

Preaching

8.30am Graham Huth
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Lectionary Readings

Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:24-34
Romans 8:22-27
John 15:26-27, 16: 4b-15



Welcome to AUC!

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

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Please Pray For:

- ✓ Those who have been elected as Elders and Church Councilors
- ✓ For someone to fill the vacancies of Treasurer and Church Secretary.
- ✓ For young Eddie Feeney-Martyr and his family as we celebrate his baptism at our 10.15 service this morning.

The Power of Pentecost

"...you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you." (Acts 1:8)

Welcome to worship as we gather to celebrate one of the greatest events in the history of creation. Along with Christmas and Easter, Pentecost rounds-out the three primary Christian festivals that reflect the incredible love revealed in the triune nature of God. Today marks the birth of church, which came into being in a spectacular way. While we launch events with Fireworks; God stepped things up a notch and launched the church with Works of Fire. The powerful images related by Luke in the book of Acts leave us amazed. Such was the power and energy of the Holy Spirit at work within the early church founders that in 30 short years, Christianity went from a small Jewish cult to the predominant religion of the known world. But over the last 2,000 years we have largely come to think of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit as an historical event. We talk about the *power* of the Holy Spirit almost in past tense. Although we believe in the *presence* of the Holy Spirit, I sometimes feel we lack conviction in also trusting in the ongoing *power* the Spirit provides. John Wesley once said, *'My fear is that our people will become content to live without the fire, the power, the excitement, the supernatural element that makes us great.'* I pray that Wesley's fears are not coming true, and that the church – and that means you and I – will come to not only believe in, but rely on the fire, the power and the excitement that God's Spirit delivers. We have set ourselves a goal over the next 12 months to intentionally engage in outreach and evangelism – this is not only at the heart of Christ's Great Commission but is also the primary purpose of the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus told his followers, "you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8) The disciples could not witness to Jesus Christ without the power of the Holy Spirit – and neither can we. I believe that we will see and achieve great things for the Kingdom, but they will come about not by our might, nor by our power, but by the Spirit of God (Zechariah 4:6).

God richest blessings – Ps. Graham Huth



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



Saturday 16 June | 5pm – 9pm

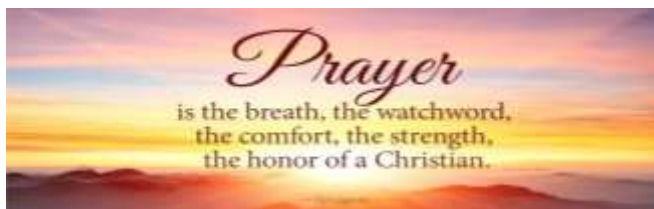
Venue: Northreach Baptist Church
38 Canterbury Rd Kirwan

Theme for Best Dressed Table Prizes: Sport

Tickets \$10 - children 12 and under free.
Trivia begins at 6pm. Tables seat 8 people.
Hot Food, Drinks, Snacks available for purchase
from 5pm.

Book your tickets TODAY! Phone 0411 756 273
or email admin@stableonthestrand.com.au

Full details at www.stableonthestrand.com



Church Council Elections

Last Sunday members of the congregation were asked to vote for people who had been nominated as Councillors and Elders. I am pleased to be able to report that all nominees were elected overwhelmingly.

Returning members

Elder: Julie Adamson, Ian Dearness, Ian Savage, Neville Devette

Church Councillors: Ann Laguna, Kate Mills, Naomi Gardiner

New Members

Church Councilor: Ron Store, Jayne Wharton, Don Adamson

There will be a commissioning service in the near future

Winter Roster

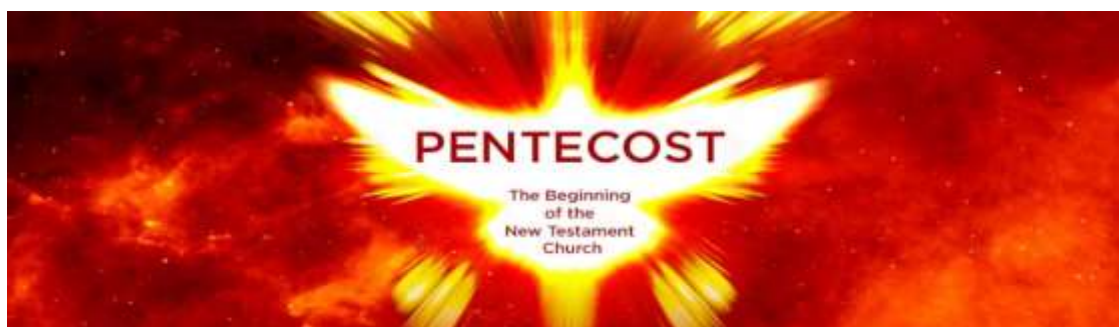
A BIG thank you to the many faithful people who serve our church community in a multitude of ways. Where is Christ calling you to serve?

