

## Preaching

8.30am Graham Huth  
10.15am Graham Huth

## Lectionary Readings

Job 14:1-4  
Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16  
1Peter 4:1-8  
Matthew 27:57-66



## 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

## The Foolishness of the Cross

Good morning and Happy Easter! Welcome to our Easter Sunday service. It is fantastic to have you worshipping with us this-morning. For Christians, Easter means everything; the events we remember during Holy Week –are the very foundation of our faith. The Cross of Christ and the Empty Tomb are symbols of the greatest event in the history of human-kind. Nothing has or will ever come close to the importance of the victory over sin and death won for us through Christ Jesus.

Sadly, however not everyone appreciates this reality. And the fact that Easter Sunday coincides with April Fool's day this year bodes ominously as Society will no doubt see this as an opportunity to ridicule the Christian Faith. However, they will be the ones who are fooling themselves. As 1 Corinthians 1:18 says, "For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God." The American Christian comedian Jeff Allen tells a story about a discussion with a friend at golf who declared he was an atheist. To this, Jeff responded, "no you're not an atheist -you're an idiot! An atheist is someone who has considered all points and arguments and made a considered decision. You have decided without any thought or investigation into the facts around Jesus Christ. So, no, you're not an atheist- you are a fool".

In this respect, unfortunately there are many people who sadly, are dying in sin and reveal their foolishness by being so swayed by the ways of society and 'popular' opinion that they will not even give Christianity a passing glance. As Psalm 14:1 declares, 'the fool says in his heart, "there is no God". However, this Easter, as we will faithfully preach the message of the Cross, let us remember with great joy on April Fool's day, that we too are fools.

"Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong." (1 Cor 1:26-27). This passage reminds me of the wisdom of God that can take a fool like me and use me to shame the wise and the strong of this world; pointing the way to the wisdom that comes from above, revealed in the glorious Easter message. So, if you are labelled a fool this Sunday, accept it as one of the greatest compliments you can receive. Happy Easter and happy April Fool's Day.

## Covenant service and Congregational Meeting

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:aitkenvaleuc@bigpond.com)

for compilation.

Thankyou



## Serve with Kids Ministry



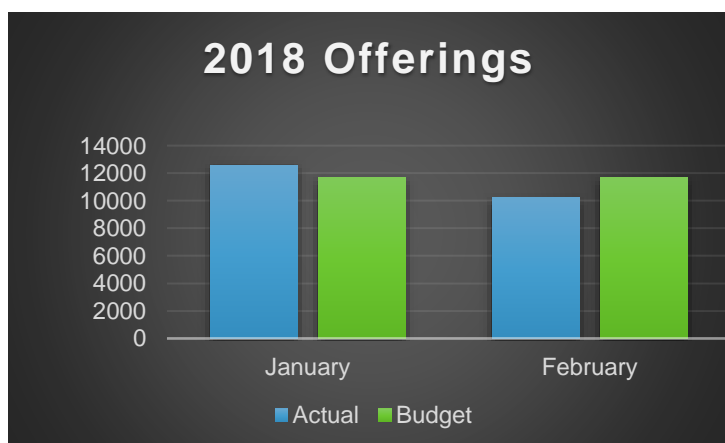
Can you believe it? Easter is here! That means the end of Term 1! And we've had lots of fun with our bible stories, games and memory verses! Thank you to all the kids who have been attending and their parents for making sure they are ready for Church every week. The kid's ministry has grown and we look 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 **GREAT 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!

Below is our offerings for the first two months of 2018. While January giving was above our expected income, February was lower than expected.

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



### Roster Ruminations – Part 7 Blessing # 6 - Serving increases our faith.

As we move out of our comfort zones, God increases our faith by revealing new potential — in ourselves and in His Church. When we see what He can do when His power is at work within us, we begin looking for the doors He's opening rather than pushing our way through the one's He's closed (Ephesians 3:20).



## Playgroup Celebrates Easter!



On Thursday our little play-groupers created their own Easter Baskets and set off on an Egg Hunt around our hall. After that, we were joined by Pastor Graham who told us a story and taught us a really cool Colin Buchanan song called *He Died upon the Cross*. Graham helped us to understand why Jesus had to die for our sins and reminded us of how much God loves us.

Thanks for coming over to visit us, Pastor Graham!

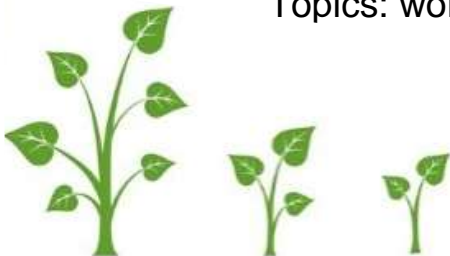
Playgroup will now take a break for the school holidays and resume for Term 2 on Thursday the 19<sup>th</sup> of April.

### Sow 2 grow

#### Worship intensive

Presented by presbytery of Nth Qld  
Jensen Uniting Church  
28<sup>th</sup> April  
9am-4pm

Topics: worship planning, different ways to worship and the sacraments see Graham for details



Enoka has sent another letter to AUC please find copies in the foyer for your reading pleasure

Thank you  
Brendan Mudge  
Anthony Worrell  
Cameron Laguna  
Who mowed the lawns this week

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## Preaching one day intensive

Presented by Trinity College and presbytery of Nth Qld

Practical day for lay preachers and those interested in preaching

- 21<sup>st</sup> April
- 9am-4pm
- Aitkenvale UC (online)

See Graham for more information

### Dates in April

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

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April Easter Sunday service 9am @ AUC

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April Coffee Chats 7.30pm @ Max Brenners

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April Good Shepherd service 11am

### Date Claimers

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April Church prayer meeting 7.15am @ AUC

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April Covenant service & Congregational meeting 9am @ AUC

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April church council Meeting 7.15pm @ AUC

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April 'Sow 2 grow' worship Intensive 9am-4pm @ Jensen Uniting Church

## Rosters & Readings for 8<sup>th</sup> April 2018

### 8.30am Service

**Preacher:** Graham Huth

**Reader:** Liz Bosworth

**Stewards:** Ken & Lesley Northey

**Minister's Steward:** Ian Dearness

**Sound Desk:** Ron Northey

**Data Projector:** Melody Northey

**Organist:** Carmel

**Flowers:** Ailsa

**Morning Tea:** B&K Adams & J Wharton

### 10.15am Service

**Preacher:** Graham Huth

**Reader:** Kate

**Stewards:** Rachel

**Sound Desk:** Dave

**Data Projector:** Brendan

**Musicians:** Kate & Naomi

**Children's ministry:** No children's ministry

**Morning Tea:** Ian & Leone

### Lectionary Readings

**Acts 4:32-35**

**Psalm 133**

**1 John 1:1-22**

**John 20:19-31**