

Preaching

8.30am Pastor Huth
10.15am Pastor Huth

Lectionary Readings

1 Sm 3: 1-10
Ps 139:1-6, 13-18
2 Cor 4:5-12
Mk 2:23-3:6



Welcome to AUC!

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

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Please Pray For:

- ✓ Our Elected Leaders – Local, State and Federal, for wise decisions in the changing times
- ✓ For our young people who are the ones to live and work with the decisions made on their behalf by the change-agents of today.
- ✓ For our church, that we may remain strong and united in Christ's purposes for each other, and our community.

The Times They are A-Changin'

*Come gather 'round people wherever you roam,
And admit that the waters around you have grown,
And accept it that soon you'll be drenched to the bone.
If your time to you is worth savin',
Then you better start swimmin' or you'll sink like a stone
For the times they are a-changin'.*

I was less than a year old when Bob Dylan put these words to music way back in 1964. Now, over half a century later, they are still relevant, and still hauntingly true. The times are definitely changing, and it is hard to keep up. It is also hard to determine where, as Christians, we need to stand or shift on many issues. At our North Queensland Presbytery meeting last weekend, we were forced to face some very difficult facts and dire forecasts for the Uniting Church if the proposed changes to the Church's definition of marriage are adopted. Based on discussions, surveys, local knowledge and past experience, if the National Assembly, meeting in July moves to remove the words 'Man and Woman' from the definition of marriage, many congregations may lose between 10 and 20% of their members. This would be catastrophic – many churches would close simply because of their inability to financially support ministry. The world is changing, however, the church can't and shouldn't somehow try to remain neutral on subjects such as same-gender marriage – it needs to engage with them – even though it may bring heartache and pain. In our Gospel Reading today (Mark 2: 23-3:6), we hear again the story of Jewish religious leaders who were in turmoil because of the threat of change. They feared the radical preaching of Jesus and they feared he was undermining their authority. Such was their fear, they actively sought to discredit Jesus; they accused him of allowing his disciples to break the law by working on the Sabbath and thus desecrate this holy day. The problem was, they had become so focused on the legalities of the laws, and loss of the things that brought them a sense of comfort and security, that their hearts had become hardened to the needs and concerns of others. They had forgotten the original life-giving intent behind the laws gifted by God, which were for the building up of His people. May our apprehension about change not be a stumbling block that prevents us from unity, and reaching out with love, grace and compassion to those whose beliefs may differ from ours, but who are equally struggling with finding their place in these changing times.

Grace and Peace – Ps. Graham Huth

Purpose Driven Church Conference 2018

In discussion with Church Council, and through the inspiration and direction of the Healthy Church Task Group, Pastor Graham will be travelling to Los Angeles on 24th June to attend the annual Purpose Driven Church Conference at the Saddleback Church, pastored by Rick Warren.



This is a description of the conference:

Capture a vision and pathway for your church's local and global impact at Purpose Driven Church Conference 2018.

With a proven and intentional approach to ministry, Purpose Driven Churches are committed to the same five purposes for God's people and the church: Worship, Fellowship, Discipleship, Ministry, and Evangelism. While congregations come in all shapes and sizes, God's purposes for the local church never change.

From June 26th to June 28th, join pastors and ministry leaders from over 40 countries, states and denominations in becoming healthy, effective, growing churches together on mission. Equip your team with a strategy to grow warmer through fellowship, deeper through discipleship, stronger through worship, broader through ministry, and sustainable through evangelism.

This aligns perfectly with the vision we have set for our Congregation, and it is certainly our belief that the teaching, experience and inspiration attained at this international conference will enable and empower us to achieve the purposes Christ has for his church at Aitkenvale. As the promotion for this suggests, we want to capture a pathway to reach the visions with which we have been blessed for future ministry.

A grant has been applied for to cover some of the approximate \$3,500 cost of this project. The rest will be covered partly by Graham himself, and Church Council. If anyone would personally like to assist with financially supporting this project, please speak to Ian Savage.

