

Preaching

8.30am Graham Huth
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Lectionary Readings

Acts 8:26-40
Psalm 22:25-31
1 John 4:7-21
John 15:1-8



Welcome to AUC!

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

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Please Pray For:

- ✓ Family and congregation of Ps. Viki Ashford from Thursday Island UC who passed away suddenly. Funeral Monday in Cairns
- ✓ Safe travelling for those attending the funeral
- ✓ That negotiations between North and South Korea are fruitful and bring relief to tensions

Vine clinging & fruit bearing

I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. (*John 15:5*)

Our lectionary reading today takes us to very familiar territory – so familiar that it is easy to overlook the importance of the passage. Jesus is the true vine, and only when we abide in him will we truly bear fruit; apart from him we can do **nothing**. So – what does it mean to abide? This is not a word that finds its way into everyday Australian conversations. *“Hey Joe, who are you abiding with lately? I prefer to abide with the Qld Cowboys, what about you?”* Doesn't sound right does it? Often the only time we use the word, it is in a legalistic manner – such as 'abiding' by regulations. But Jesus is not talking about obeying rules, and this interpretation distorts the truth, and the message gets lost in translation.

To 'abide' means to: stick to, stand by, follow, adhere to, obey, heed, defer to, and accede to. In other words – in all things, Jesus **MUST** come first. That is why the image of the vine is so simple, yet challenging. The analogy of being grafted to the vine is excellent, because this process allows the branch to draw life-giving water and nutrients from the vine. A branch will not only be unable to bear fruit, but will also die if it separates from the vine – and so will we as individuals and as a church fail to be fruitful, and ultimately wither away if Jesus does not come first in everything we do. Without deferring to Christ in every aspect of our church life, we can do – and will be nothing. We often become obsessed with what **we** want to achieve or what **we** think the church should look. **We** try very hard (too hard) to bear fruit without realising that that is not our task. We are called to be faithful, not fruitful; to remain attached to Jesus the vine, so that *he* can bear fruit through us. When we try to do things our own way, what we think is fruit are only weeds, or fruit that is sour or tasteless, and of absolutely no use. Let us instead ensure that by following Christ, our complete dependence on him will result in an abundance of good fruit, thereby glorifying God and proving to be Jesus' disciples (John 15:8)

Ps. Graham Huth



There were no tickets to events or television broadcasts but athletes gave their all and records were broken at our very own Commonwealth games last Friday night. Graham encouraged us with his devotion on running the Christian race (well marathon!) =



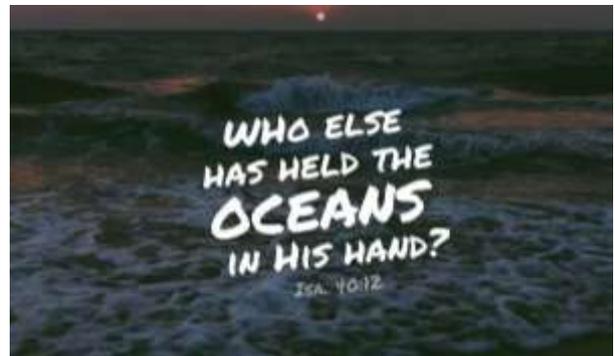
Coffee Chats

Tuesday 1st May

7.30pm

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Max Brenners



Winter Roster

A BIG **thank you** to the **many** faithful people who serve our church community in a multitude of ways.

I can't believe that it's coming up to new roster time **again!**

8.30 Service Family

- Please see Lesley Northey if you would like to serve on any of the rosters
- She will direct you to the right person

10.15 Service Family

- There are 5 clipboards on the bench near the front door
- Each one has a list for a different serving role, for you to put your name on
- The roster is for the next 3 months
- Please put your name, contact number and dates you are unavailable (if known)
- remember, the more people we have, the less times you have to serve
- See Kate Mills if you have any questions

Senior worship & morning tea

- Thursday 2nd May
- 9.30am
- MLHOP
- Theme: Creation
- Speaker: Graeme Cooksley

There will also be a Mother's day/Easter hat parade
More information on notice board in the foyer

Please find the new volume (May-June) of 'With Love to the World' devotional in the foyer.
The cost is \$5 and can be labelled and placed in the offering

Church Council Members

The election of Church Council members will occur at the completion of both the 8.30am and 10.15am services on the 13th May.