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



Assembly and the Same-Gender Marriage Debate.

IN July this year, the Assembly Standing Committee are proposing to bring to the upcoming 15th Assembly a recommendation that the Uniting Church changes our understanding of marriage to include same gender relationships. As we saw with the plebiscite last year, this is a subject that is potentially divisive because people have very strong beliefs regarding the Christian ideals of marriage. While this is ONLY a proposal at this time, the Church Council feels that it is vital that members of the Congregation are aware of the situation and have a chance to provide any feedback on the proposal to the Council, and to Presbytery (meeting 25-27 May).

Copies of three documents are being made available this week to allow people to study, pray about and consider their own stance, but more importantly, God's will in this issue. The documents are i) the proposal to Assembly, ii) a Pastoral Letter from the Moderator, and iii) a Pastoral Letter from our Presbytery Minister. They will be emailed along with Outreach, and hard copies will be available in the church foyer. More resources are available on the Assembly Website:

<https://assembly.uca.org.au/resources/marriage/item/2826-dig-deeper>

Please send any responses to Ian Savage or Pastor Graham Huth. They will be collated and forwarded to Presbytery so that they can be considered in any deliberations on this important issue

Opportunities for service in the life of our Church

There are two positions in our Church which we need to fill as soon as possible.

We are looking for a member of our congregation to be the **Church Treasurer**. This is an important position in the life of our Church.

We are also seeking a person with computer skills to prepare the *Outreach* and do related tasks. This is a paid position of 4 hours per week.

If you are interested and believe you have the talents, gifts and graces for either position, please contact Pastor Graham Huth or Ian Savage.

Smile and say CHEESE!

Over the next few weeks, Don Adamson will be taking photos of everyone for a Photo Directory for the church. This will help the Minister, Elders and Pastoral Carers, but will also be a resource that will be made available to members of the Congregation. While it is certainly not compulsory, we encourage everyone to be involved. We adhere strictly to the Uniting Church Privacy Policy, and you can be assured of confidentiality and correct use of any photos taken. So, smile!



Entertainment Books are still available for purchase to help AUC Play Group raise funds for new toys and craft resources.

See Rachel Mudge our Play Group Coordinator

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



Australia's biggest morning tea

- Trivia Morning Tea
- Tuesday 5th June
- 9.30 a.m.
- Kirwan U.C.

Entry by donation to the Queensland Cancer Council

RSVP Sheila 0437708975

Combined Churches Pentecost Service

On Sunday 20th May 5pm at the Gregory Street Amphitheatre on the Strand. There is an invitation to wear RED to symbolize the fire of Pentecost!

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

Combined Churches Prayer Meeting

Thursday 24th May, 7pm - 8pm
Townsville Central City Mission,
73 Wills St

Dates in May

Sunday 20th May Combined Churches Pentecost Service –The Strand.

Monday 21st May – Church Council

Thursday 24th May Combined Churches Prayer Meeting – Townsville Central City Mission,

Fri 25th – Sunday 27th May – NQ Presbytery meets at Mission Beach.

Date Claimers

Tuesday 5th June Biggest morning tea Trivia morning @ Kirwan UC

Friday 15th June – YWAM Fundraiser: 'Breakfast By The Sea'

Saturday 16th June – Stable on the Strand Fundraiser – Trivia Night

Rosters & Readings for 27th May 2018

8.30am Service

Preacher: Mr. Peter Ireland

Reader: Liz B

Stewards: Lynne and Achamma

Minister's Steward: Ian D

Sound Desk: Grace F

Data Projector: Joan G

Organist: Carmel

Flowers: Ailsa

Morning Tea: Laguna family & Mary E

10.15am Service

Preacher: Mr. Peter Ireland

Reader: Mal

Greeter: Leone

Sound Desk:

Data Projector: Naomi

Music: Mal & Rachel

Children's Ministry: Margaret & Geoff

Morning Tea: Devete family

Lectionary Readings

Isaiah 6:1-8

Psalms 29

Rom 8:12-17

John 3:1-17