

Preaching

9am Online Graham
4.30 Online Graham

Readings

Acts 7: 55-60,
Ps 31:1-5, 15-16,
1 Peter 2: 2-10,
Jn 14: 1-14



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
and members of the Church
Council.

Wisdom for those who
Support the vulnerable.

Beyond Blue, Lifeline, kids
help line, give thanks for the
work they do.

Strength for the abused, that
they seek help.

New Mums as they celebrate
their new arrival and
expectant Mums as they
await for theirs.

The sick baby who has
struggled with liver problems
since birth.

Church council members as
they meet on Monday night .



"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you."

(John 14:15-17)

The celebration of Pentecost is only 2 weeks away now, and our Lectionary Gospel reading from John recalls the promise he made to his disciples and to each of us, that he will never leave us alone. As we noted last week in our services, Jesus' time on Earth was ending; he was thus preparing his followers for the horrible but world-changing events that were about to unfold.

He knew his death would be an incredible shock; but he assures them that they will be OK because he would ask his Father to send another helper to take his place – forever. This helper, or Advocate would be the 'Spirit of Truth'.

This is a term that the apostle John uses frequently in his writings, but what does it mean? Other religions and philosophies use this term, but in the Christian sense, it has a special meaning. The Spirit of Truth is not just a set of beliefs or good moral attitudes – it is a person – the person of God.

- God is Truth (1 Cor 2:10)
- Jesus is Truth (John 14:6)
- The Holy Spirit is Truth (John 16:12-13).

The Spirit of Truth reveals the truth about God, teaches us the truth about Jesus Christ, and the Spirit of Truth works in the life of the Christian by reproducing Christ-likeness in us.

Perhaps the most amazing thing is - that believers actually have the Truth—the Spirit—dwelling within them. "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own" (1 Cor 16:9).

When we walk the way of God, we ourselves have the Truth within us. May you continually look to the Spirit to reveal this truth, as we are all fallible human beings that too often rely on our own values and bias at times.

Pastor Graham Huth

JOURNEY

Uniting Church Journey magazine: the latest edition of **Journey** is available on line. If you like to read news that relates to the Uniting Church you can access it on the link below. These are some of the top stories this month.
<https://journeyonline.com.au/>

Vale Rev Len Bray

Rev Len Bray passed away last Friday (8 May 2020) after a long period of illness.



His life and ministry were characterised by a deep dedication to his own formation and development, the formation of Christian disciples, and the development of congregational life, particularly in areas of population growth.



Loving God, thank you for our mothers.

For the mothers who gave birth to us;
for the women who treated us as their own.
In that Love is always a mixture of joy and pain, we remember with deep thanksgiving the nurture, comfort and encouragement we have received. We seek healing for the memories of pain, disappointment and failure.
We remember before you those who have lost children;
those whom society or circumstance forced to relinquish them in adoption.
We pray that your Spirit will lead us on the journey of reconciliation and peace.
We remember today mothers throughout the world struggling to care for their children; mothers in the refugee camps of the Middle East and Africa, mothers in places of danger, famine, and hardship, mothers of children with disabilities seeking support for the best future for their children.
Lord, the image of mothering is part of how we know you; as the God who would gather us under her wings;
as the God who would see all your people living in dignity and hope.
As we today give thanks for mothers; may we be reminded again of your hope for us all.
Amen



Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month reflection

As part of domestic and family violence prevention month, **Karen Pretidge** describes the silent impact of coronavirus. For three months the nation has been captured by a set of statistics which have given us every indication of how well we have been addressing COVID 19.

