cole 47797420 by 5th March

For more information please see
flyers in the foyer

Office hours

Due to university commitments Kellie will be in the office on Friday's instead of Thursdays.

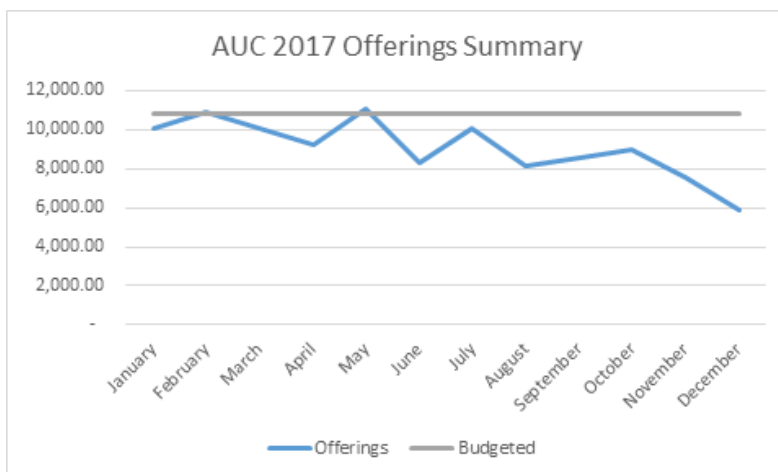
The Outreach will not be completed and published until then so any contributions can still be sent to the office by Thursday as usual or at the latest Friday morning.

Finance update

To the right is a summary of 2017 Offerings, which was very inconsistent throughout the year.

For the Church to be able to grow in Ministry, a proposed increase in the Offering budget was endorsed by Church Council.

Our 2018 monthly offering budget will now be \$11667. January 2018 Offerings: \$12585



It is certainly true that the need for prayer has never been greater than it is at this time, and it will be still greater from now on till the end of the world

Martin Luther

Roster Ruminations – Part 3

(<https://newspring.cc/articles/8-blessings-we-get-from-serving>)

Blessing # 2 - Serving allows us to experience miracles.

In John 2, Jesus was at a wedding and the couple was running out of wine for its guests. He tells the servants to fill several big jars to the brim. When they served the water to the guests, it was wine! The guests never knew what happened; the servants were the ones who witnessed the miracle. The same is true for us when we serve.

L I V E L O V E L E A D

Friday 9th March

6.30-7.30pm meal, please bring
a plate to share

7.30-9pm study



3D & Friends

will be presenting



"Hosanna"

(by Carl Tuttle)
at the

Palm Sunday

8:30am Service
on 25 March 2018.

- Some highlights will include
- a **processional** recognising Aitkenvale Uniting Church's **cultural diversity**,
 - Our up and coming **musical talent**,
 - Liturgical **creative movement**

Dates in March

Sunday 4th March Combined morning tea
9.45am in the breezeway

Tuesday 6th March Chocolate Chats @ Max
Brenners 7.30pm

Wednesday 7th March ORANA @ AUC

Thursday 8th March Seniors worship &
Morning tea 9.30am @ MLHOP

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Friday 9th March 'Live, Love, Lead'
6.30-9pm @ AUC

Monday 12th March Church prayer meeting
7.15pm @ AUC

Sunday 18th March BBQ in the breezeway
After 10.15am service

Monday 19th March Church council meeting
7.15pm @ AUC

Rosters & Readings for 11th March 2018

8.30am Service

Preacher: Graham Huth

Reader: Heather Dearness

Stewards: Ken & Lesley Northey

Minister's Steward: Ian Dearness

Sound Desk: Ron Northey

Data Projector: Melody Northey

Organist: Carmel

Flowers: Heather

Morning Tea: E&B Roebuck & R&F Keech

10.15am Service

Preacher: Graham Huth

Reader: Naomi

Stewards: Rachel

Sound Desk: Don

Data Projector: Naomi

Musicians: Scott & Julie

Children's ministry: Rachel

Morning Tea: Ian & Leone

Lectionary Readings

Numbers 21:4-9 Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 Ephesians 2:1-10 John 3:14-21