

Preaching

8.30 am Ron Northey
10.15 am Ron Northey

Lectionary Readings

Isaiah 54
2 Corinthians 4:5-10, 16-18
Matthew 28 16-20



WELCOME TO AUC!

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

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Please pray for

**Our minister, Pastor
Huth, members of the
Church Council.**

**For the drought affected
regions and the farmers
who have lost so much.**

**For the many who have
lost loved ones in the
recent Earthquake in
Lombok and the bridge
collapse in Genoa.**

**Please pray for those of
our number who are
unwell: Richard de Graff,
Norah Shimeld and Fred
Annesley for a full
recovery.**

The Heart of Revival Week 5

What is the Vision of Revival?

What do we mean when we use the word 'vision'? Vision as defined by Merriam-Webster is (noun) "the ability to see: sight or eyesight; something that you imagine: a picture that you see in your mind; something that you see or dream especially as part of a religious or supernatural experience." In Biblical times God sent visions to people as prophecies, such as we have studied in Isaiah during our foray into the subject of revival — this week focussing on Chapter 54. In modern terms, vision though, has come to represent part of a strategic plan rather than necessarily a message from God. However, the vision of revival brings both of these nuances together in one vision that comes from God, and provides the framework for the strategic plans for the church. It is both a promise and a directive from God. The vision of revival is that God has great things in store for the church. It is also urgent and essential that the church recognises, prepares and works towards the fulfilment of this vision. So, what is the vision?

In answering this question, Nicky Gumbel quotes William Carey who is widely viewed as the father of modern missions. "The promise is this: God is about to restore the church and his work will be extraordinary and wonderful...there is to be an enlargement in God's people, a bringing in of others on the right and the left, a winning of the Gentiles who are not yet included in the covenant of grace ." He then declares, "Expect great things (from God). Attempt great things (for God)." (Heart of Revival, p. 91).

As we (Aitkenvale UC) plan a reworking - a re-visioning of our family ministry and call to discipleship, this vision of revival must be at the core if it is to proceed, and succeed. Revival comes when we both *expect* great things, and *attempt* great things through the power and promise of God. Let us be open to a far greater vision of what God intends for us, greater than we have planned for ourselves, and seek to make it a reality. Nicky Gumble points out that this is not an option, but a duty. Let us 'expect great things for God, and attempt great things for him'.

Be blessed in your service for Christ, Pastor Graham Huth

2018



26th of AUGUST
8:30AM/ 10:15AM SERVICES
SUNDAY
AITKENVALE UNITING CHURCH
277-279 ROSS RIVER ROAD,
AITKENVALE
(Cnr Anne Street)

Creative Influencers that travel
all over Australia, impacting our young generation. through
positivity, music and culture.

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Visit by Iron & Clay

Next Sunday, 26th August, the group 'Iron & Clay' will be participating in both morning services. The group of 7 young people will be presenting their passion for Christ, and sharing testimonies of the way God has changed lives through their unique ministry in schools. While the main presentation will be at the 10.15 am service, it is great to have them share at the 8.30 service in order that we can be inspired by stories of the way the Gospel is impacting the next generation. We encourage you to use this as an opportunity to invite friends and neighbours. Some flyers are available in the foyer.

We are also seeking people who may be able to assist with providing meals for the group while they are in Townsville (21-26 August). They have been kindly offered accommodation in a house that will be vacant, but assistance with pre-cooked meals would be greatly appreciated. If you can assist, please see Graham.

Next Step Team update:

Many thanks to everyone who responded to our recent survey. Your honest feedback and constructive comments have been a great help to us in this initial planning stage. Although the survey is now closed, we are very happy to continue having conversations around the proposal.

We have been encouraged by the survey responses and very excited about God's plans for AUC. We ask that you please continue to pray with us for His guidance. We also pray that any changes to our Sunday worship will be a blessing to our church family and our community.

At this stage we can confirm that there will be **no** changes to the 8.30am service.

Thanks also to those who have offered to help out.

A member of the team will be in touch with you.



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37 Days of Prayer and Dreaming

1ST SEP TO 7TH OCT
(SUNDAY OF PRESBYTERY)

A time to be still
to dream
and to trust God

Daily devotions written by our Presbytery Minister,
Rev Garry Hardingham,
and delivered daily to your email address

Presbytery have called for 37 days of prayer running from 1st Sept 2018 to 7th Oct 2018 in order to prepare for important decisions that will need to be made at the Presbytery meeting . If you would like to join with them, starting 1st September 2018, and receive daily devotions which have been written by Rev Garry Hardingham, subscribe at the address below and they will be sent to your email address.,

www.ucanq.com.au/37daysofprayer/

or from the Presbytery Website, www.ucanq.com.au

As Presbytery, move towards the Presbytery meeting on the 5th of October at Mission Beach,

Let us be still before God.

Let us Dream of what can be.

And let us trust in God for the future of His Church

Even the youths shall faint and be weary, And the young men shall utterly fall,
But those who wait on the Lord Shall renew their strength;
They shall mount up with wings like eagles,
They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.

(Isaiah 40:30-31)

This
morning's
services are
being led by
Mr Ron
Northey

Proposal from North Queensland Presbytery with regard to Same-Gender Marriage

With further regard to the recent Assembly decision to allow same-gender marriage, the North Queensland Presbytery is seeking to join with other presbyteries nation-wide to contest the validity of the decision. The main thrust of the proposal is that the Assembly decision to allow same-gender marriage was made without adequate consultation with the wider councils of the church, particularly in view that it is a matter that is vital to the life of the church.

This proposal is being presented at Presbytery zone meetings on the 1st September. Ian Savage, as Church Council Chair and our lay representative to Presbytery, along with Pastor Graham Huth, will be asked to vote on this proposal.

A copy of this proposal was sent electronically to all those who receive the *Outreach* by email but hard copies are also available in the foyer of the church. We invite anyone who may have questions, or wish to discuss this important issue, to contact either Ian or Pastor Graham.

Reminder: If you use the church premises for any events, please ensure that the last person leaving **turns off all lights, air conditioners and that all louvers are closed.**

Playgroup are looking for any *Coles Little Ship Mini Collectables* you may have that you don't need. Our littlies love to play shop with them.

Thank you
Rachel



Dates and activities in

August:

- 20 Church Council meeting
- 23 Go Group Senior lunch 10.30 - 1.30
- 26 Iron & Clay—Participating in services

September:

- 1 Presbytery Southern zone meeting
- 4 Choc Chats

Prayer

O divine Master,
grant that I may not so
much
seek to be consoled as to
console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to
eternal life.



Prayer of St Francis of Assisi

Are you new here?

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

If you are 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 26 August 2018

8.30am Service		10.15am service	
Preacher	Graham H with 'Iron & Clay'	Preacher	Graham H with 'Iron & Clay'
Reader	Liz J	Reader	Mal
Door Stewards	Lyn T Achamma	Greeters	Helen
Minister's Steward	Fred A	Sound	Don
Sound	Ron N	Data	Angie
Data	Joan G	Music Leaders	Naomi Scott
Organ	Carmel	Kids' Church	Margaret Angie
Flowers	Heather	Morning Tea	Mudges
Morning Tea	Elvenar & Bryan R Ruth & Frank K		

Bible Readings

Isaiah 55 Psalm 107:109 John 7:37-39