The good, the bad and the unexpected

David Pohlmann, Pastor at Mt Louisa House of Praise, has organised a Townsville screening of the movie: For the Love of God. This film has been produced by Biblical Historian and Christian Apologist, the Rev Dr John Dickson and his team from the Centre for Public Christianity.

About the Film: For the Love of God confronts the worst that Christians have done and traces the origins of Western values like human rights, charity, humility, and non-violence back to the influence of Jesus. This is not the history we think we know. Join us as we weigh up the good, the bad, the ugly – and the unexpected – about the impact of Christianity on the world we live in today.



The trailer may be seen here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FZBbzGWR5rU>

Screening:

Monday 2nd July, 7pm

Event Cinemas Townsville City, QLD

148 seats available - only \$24

People can book online at: <https://fan-force.com/screenings/for-the-love-of-god-event-cinemas-townsville-city-qld/>

Townsville needs to ensure 65 tickets sold, before the viewing will be confirmed. The ticket price is refundable if the viewing fails to go ahead due to lack of bookings.

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!



Trinity Intensive

On Saturday 23 June, AUC is hosting a one-day intensive course by Trinity College. It is an Introduction to the New Testament, being presented by Trinity College Lecturer Dr John Fredericks. While it is a requirement for those doing Lay Preachers courses etc. to undertake this training, it would be very helpful to Lay Preachers, Ministry Leaders or indeed anyone interested in learning about how to understand and interpret the New Testament. This is a unique opportunity to receive quality university teaching without having to travel to Brisbane. The cost is only \$40 for a full day. The added benefit to the congregation is that Dr Fredericks will be preaching at both services here at AUC on the following Sunday morning.



Pulpit Swap

The NQ Presbytery has initiated a Pulpit Swap program to allow ministers to circulate around the Presbytery, and for Congregations to be enriched through the different gifts and styles of the various ministry agents across the region. In light of this, we will be swapping with Bowen on the 17 June. Pastor Graham Huth will be travelling to Bowen, and Reverend Tevita Mone will be preaching at Aitkenvale. Tevita is Tongan and offers a great ministry to the Tongan and other multi-national seasonal workers at Bowen. I'm sure he will be well received.



Annandale Christian College has issued an invitation for people who are planning for their child to attend the Kindy at ACC to join staff on Tuesday 5 June at 8.15-10am to meet and talk with staff regarding expectations, routines, or any concerns. Parents are welcome to stay for morning tea.

A flyer with more details is available at the front entrance to the Church.

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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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

Dates in June

3 June Combined morning tea in breezeway

17 June - Pulpit Swap Guest Preacher Rev. Tavita Mone from Bowen

17 June Church picnic

23 June – Trinity Study on New Testament

24 June – Special Guest Preacher, Dr John Fredericks

25 June Church Council meeting

Date Claimers

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

Mon 2 July – Screening of Movie 'For the Love of God' at Mt Louise House of Praise

UCA National Assembly in Melbourne – **8 to 14 July 2018**

Rosters & Readings for 10 June 2018

8.30am Service

Preacher: Graham Huth

Reader: Achamma Joseph

Stewards: Ken & Lesley Northey

Minister's Steward: Fred Annesley

Sound Desk: Ron Northey

Data Projector: Melody Northey

Organist: Carmel

Flowers: Liz

Morning Tea: Anny & Kelvin H, Margaret & John F

10.15am Service

Preacher: Graham Huth

Reader: Judy

Greeter: Ian & Leone Savage

Sound Desk: Dave

Data Projector: Brendan

Music Leaders: Kate & Mal

Children's Ministry: Margaret

Morning Tea: Rachel & Brendan Mudge

Lectionary Readings

1 Sm 8:4-11,16-20

Ps 138

2 Cor 4:13-5:1

Mk 3:20-35