

Preaching

8.30am Graham Huth
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Lectionary Readings

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



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!
- ✓ Leadership in USA in light of recent events
- ✓ Healing for those with emotional hurts

The Road from Ruin to Rebirth. Today's Theme: "Repentance"

You may recall that last week I preached the first of a 4-part series on Lent. We looked at the way we can use a simple word association tool to help us in our quiet times as we journey the Lenten pathway towards Easter. By simply using words beginning with 'R' we can contemplate the purpose and meaning of Lent – and ultimately, Easter.

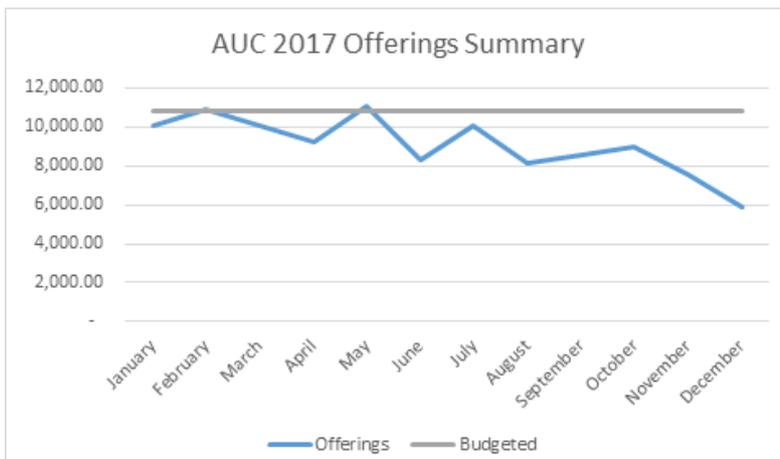
This week we consider perhaps the primary theme of Lent – Repentance, before turning, in the weeks ahead to Redemption and the Re-birth. However, there are so many words beginning with 'R'.

I could talk about how Christianity is not about **religion**, but our **relationship** with God; how it was **ruined** through sin. Jesus came to **reveal** the true nature of God and be the **ransom** for our sins. Now we have been **redeemed** and made **righteous** in the eyes of God through Jesus' death and **resurrection**. We **remember** this in Holy Communion, and are **renewed** and **refreshed** by the Holy Spirit so that we may **reach** out to others, that they may be **restored** and **return** to God.

I encourage you each day, to pick a couple of different of these words, or perhaps one that I have missed, and pray about them; study their meaning, and ponder on how they are relevant to your faith journey

May this Lent be a time of **recovery** and **re-establishing** a **right rapport** with your Heavenly Father.

Richest Blessing, Pastor Graham Huth



Finance update

To the left 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

2 Corinthians 9:7

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

Youth this week created pancakes masterchef style as they learnt a little more about Shrove Tuesday and the season of Lent... just look at these photos to judge for yourself how well they did!



Kids Ministry News

The Gift of Chicken!

This week in Kids Ministry we are beginning to collect tithes and offerings. Our offerings are going to be used to buy Chickens through TEAR, to give the gift of business to someone in poverty. By giving someone a chicken, he or she is able to create an income for their family through selling eggs.



We are excited about raising money for chickens, especially in the lead-up to Easter. We are hoping that our A.U.C. children will delight in seeing the benefit of raising money in service for others by doing little jobs around the house. As we raise funds for chickens, we'll graph our progress on our Chick-O-Meter. Chickens are \$5 each and we hope to raise enough money to purchase 5 by Easter.

Joshua!

Our children are currently learning about Joshua and this week we will be teaching about when Joshua forgot to ask God. You may like to revisit our bible reading at home in Joshua 9:1-27.

This Week's Memory Verse

Be still, and know that I *am* God; I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth! *Psalms 46:10*



Update from Megan

I am having a great time here in Canada in Vancouver. I love my new school. I have great teachers. I have made new friends in my class. There was lots of snow last Saturday night this picture is just outside our front door.

Chocolate chats

Will now be held on the first
Tuesday of the month
Next catch up:
Tuesday 6th March
@
Max Brenners
7.30pm



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 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.

Roster Ruminations – Part 2

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

We were made to build the church (Ephesians 4:11-13). God made each one of us with unique talents, personalities and skill sets. And when we ask Jesus into our lives, we're given **at least one** spiritual gift. We get the most joy and make the biggest difference when we use our God-given talents, gifts and abilities to build the church (Ephesians 4:14-16).

Blessing # 1 - Serving allows us to discover and develop our spiritual gifts.

1 Corinthians 12 compares the church to a human body. Just like our bodies are made of many parts serving specific functions, the church is made up of people with different skills and abilities. Alone these pieces aren't very useful, but together we create something beautiful.

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

Friday 2nd March

6.30-7.30pm meal, please bring
a plate to share
7.30-9pm study

MOWING

Thank you to Neville Devete,
Matthew Devete and Ian Savage
who are sprucing up the yard on 3rd
March

Please find in the foyer new issues of:

'Journey' and 'Frontier news'

&

March – May roster

Dates in March

Friday 2nd March 'Live, Love, Lead'
6.30-9pm @ AUC

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

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

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

Monday 12th March Church prayer meeting
@ AUC 7.15pm

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

Rosters & Readings for 4th March 2018

8.30am Service

Preacher: Graham Huth

Reader: Liz Johnson

Stewards: Lynne Tang & Achamma Joseph

Minister's Steward: Lesley Northey

Sound Desk: Joan Gist

Data Projector: Ken Northey

Organist: John

Flowers: Liz

Morning Tea: M&K Abercombie & L&P Phillips

10.15am Service

Preacher: Graham Huth

Reader: Kate

Stewards: Leone

Sound Desk: Sarah

Data Projector: Brendan

Musicians: Kate & Rachel

Children's ministry: Family service

Morning Tea: Devete Family

Lectionary Readings

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