I AM THE WAY THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE NO ONE COMES TO THE FATHER EXCEPT THROUGH ME

The **LIGHT** of the world

The **BREAD** of the life

The **GOOD Shepherd**

The **SAVIOR**

The **RESURRECTION** and the **LIFE**

Jesus Christ

The **WAY** the **TRUTH** and the **LIFE**

The **DOOR**

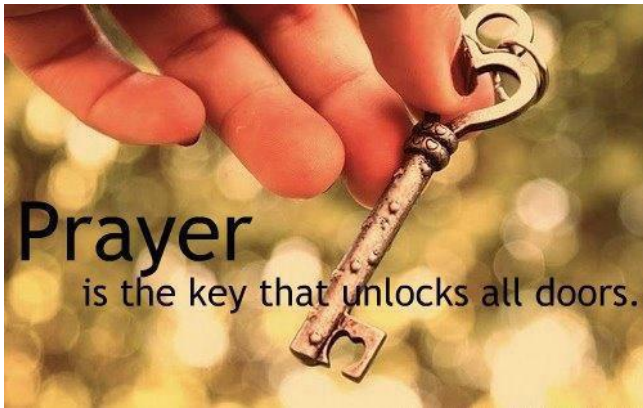
The **LAMB** of God

The **STONE** of the corner

ALPHA and **OMEGA**

The **VINE**

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CHURCH COUNCIL

Meeting: Monday 18 May 2020

Church council meet on Monday night to discuss issues regarding, the governments 3 stage journey for churches to return to worship services.

Pray for our members as they formulate the process to make this happen, and how it will look for AUC. Pray for wisdom as they make these decisions.

Some good news to give thanks and praise to God for:



Our new church family from Africa have announced the birth of a new baby for John & Anna Etoke and family. Anastacia was born at 3pm Tuesday.

We give thanks and celebrate with the Etoke family, the arrival of this sweet little girl.



Also Asende's son Shukuru had been in hospital for 4 days and is now home and doing well.



Let us praise God for his love and goodness towards us.

Still no news on the other little baby. Let's continue to remember him and the family to God.

SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES

Sunday Morning Service (9am)

This Sunday we look forward to seeing you again. Click on the link:

<https://aitkenvaleuc.online.church/> If you miss it, or would like to share with someone the recordings are on our website.

After Church Fellowship

After the 9am service, you are invited to our church fellowship page to catch up with any other of our church members for a catch-up – just like meeting over morning tea. It uses a simple video conference program called **Jitsi**. Simply got o the top of your screen after the service finishes and click on connect with us. We look forward to seeing you.



Open House worship service

Open House is live at 4.30 on the usual **Jitsi** broadcast. The link is: <https://meet.jit.si/AUCOpenHouseWorship>



AUC Prayer Network. (aucprayer@bigpond.com)

If you wish to have a prayer request circulated across the AUC Prayer Network, or would like to be included in the prayer network notices, please email our new direct email address: aucprayer@bigpond.com, or phone Kate on 0429 609 50.



Do you or someone you know need someone to talk to? Below are some services that can be accessed:

Beyond Blue: mental health support services Ph: 1300 22 4636
24 hours/7 days a week. Coronavirus Mental Wellbeing Support Service
Ph: 1800 512 348



Lifeline: 24-hour crisis counselling and suicide prevention services. Ph: 13 11 14.



MensLine Australia: Mental health support services for Australian men Ph: 1300 789 987



Kids Helpline: confidential and private counselling service specifically for children and young people aged 5 to 25.
Ph: 1800 55 1800.



UPDATED RESOURCES OF SUPPORT DURING CORONA

Here are some more websites that you may like to access while at home. These are updated each week so stay tuned, you may find something of interest. Your first go to for church related news is..

AUC website <https://aitkenvale.unitingchurch.org.au/>

Synod resource page: <https://ucaqld.com.au/coronavirus/>

Carpentaria Presbytery website: <https://www.ucacarpentaria.com.au/>

Townsville community support & connections: cic@townsville.qld.gov.au

The UK Blessing - Churches sing 'The Blessing' over the UK
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PUtII3mNj5U>

The Journey magazine on line: <https://journeyonline.com.au/>

The Women's Centre: [https://mailchi.mp/b9cb5310c519/show-love-to-women-across-our community](https://mailchi.mp/b9cb5310c519/show-love-to-women-across-our-community)



<https://www.unitingworld.org.au/>