

Preaching

8.30am Graham Huth
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Lectionary Readings

Acts 4:32-35
Psalm 133
1 John 1:1-22
John 20:19-31



Welcome to AUC!

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

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BEING OF ONE HEART AND SOUL

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. (Acts 4:32-33)

I often hear people say, "wouldn't it be great if the church could return to the way it was in its infancy?" The fact is however, one of the main reasons the church grew so quickly back then was because it faced so many trials and persecutions. They needed to work together closely to overcome great odds. I'm not sure too many of us really want to re-live those days. And while the communist-style model portrayed in Acts sounds good in theory, for many reasons, it would not be practicable or effective today; the world has changed, and so has the way the way the church needs to operate and witness to the Gospel. However, there are things we can learn from the work of the Early Church that give us direction. Even before we get to the part about sharing possessions we find another significant stumbling block. We read in Acts 4, "**Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul.**" Unfortunately, here is the real challenge we will need to overcome if we are ever to be effective in our mission. Can we as a church, be of one heart and soul? It almost sounds like Mission Impossible. But this has been one of the goals of the discerning process that we have been working through over the last few years. The Healthy Church Task Group, set up by Church Council for this purpose, presented its recommendations to the last Church Council, and were adopted. This work has resulted in a vision and strategy that will hopefully unite us with a fresh sense of direction and purpose, so that we will, like the church in Acts, be 'of one heart and soul'. While our vision has been to grow spiritually and numerically, we now have a plan that is set to drive and fulfil our Mission, stated as follows:

1. *To Bring people to Jesus*
2. *To Build them into the Fellowship of believers*
3. *Help them grow to Maturity*
4. *Develop them for Ministry in the church, and wherever God may lead them.*

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Please Pray For:

- ✓ Upcoming covenant service and congregational meeting
- ✓ Enoka's studies and placement
- ✓ Those in our community coping with health, mental health conditions and other hardships

Covenant service and Congregational Meeting

Sunday 15th April

9am Covenant service

10.15am morning tea

10.45am Congregational meeting

Please find a copy of the AUC covenant in the outreach for your prayer before our covenanting service

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

Thankyou



Roster Ruminations – Part 8

Blessing # 7 - Serving allows us to experience God's presence in new ways.

Encouragement and healing go hand in hand. As we encourage others and they find healing, we're encouraged. It's the reason so many people who go on mission trips say they came home feeling like they got more than they gave.

GO GROUP

Wednesday 18th April commencing at 10am in the breezeway.

This could be a getting to know you better morning.

Most houses have old photos or anything old which could be a talking point.

Maybe you had an unusual trip which we would not know about. Please tell us about it.

Anything you care to bring or simply talk about will be interesting.

Please ring Vi or Bill Radcliffe 4775 2657 Or Ron or Beryl Quelch 4779 9346 if you have any queries

Church Golf

28th April

6.30am @ Lavarack Golf club

9.45am morning tea @ AUC

Cost: \$20

Please get name and ID number to Kay by:

Wednesday 25th April

5pm

Bring ID with you

Please be prompt

At the 'Roy Backer memorial game' \$307 was raised for Mckay Patrol

From front cover...

How this will happen will be explained at our Congregational Meeting next Sunday. There are exciting times coming, please ensure you attend the meeting so that you can be involved in the journey ahead. It will not succeed if we are not united and supportive of the task to which God calls all of us.

May the Holy Spirit empower us to become an effective missional church, to be of one heart and soul testifying with 'great power' to the resurrection of our Lord Jesus. And may God's great grace be upon us all.

PS. Graham Huth



Please find a "AUC volunteer celebration dinner" sign on sheet in the foyer for the celebration dinner to assist with numbers



Sow 2 grow

Worship intensive

Presented by presbytery of Nth Qld
Jensen Uniting Church

28th April

9am-4pm

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

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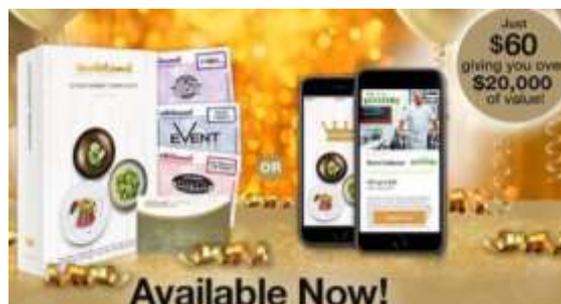
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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



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



Thank you
Lyn Phillips
Peter Phillips
Ian Dearness
Who mowed the lawns this week

Dates in April

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
Monday 16th April church council
Meeting 7.15pm @ AUC

Date Claimers

Wednesday 18th April Go Group 10am
@ AUC
Saturday 21st April celebration dinner
5.30pm @ AUC
Saturday 28th April Church golf 6.30am
@ Lavarack Barracks followed by
Morning tea 9.45am @ AUC
Saturday 28th April 'Sow 2 grow' worship
Intensive 9am-4pm @ Jensen Uniting
Church

Rosters & Readings for 15th April 2018

9am Covenant Service

Preacher: Graham Huth
Reader: Vi Radcliffe
Stewards: Ken & Lesley Northey
Minister's Steward: Ron Northey
Sound Desk: Bill Radcliffe
Data Projector: Liz Bosworth
Organist/music: John, Rachel, Angie
Flowers: Liz
Morning Tea: A&K Hurst, M&J Finter & K Worrell

Lectionary Readings

Acts 3:12-19

Psalm 4

1 John 3:1-7

Luke 24:36b-48