

## Preaching

8.30am Graham Huth  
10.15am Graham Huth

## Lectionary Readings

Genesis 9:8-17  
Psalm 25:1-10  
1 Peter 3:18-22  
Mark 1:9-15



## Welcome to AUC!

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

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## Please Pray For:

- ✓ New students starting uni this week and those continuing their studies
- ✓ Live, Love Lead study
- ✓ Family and friends of Val McNeven as they grieve her loss

## Lent – A Road from Ruin to Rebirth

**"Even Jesus who is the Lord of Lords and the King of kings fasted and prayed in the desert for 40 days and 40 nights. How much more we need to do the same with all our sinfulness and baggage's." -- Tamara Lane**

Today marks the first Sunday in the season of Lent, a season in the Christian church that is based upon the 40 days that Jesus spent in the wilderness following his baptism; a time in which he was tested and prepared for the pressures of his future ministry. Lent for us is a time of reflection, repentance and preparation for the renewal that comes through Jesus Christ in the events we remember and celebrate at Easter every year. Over the next few weeks I will be looking at a series of services that use words beginning with 'R' as an easy way to remember what Lent is all about, and to help us enter into this special time with a fresh perspective. Words like: ruin, regret, remorse, repent, remember, respond and re-birth are just a few of the words on which we will focus. I also urge you to use this time to go deeper in your faith. Although the protestant church has never fully engaged in Lenten practices, I encourage you to give it a go. Traditionally there are three key disciplines in Lent: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. **Prayer:** More time given to prayer during Lent should draw us closer to the Lord. **Fasting:** Fasting is one of the most ancient practices linked to Lent. Lent is a time to go without. In Old Testament times, fasting was observed to express grief. However, in the New Testament, fasting became a way to focus on God and prayer. Perhaps this was because of Jesus Christ's fast in the wilderness which prepared him for his public ministry. **Almsgiving:** Almsgiving is a sign of our care for those in need and an expression of our gratitude for all God has given to us. In a sense, we give up things, so we can give out. As Pope Francis says, "*Lent is a fitting time for self-denial; we would do well to ask ourselves what we can give up in order to help and enrich others by our poverty*". As Lent commences, perhaps this can be your prayer: **Father, help me to see this holy season of Lent as a time of Spiritual renewal, rather than a time of deprivation. Motivate me to reach a new level of experiencing your grace. Amen**

Grace and peace to you, **Pastor Graham Huth**

# BBQ in the breezeway Today after 10.15am service



Church council  
Monday  
19<sup>th</sup> February  
7.15pm  
@  
AUC

3D banging out the tunes last Sunday!

Sing to GOD, everyone and everything!  
Get out his salvation news every day!  
Publish his glory among the godless nations,  
his wonders to all races and religions.  
And why? Because GOD is great—well worth  
praising!  
No god or goddess comes close in honor.  
All the popular gods are stuff and nonsense,  
but GOD made the cosmos!  
Splendor and majesty flow out of him,  
strength and joy fill his place

God is serious business, take him seriously;  
he's put the earth in place and it's not moving.  
So let Heaven rejoice, let Earth be jubilant,  
and pass the word among the nations, "GOD  
reigns!"  
Let Ocean, all teeming with life, bellow,  
let Field and all its creatures shake the rafters;  
Then the trees in the forest will add their  
applause  
to all who are pleased and present before GOD  
-he's on his way to set things right!

1 Chronicles 16: 23-27, 30-33

## Office hours

Due to university commitments Kellie is unable to be in the office on Thursdays. It will take a few weeks for her timetable to be set and a new time and day set for her to be in the office.

However for consistency, Graham will be in the office on Thursday mornings until this issue is sorted.

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



## GO GROUP

Here we go again. Our first meeting for the year will be in the breezeway on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February commencing with morning tea at 10am.

Following morning tea Ps. Graham will be talking to us.

We will also discuss what you might like to do during the year.

All seniors welcome.

If you have any queries please ring: Vi or Bill Radcliffe 47752657 or Beryl or Ron Quelch 47799346



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### Roster Ruminations – Part 1

Firstly I want to send a **huge thank you** to the many people who are already faithfully serving our church and community.

I also would like to encourage anyone who is wondering how they can become involved in the life of the Church on the Corner, to talk to someone about how they could serve.

I recently found a great article called the **“8 Blessings We Experience By Serving Others”**

[www.newspring.cc/articles/8-blessings-we-get-from-serving](http://www.newspring.cc/articles/8-blessings-we-get-from-serving)

Over the next 8 weeks, I will share a blessing each week to inspire and encourage you.

Kate

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### Combined Churches Prayer meeting

4th Thursday each month  
St James Anglican Cathedral  
36 Cleveland Terrace  
22nd February  
7:00 p.m. – 8:00 pm.

All congregations welcome.



Don't let the message  
“I love you”  
be a secret  
in your  
relationships



Danny Silk  
Loving on purpose

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

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

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

7.30-9pm study

**MOWING**

Thank you to Lyn & Peter Phillips  
and Ian Dearness who are sprucing  
up the yard for us this week

You are enthroned and as the Holy  
One;

You are the one Israel praises.  
In you our ancestors put their trust;  
They trusted and you delivered them.  
To you they cried out and were saved

Psalm 22:3-5

**Dates in February**

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February Church Council  
Meeting 7.15pm @ AUC

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February combined churches  
Prayer meeting

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 'Live, Love, Lead'  
6.30-9pm @ AUC

**Date claimer**

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March ORANA @ AUC

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March Seniors worship &  
Morning tea 9.30am @ MLHOP

**Rosters & Readings for 25<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

**8.30am Service**

**Preacher:** Graham Huth

**Reader:** Liz Bosworth

**Stewards:** Mary Eaton & Lynne Tang

**Minister's Steward:** Ian Dearness

**Sound Desk:** Joan Gist

**Data Projector:** Grace Frankling

**Organist:** Carmel

**Flowers:** Liz

**Morning Tea:** V&B Radcliffe & D Weightman

**10.15am Service**

**Preacher:** Graham Huth

**Reader:** Music team

**Stewards:** Izzy & Hannah

**Sound Desk:** Dave

**Data Projector:** Kellie

**Musicians:** Julie & Naomi

**Children's ministry:** Margaret & Geoff

**Morning Tea:** Judy & Kate

**Lectionary Readings**

**Genesis 17:1-7,15-16 Psalm 22:23-31 Romans 4:13-25 Mark 8:31-38**