

Preaching

8.30 am
10.15 am

Lectionary Readings

2 Sam 6: 1-5, 12b-19
Ps 24
Eph 1: 3-14
Mark 6: 14-29



WELCOME TO AUC!

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

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Please pray for

Church Council Elders as they consider major aspects affecting the life of the Church.

The upcoming Nicky Gumble "Heart of Revival" study launching on Saturday July 21st, those who lead and those who will attend.

Bruce Steadman who is in hospital.

Ron Quelch who is recovering from a fall and for his wife Beryl.

Ron and Shirley Behan's daughter-in-law Lissa and families as Lissa continues with her treatment for an aggressive cancer.

And David danced before the Lord with all his might.

(2 Samuel 6:14)

When was the last time you were so caught up with emotion that you really felt like dancing for joy? Even better, when was the last time you not only felt like it – you actually did it?

Mark Twain said, "Dance like nobody's watching; love like you've never been hurt. Sing like nobody's listening; live like it's heaven on earth." These words have been put to music, used in TV commercials, YouTube videos and inspirational poems, but if you want a good example of this to inspire you, read 2 Samuel, chapter 6. The Ark of the Covenant, the symbol of God's faithfulness to His chosen people was being returned to Israel, to be housed in a special place of honour in Jerusalem. David was literally ecstatic – he didn't give a hoot for what anybody thought about his dancing or the fact that his attire was probably not seen by others as appropriate for a King. His thoughts were on giving his Lord the glory he deserved. How often do we allow the world around us to dictate our thoughts and our behaviour? It's not good enough to just be dancing on the inside, if we truly do love God we should not, and cannot allow ourselves be ashamed to show it. Jesus said, "Those who are ashamed of me and of my words, of them the Son of Man will be ashamed when he comes in his glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels." Let us proudly and loudly declare our love and reverence for Jesus, our Saviour, Redeemer and Lord; and pray that others will get caught up in the excitement.

God richest blessings – Ps. Graham Huth

Purpose Driven Church Conference Report

Last week I gave a quick report during the morning services on Saddleback Church and the conference but let me tell you a little about the conference itself and how it will help influence and enhance ministry at Aitkenvale. The whole conference was based loosely around Pastor Rick Warren's famous book the 'Purpose Driven Church'.

There were nine main sessions that examined in depth some significant areas of church ministry that are vital to church health and growth. Sessions included:

- Establishing a foundation for a healthy church
- Targeting your 'community for evangelism (Learning to fish for souls like Jesus)
- Developing committed disciples
- Empowering your core for ministry (turning an audience into an army)

The conference was extremely relevant to the mission plan we have adopted, and the processes and plans taught were practical and easily adapted to suit our situation.

It is my intention to take our Church Councillors and leaders through these sessions as they are extremely applicable to our focus on Outreach this year. There will also be training opportunities for any others who are interested.

According to Pastor Rick Warren, the church exists to:

- Celebrate God's presence (Worship)
- Communicate God's Word (Outreach)
- Incorporate God's family (Fellowship)
- Educate God's people (Discipleship)
- Demonstrate God's love (Ministry)

This is certainly my vision and prayer for the AUC.

Pastor Graham Huth

Assembly President-Elect named



Rev. Sharon Hollis will be the first ordained woman to lead the Uniting Church after being named as President-elect at the 15th Assembly. Rev. Hollis, who is Moderator of the Synod of Victoria and Tasmania, will be the third woman to occupy the President's role.

"I am humbled and I am grateful," Rev. Hollis said after the announcement was met with a standing ovation in the Box Hill Town Hall.

Dr Deidre Palmer (left) is now the 15th President of the Uniting Church in Australia.

A reminder!

Remember that on Wednesday 18 July, the *Go Group* will be meeting. At this meeting we will be showing a recording of Rev. Alan Anderson's funeral held in Brisbane earlier this year. We know that Alan was much loved during his time with us. All members of the congregation are invited to attend.

Thanks

The family of Florence Goodwin has asked that their thanks be passed on to Aitkenvale Church congregation and especially those who assisted in the provision of afternoon tea following the funeral of Florence.

The Heart of Revival Study

Nicky Gumbel

Study Launch, is on Saturday 21st July 9:00-12:00 mid-day at the Church.

Begin the journey with Nicky Gumbel in chapters 1 and 2 of his book, as he opens up the Prophet Isaiah's teaching on, "what is Revival?" and "Is Revival coming?"

Then, continue the study the following Friday evenings at 7:00pm or on Sunday afternoons at 3:00pm: See the sign-on sheet on the notice board outside the church. When you sign on, you will receive the study book (free), courtesy of a member of the Church, a study guide (\$3.50) and a Study Plan/Calendar.

This is the last study organised by the Healthy Church Task Group, who have now concluded their three years ministry.

The earth is the LORD's, and all its fullness,
The world and those who dwell therein.

Psalm 24:1



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Lost: Black Covered NRSV Bible

David Kelly (Air Force Chaplain) has mislaid his Bible and is concerned that he may have left it at Aitkenvale when he preached here at the start of the year. It is an NRSV with a black cover, and an inscription in the front from when it was presented to him upon his Ordination. It is of great importance to him as you can appreciate. Please keep an eye out for it, and check you have not inadvertently taken it home.

Pastor Graham Huth

I will be looking after the weekly *Outreach* for the time being. If you have some material which you wish to have included, please send it to me or to Graham by early Thursday morning at the latest.

You can phone me at 0429782425. If I am not available, leave a message and I will call you back. Alternatively you can send me an email at ronald.store@bigpond.com

Thanks
Ron Store

Dates and activities in July

- 16 July** Church Council meeting
- 18 July** Go Group meeting
- 21 July** Commencement of "The Heart of Revival" Study by Nicky Gumble
- 22 July** Children's Church starts
- 27 July** Youth Group

Prayer

We give you thanks that we are destined for adoption as your children. We pray for your church, for all who confess your name that we may be united in our love for you and for one another and for all who minister in your name that we may faithfully proclaim your gospel in word, sacrament and deed. God of glory, hear our prayer.



From *Let us pray*
by Janet Nelson

Are you new here?

Whether you're just visiting or looking to stay, it is great to have you with us.

If you thinking of staying with us please complete the "Welcome card" found at the end of the pews and in your welcome bag.

Join us for a snack and coffee after the service and meet some of our wonderful and friendly church community.



Rosters & Readings for 22 July 2018

8.30am Service

Preacher: Pastor Huth
Reader: Liz
Stewards: Rurt M Liz J
Minister's Steward: Ian D
Sound Desk: Ron N
Data Projector: K Northey
Organist: Carmel
Flowers: Alisa

10.15am Service

Preacher: Pastor Huth
Reader: Judy
Greeter: Kate
Sound Desk: Sarah
Data Projector: Cath
Music: Em, Angie, Rachel
Children's Ministry: Margaret, Geoff
Morning Tea: Ian & L Savage

Readings

Isaiah 40

Mark 1: 1-8