

Preaching
9am Online Graham

Readings
Gen 1:1-2:4a,
Ps 8
2 Cor 13: 11-13,
Matt 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
and members of the Church
Council.

Graham and team as they
continue to bring us the
worship on line.

Helen Lucas and family after
the passing of there
husband and father John.

Members of our congregation
who are unwell.

The unrest in the US, after
the death in Michigan.

Peace in our Nation.

Graham & Ann-Louise as
they take a break.

Unity throughout our land,
regardless of color.

It's All About Mission



And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:16-20)

Our Gospel reading today is that well known last and greatest commission given by Jesus to his disciples as recorded in Matthew 28. The Church is not a Club, and it is a group of people world-wide, connected through Jesus Christ, who have been given a mission.

Our Church Council is meeting in a couple of week's time (now that a physical gathering is possible) to re-examine the mission and vision statements and plans for the Aitkenvale Uniting Church. But what is mission? And how are we then involved, or called to be Involved in the Missio Dei – 'Mission of God'?

In a booklet titled "Introducing the Uniting Church in Australia" by ex-president of the Uniting Church Assembly Andrew Dutney, explores these issues in a way that I have found helpful: "Mission isn't necessarily a religious word. All kinds of organizations and businesses have mission statements...As a word, mission just means the business that a person or group has been charged with. And the church has been charged with God's business. As St Paul reminded the church in Corinth, God's mission defines the church's mission. *'God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself...and entrusting the message of reconciliations to us. (2 Corinthians 5:19)'*"

In the Basis of Union, the Uniting Church summarises the mission of God and the church's relationship to it:

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God in Christ has given to all people in Church the Holy Spirit as a pledge and foretaste of that coming reconciliation and renewal which is the end in view for the whole creation. The Church's call is to serve that end: to be a fellowship of reconciliation, a body within which the diverse gifts of its members are used for the building up of the whole, an instrument through which Christ may work and bear witness to himself. (P. 3)

May we actively engage in God's mission of 'reconciliation and renewal...for the whole of creation'. As Andrew Dutney reminds us, 'The church exists for the sake of that mission, as a sign and instrument of what God in Christ has done and is doing'.

Please pray for the Church Council and Elders as they begin the process of discerning where God is at work within our world and community, in order that we may employ our gifts and resources to participate in God's Mission—not our mission—but God's mission of reconciliation and renewal within the life of our church and neighbourhoods.

God bless, Pastor Graham Huth

SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES

Sunday Morning Service (9am) TRINITY SUNDAY

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. Simply go to the top of your screen after the service finishes and click on connect with us. We look forward to seeing you.

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

Behind the scenes for worship



A worldwide prayer

Raise us Jesus.
Open the door of our dead or dying churches, where the stench of rotting religion is prevalent.
Resurrect our faith,
That we might rise as your Church,
Exuding new life and love, that we might be unbound and reveal the wonder of your work in us,
Bring to life again our discipleship.
Breathe in us the Spirit,
That we might be set alight with passion and purpose.
And become contagious with the power of your grace,
Becoming a way that people might find connection with you,
Discovering true life and the deeper way.
Raise us up Jesus,
Send us out and equip us Spirit
Now and whenever we slip into death,
Amen.

- [Jon Humphries](#)



OPEN HOUSE IN CREATION!

Hi Everyone, Open House time this coming Sunday 7th June 2020, will be a family picnic at Anderson Gardens.

At : 3pm.

Bring your own chairs and food etc.

We will give thanks for God's creation together in creation!

We can have a group of 20 with social distancing. If we need to we will make 2 groups.



John Lucas:

Sadly we share the news that John Lucas died on Wednesday June the third.

Both John and Helen were part of our congregation for a long time and foundation members of Kirwan loved by us all.

Please pray for Helen and family as they come to terms with the loss of their much loved husband and father.



If you would like to send your sympathy and love this is the address.

16 Mandalay St Figtree Pocket Qld 4069.

Pastor Graham Huth will be away until next Wednesday 10th June.

There will be **No Holy Communion** this Sunday in his absence. It will be conducted during our online service next Sunday 14th June 2020.



National Reconciliation Week



"Each day during National Reconciliation Week we will be hearing reflections by Aboriginal Christian Leaders on how to walk together. We ask that you posture your ears to listen deeply, your hearts to be moved and challenged, and your feet to be ready to walk alongside and be led by our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Christians Leaders on this journey of friendship and Reconciliation."

https://www.commongrace.org.au/nrw2020/devotions?utm_campaign=gallery_and_pledge&utm_medium=email&utm_source=commongrace

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.



IN OUR CHURCH - WHY THE CROSS?

Mary was curious about the cross on the wall.
“Why is it up there mum?” “What does it mean?”

Anna said “The cross is a symbol of God’s love. It’s like a bumper sticker or logo. Businesses, schools and clubs use a logo to tell us who they are and what they do. The church does too.



An early Christian symbol was an ‘Ichthus’. It was shaped like a fish. The letters mean ‘Jesus Christ, Son of God, Saviour.

Today, crosses are more common. We see them everywhere. Sometimes kids get a sum wrong and the teacher marks it with a cross, the Cross on the ambulance tells us someone is hurting and needs help. The cross on an honour roll tells us some one died. The cross in the church, the cross of Jesus tells us all these things, yes that Jesus died and is alive and can make wrong things right.

The bible has much more to say about the cross, but this is the best of all:

Jesus died on the cross and rose to new life because
we are all valuable and precious to God.

*There is no greater love than this. Whenever you see the Cross,
think about how good it is to be known and loved like that.*

*‘...God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us
while we were still sinners. Romans 5:8*

Fred, Richard & Kate