YWAM medical ships are holding their 2018 fundraising breakfast

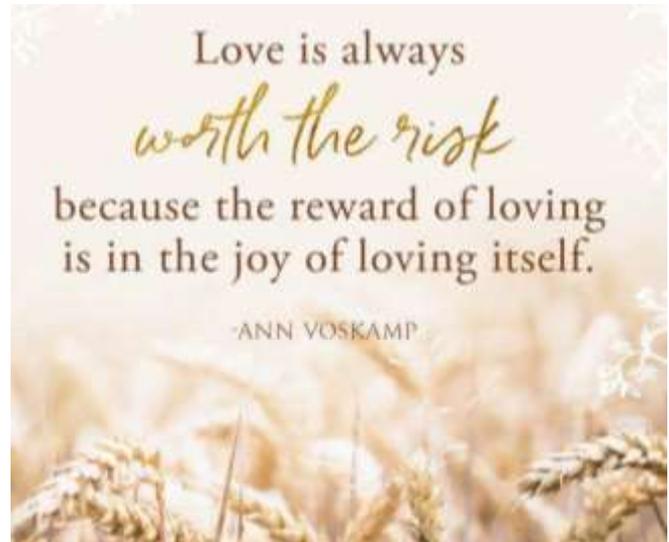
- YWAM City Campus
- Friday 15th June
- 6.45am

Individual tickets are \$100 or
Tables are \$800

If you are interested in attending please contact Graham as we may be able to host a table.

More information in the foyer

You become like the 5 people you
spend the most time with...
Choose carefully



In the foyer on the notice board you will find new editions of:

- SU Qld News magazine
- SU Qld 'Prayer burst'
- SU Qld 'prayer guide'

As well as the Pioneers magazine

- 'Xpress'.

Please feel free to take them down and have a read

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

Last year we sold 14 books and raised \$169 for our playgroup this year we hope to raise money to buy dress-ups.

See Rachel this now about an exciting offer available this week

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Or visit <http://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/2y71815>

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Australia's biggest morning tea

- Trivia Morning Tea
- Tuesday 7th June
- 9.30 a.m.
- Kirwan U.C.

Entry by donation to the Queensland Cancer Council

RSVP Sheila 0437708975

Annandale Christian College

Are seeking applications for the role of school chaplain in a short term contract for immediate start

Please see notice board for more information

The next ORANA Fellowship gathering will be on:

SATURDAY, 5 MAY at 2 PM

Beth Heron's home, 37 Manersley Place, Annandale (phone 47281123).

The theme is "Aprons", so beg, borrow, or steal an apron for the afternoon, and be prepared to speak about it!

Thank you

Ken Adam, Ken Northey
Asmore Aoetpah & John Mallett
Who mowed the lawns this week

Dates in May

Tuesday 1st May Coffee Chats 7.30pm @ Max Brenners

Thursday 3rd May Seniors worship & Morning tea 9.30am @ MLHOP

Saturday 5th May ORANA 2pm @ Beth Heron's house

Sunday 6th May combined morning tea 9.45am in the breezeway

Date Claimers

Monday 14th May Good Shepherd service 11am

Church prayer meeting 7.15pm @ AUC

Tuesday 7th June Biggest morning tea Trivia morning 9.30am @ Kirwan UC

Friday 15th June Breakfast by the Sea 6.45am @ YWAM City Campus

Rosters & Readings for 6th May 2018

8.30am 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: Carmel

Flowers: Heather

Morning Tea: E&B Roebuck & F&R Keech

10.15am Service

Preacher: Graham Huth

Reader: Sarah

Stewards: Helen

Sound Desk: Geoff

Data Projector: Cath

Music: Julie & Mal

Children's Ministry: No Children's ministry

Morning Tea: Mudge Family

Lectionary Readings

Acts 10:44-48

Psalms 98

1 John 5:1-6

John 15:1-17