

Preaching

8.30am Graham Huth
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Lectionary Readings

Isiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Philippians 2:5-11
Mark 11:1-11



Welcome to AUC!

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

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Please Pray For:

- ✓ Upcoming covenant service and congregational meeting
- ✓ Enoka's studies and placement
- ✓ Those travelling during the Easter period and school holidays

Palm Sunday

'Hosanna!

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!' (Mark 11:9-10)**

Today is Palm Sunday, the day in the Church Calendar that celebrates Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. As Lent draws to a close, this week marks the beginning of Holy Week, and our Journey with Jesus from the cheering at Jerusalem's gate, through the horror of the Cross at Golgotha, and on to the mystery, wonder and triumph of Easter morning. It is a time of mixed and often overwhelming emotions as we consider the 'highs and lows' of the Easter story. It didn't take long for the crowd to become a mob when it became obvious that Jesus was not going to be the King they wanted. Then the cheers became jeers, and cries of 'hosanna' changed to 'crucify him'. The Jews were keen to declare Jesus to be King, not for who he was, but for what they thought he would do for them.

Our lives also have their 'highs and lows', and sadly so does our relationship with God. While we may criticize the Jews in Jesus' time for not truly recognising him as the true Messiah, are we so different?

For many people, attending church is more about *them* than it is about Jesus; they may sing songs, wave their hands in the air and engage in worship, but ultimately it is about what they get out of it, instead of what they put into it. Then sadly, if church doesn't provide what they need, or if they don't feel God has answered their prayers, praise then turns to betrayal. I reflect often on how we come to church on Sunday, sing and worship and declare our allegiance to Jesus, and then promptly do our own thing for the rest of the week. We need to become more than just 'Palm Sunday' Christians – we need to welcome Jesus as King each and every day of our lives. To truly honour Him as King means to obey Him, to die to our self-centered nature and submit completely to Him as the One who has come to rule in our hearts. May 'Hosanna' truly be on your lips today as you worship Jesus, King of Glory, the Son of David – the One who comes in the name of Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

Pastor Graham Huth

Meet the Pastor and his Wife

Thank you to those who responded to your offer for a ministerial visit. We are excited to get to know you all and will be contacting everyone in time to make arrangements. I am looking forward to more opportunities like this in the future.
Graham & Ann-Louise



Serve with Kids Ministry



Can you believe it? Easter is just around the corner! That means the end of Term 1! And we've had lots of fun with our bible stories, games and memory verses! Thank you to all the kids who have been attending and their parents for making sure they are ready for Church every week.

The kid's ministry has grown and we look forward to catering for more age groups but we need more helpers and volunteers. We already have some fantastic helpers but we would love more! So starting April 15 (Term 2), there'll be lots of new opportunities, adventures and discoveries abound!

To parents, young adults and those who are young at heart, you are invited to volunteer and join us in the **GRAT MISSION FIELD**. We are planning on using a rotation system so volunteers still have a chance to worship.

If you think you can help us, kindly see Rachel, Geoff, Margaret and even Pastor Graham to let them know and find out more!

Covenant service and Congregational meeting

Sunday 15th April

9am Covenant service

10.15am morning tea

10.45am Congregational meeting

If you prepare a report please do as soon as possible and email to the church aitkenvaleuc@bigpond.com for compilation.

Thankyou

Communion in April

Due to Easter falling on the 1st Sunday of the month, we will have communion on 8th April for 8.30 & 10.15 services

Learning about Jesus +
chocolate = youth group!

AUC youth have wound up for this term with an Easter EGGStravaganza!

For a glimpse of what excitement is in store for next term please see the noticeboard or pick up a flyer from the foyer.

Preaching one day intensive

Presented by Trinity College and presbytery of Nth Qld

Practical day for lay preachers and those interested in preaching

- 21st April
- 9am-4pm
- Aitkenvale UC (online)

See Graham for more information



Sow 2 grow

Worship intensive

Presented by presbytery of Nth Qld

- 28th April
- 9am-4pm
- Jensen Uniting Church

Topics: worship planning, different ways to worship and the sacraments

More information to come

or see Graham for details



Roster Ruminations – Part 6

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

Blessing # 5 - Serving surrounds us with other Christians who can help us follow Jesus.

