

Outreach 24th May 2020

Preaching

Online Graham 9am 4.30 Online Graham

Readings

Acts: 6-14, Ps 68: 1-10, 32-35 1 Peter 4:12-14,5 6-11, Jn 17: 1-11



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.

Our Cities, as restrictions are eased from Covid 19

Wisdom for those making decisions on how this looks in different states.

Church council members as they continue to look after the church needs.

Those suffering mental health.

Healing for the sick, give thanks for those recovering from illness.

Students, Teachers and Parents as all students resume school life on Monday.



"After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

(John 14:15-17)

Today we conclude our 3-part series on John 14:6, where Jesus says' I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life"

It is also Chaplaincy Sunday, and I believe these two themes dovetail together nicely. I have such a high regard for Chaplains—these faithful servants of God are working at the proverbial coalface. They work with, and walk right alongside people who are struggling with so many problems that are a sad part of living in a broken world. Through acts of compassion, kind words and a listening ear they reveal that it is possible to live in this world, and yet live a life that is not of this world.

Jesus came that we would know the Way, discern the Truth, and live life to the full, regardless of our situation. Without Jesus in our lives, this is impossible.

Let us support our Chaplains and their valuable work as they shine Christ's light into the dark places, and help people to discover that, life—real life—eternal life can be experienced even now, and comes when we put our trust in God, and in Jesus Christ—the giver of life.

Pastor Graham Huth

PRAYING FOR OUR NATION DURING THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC

By Australian Prayer Network 21/04/2020 Australian Newsletter

We invite all of our members to continue to pray for our people as the Corona 19 pandemic continues to impact our nation and the nations of the world. This week let us pray:

- * Pray that God would heal the sick and infected. That He would sustain bodies and spirits and contain the spread of infection.
- * For our vulnerable populations asking God to protect our elderly and those suffering from chronic disease. Ask Him also to provide for the poor, and those without family support.
- * For the young and the strong: Ask God to give them the necessary caution to keep them from unwittingly spreading this disease. Inspire them to help.
- * Giving thanks to God for the way the disease is being brought under control in Australia, for our leaders who are leading us through this pandemic and for our health workers who are ministering to the sick and dying.

Source: Australian Prayer Network

DECLARATIONS

Genesis 1:2-3 (NIV)

- ² Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.
- ³ And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.

Next Combined Church prayer meeting is via zoom on Thursday 28th May at 7:00p.m.

The link is https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4886124900? pwd=QIFId2YvU2cxeDR2T2IxTGMxSEIRQT09

Meeting ID: 488 612 4900

Password: lovejesus



<u>AUC Prayer Network.</u> (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.



SU QLD is officially endorsed by the Department of Education (DOE) as an

accredited employing authority for

school chaplains.

Pray for our many Chappy's in our schools. They do a tremendous work with Students, Staff and Parents.

For more information and prayer requests visit the web page below.

https://www.sugld.org.au/services/chaplaincy/



Steps to our Journey back together:

Our church council met on Monday night. A document is attached to your outreach this week outlining what decisions have been made regarding church in the future.

The government put out a roadmap outlining more information that Church council have used, this road map is in full with your other materials emailed this week for your appraisal.

We give thanks for the work that has been put in by the members and pray for them in the future as we resume back to church.



Next Sunday:

31st May 2020

Next Sunday is Pentecost Sunday.

We look forward to this important day.



OHN 14:6

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

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.

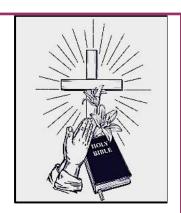


House Open House worship service

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

INTRODUCING Aitkenvale's Discipleship Stream

Good morning Church, from Fred, Richard & Kate, Today we introduce to you the Ministry stream of Discipleship. Our areas of service to God and the church are Adult Christian Education; Bible Studies, Youth and Children's Ministry; Leadership Training and Confirmation classes. Acts 2:42 - 47 is our



ministry model because it paints a picture of the practices that shaped the early church. They are: devotion to serving God through evangelism, teaching the word, breaking bread, prayer and praise and giving to the needy. So, you see, discipleship is more than 'doing'; its also 'being' in a relationship with God who shapes and forms us to become like Christ.

Our first project is to facilitate children's ministry across the congregations - which we have already begun. English classes for our new families from Africa are being offered. We will provide teaching resources and materials to inspire, equip and grow us into mature disciples of Jesus. We hope to see a Sunday School in the 9.00am worship services soon. We will keep you informed as it happens.

Inspirational articles and meditations will be shared via the Outreach and soon you will receive a survey to discover your Bible study needs. On Sunday 31st we start a six-week series about some of the objects in the sanctuary that symbolise our Christian faith. For some people these things are unfamiliar. Or, some of us may be <u>so</u> familiar with them that we no longer even see them, or remember what they say about God. The series features the twins Samuel and Mary, new to church and just discovering God's love for them. Listen in each week as mother answers their questions about "What's in the church?" Will you learn something new or recall something you thought you had forgotten? Never forget this: The Lord is with us. Immanuel!







Much love, from Kate, Richard and Fred.