

Preaching
9am Graham Huth

Lectionary Readings
Acts 3:12-19
Psalm 4
1 John 3:1-7
Luke 24:36b-48



Welcome to AUC!

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

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Please Pray For:

- ✓ Covenant service and congregational meeting
- ✓ Teachers and students as they start term 2
- ✓ Situation in the middle East that peace and calm heads will prevail

The Road to Emmaus

"Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?"
(Luke 24:32)

I wonder if this week you have had an Emmaus Road experience? – I have. I can truly relate to the two disciples trudging along the road from Jerusalem to Emmaus, lost in their thoughts because it seems that their hopes and dreams had been crushed. I experience this a lot as I listen to people share of shattered dreams. I have seen plans, and relationships years in the making suddenly fall in a heap, and have heard the question asked – why? Even when we walk close with God and believe we have things clear in our minds as to His plans, often events do not play out as we have dreamt. This was certainly the case for the disciples on the road to Emmaus. They had seen Jesus – the person they believed to be the promised Messiah – the 'one to redeem Israel' – condemned to death and crucified. That seemed to be the end. But they were so focused on this turn of events, they failed to recognise that it was all part of God's plan, and that it was Jesus himself who was now walking alongside them, and meeting them in their grief, sharing the truth, opening up the Scriptures to them, and revealing the wonder of God's plans that are infinitely better than our own. When I find myself dwelling on the past, rather than looking for where Jesus is guiding into the future I sometimes sense Jesus saying to me, as he did to those two faithful disciples, "*Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe*". I see this as perhaps central to John Wesley's Covenant Prayer, which forms the basis for our AUC Covenant.

I am no longer my own, but thine.

Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.

Put me to doing, put me to suffering.

*Let me be employed for thee or laid aside for thee,
exalted for thee or brought low for thee.*

Let me be full, let me be empty.

Let me have all things, let me have nothing.

I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal.

This is not an invitation to God to bring suffering upon us, but recognition that we do not see the big picture. Yielding ourselves to His will and believing in His power and sovereignty, opens our eyes to the fact that Jesus has been journeying with us, and sharing both our triumphs and our pains.

May we learn to look for Jesus who walks beside us, and recognise how he is still at work in us, even at those times when we feel lost, wounded or alone in our journey. And may our hearts burn within us as we sense his glorious eternal presence.

Pastor Graham Huth

Covenant service and Congregational Meeting TODAY

9am Covenant service
10.15am morning tea
10.45am Congregational meeting

Roster Ruminations – Part 9 Blessing # 8 - Serving is good for your soul.

Studies have shown that volunteering is so good for the mind and body that it can ease symptoms of stress and depression. Tapping into our gifts and passions builds self-confidence, energy, and strength. Serving others can also be the best distraction from our own worries.



Sow to grow
Worship intensive
Jensen Uniting Church
28th April
9am-4pm

Church council
Monday 16th April
7.15pm
@
AUC

Thank you
Neville Devete
Matthew Devete
Ian Savage
Who mowed the lawns this week

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



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 Council Members

In approximately 3 to 4 weeks' time there will be elections for Church Council members. This will occur at the completion of both the 8.30am and 10.15am services.

Anyone who may wish to discuss what is involved with being a Church Council member please see either Ian Savage or Graham Huth as a nomination process would need to occur.



Vision statement

Seeking God's will
And in obedience to his call
We will:

Worship God,
Proclaim the Gospel,
Grow spiritually
And be a loving community
Serving the world,

All in the name of Christ and through the power of the
Holy Spirit

Get your Entertainment Membership now to help AUC Play group raise funds for new toys and craft resources.

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Contact:

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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



Dates in April

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

Monday 14th April Good Shepherd service 11am @ Good Shepherd

Monday 16th April church council Meeting 7.15pm @ AUC

Wednesday 18th April Go Group 10am @ AUC

Date Claimers

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 22nd April 2018

8.30am Service

Preacher: Graham Huth

Reader: Ron Store

Stewards: Lynne Tang and Achamma Joseph

Minister's Steward: Fred Annesley

Sound Desk: Grace Frankling

Data Projector: Joan Gist

Organist: Carmel

Flowers: Liz

Morning Tea: V&B Radcliffe & D Weightman

10.15am Service

Preacher: Graham Huth

Reader: Neville

Stewards: Leone

Sound Desk: Don

Data Projector: Kellie

Music: Scott & Naomi

Children's Ministry: Margaret & Geoff

Morning Tea: Sarah & Cath

Lectionary Readings

Acts 4:5-12

Psalm 23

1 John 3:16-24

John 10:11-18