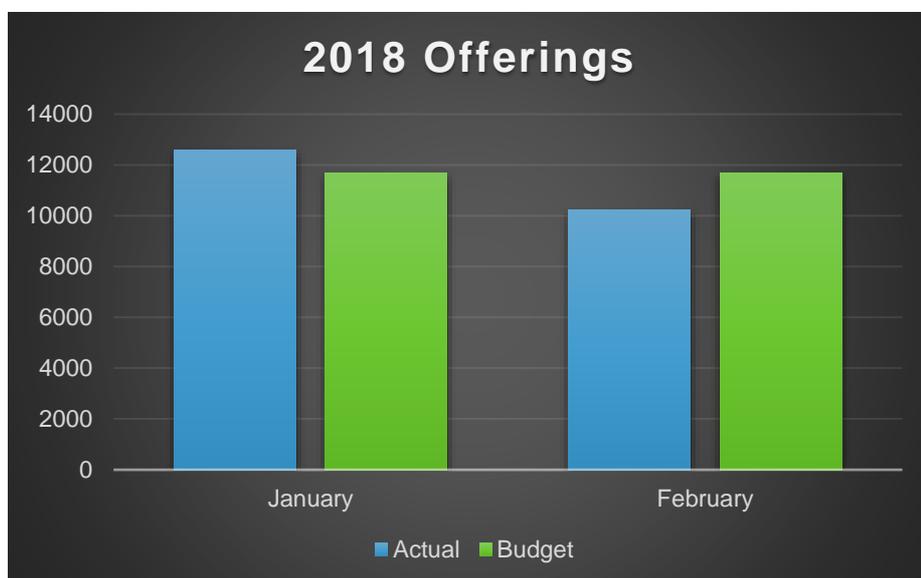
When we're working side by side with other people, a bond inevitably forms. This was part of God's plan for how the church is supposed to work. That's why Hebrews 10:24-25 instructs us to "spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together... but encouraging one another."

Please find the foyer copies of a 'personal report and words of thanksgiving' from Enoka

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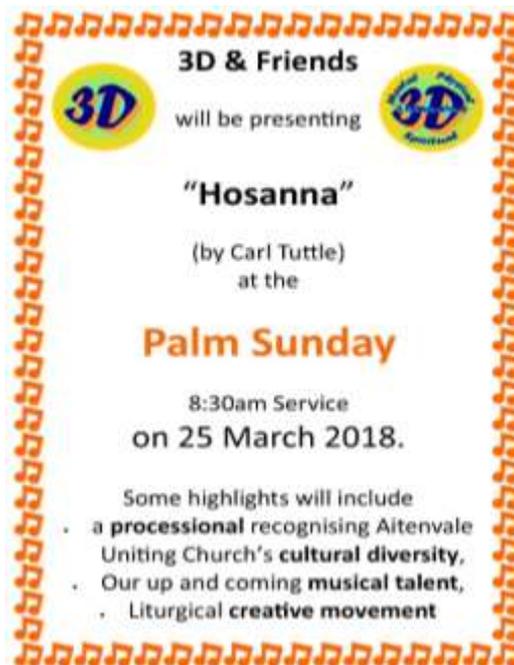
Thank you
Ken Adam
Ken Northey
Asmore Aoetpah

Who mowed the lawns this week



On the left is our offerings for the first two months of 2018. January giving was above our expected income however February was lower than expected.

Thank you to those who continue to faithfully bless the Church.



Dates in March/April

Thursday 29th March Maundy Thursday Service 6.30pm @ AUC

Friday 30th March Good Friday service 8am @ AUC

Sunday 1st April Easter Sunday Combined Churches of Townsville Dawn service 6am @ Castle Hill

Sunday 1st April Easter Sunday service 9am @ AUC

Date Claimers

Tuesday 3rd April Coffee Chats 7.30pm @ Max Brenners

Monday 9th April Good Shepherd service 11am

Monday 9th April Church prayer meeting 7.15am @ AUC

Sunday 15th April Covenant service & Congregational meeting 9am @ AUC

Rosters & Readings for 31st March & 1st April 2018

8am Good Friday Service

Preacher: Graham Huth
Reader: Ron Store
Organist: Carmel
Flowers: Beryl

9am Easter Sunday Service

Preacher: Graham Huth
Reader: Ross Waller
Stewards: Tracey & Peter Innes
Minister's Steward: Lesley Northey
Sound Desk: Joan Gist
Data Projector: Ken Northey
Organist: John
Flowers: Ailsa
Morning Tea: No morning tea

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