

Preaching

9am Graham Huth



Readings

Zeph 3:14-20,
Is 12:2-6
Phil 4:4-7,
Luke 3:7-18



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 & Ann-Louise as they close the chapter at AUC and open the next in 2022.

Many who struggle with the Christmas season. Smother them with Love and compassion Lord.

God's guidance and wisdom to the Elders & leaders of AUC and local Churches.

Peace Strength & healing for those who continually fight illness. Betty Savage, Chris Chatham, Ailsa Reid and many more.

Advent season!



"How lucky I am to have something that makes saying Goodbye so hard". (Winnie the Pooh)

While this Sunday is my official service of closure, I will still be around until 31 December. However, that does not mean that I don't approach this week with very mixed feelings. I quite often start my Outreach reflections with a passage of Scripture, but I'm afraid that I couldn't resist deviating from my normal habit, and quoting these wise words from the lips of Winnie the Pooh. I want to tweak it though, and replace the word 'lucky' with 'blessed'; because luck had nothing to do with Ann-Louise and myself moving to Townsville. Nor did luck play any part in my call into ministry within the Aitkenvale Congregation. God's divine fingerprints are all over this, and I stand in awe of His ways.

I'm sure we can all look back and see the way God has been directing our path - prompting our plans, and guiding our decisions. As we glance back over the past four years, we are reminded why we can have an assurance of hope for the future. It is because of the faithfulness of God who is our Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, and all the time in-between (especially through floods and Covid-19). For the new journeys that are about to start for both Aitkenvale and the Mary Burnett Presbytery where I commence ministry in the New Year, we can have confidence to step into this unknown, relying on the perfect plans of God.

Ann-Louise and I have been immensely blessed by the relationships that have been forged here, which is why it will be hard to say goodbye - so we will simply say 'farewell' instead, with the hope we have in Christ that we will meet again. I leave you with the words of the Apostle Paul (Rom 15:13) "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope".

Pastor Graham Huth

Sunday Service 12-12-2021 3rd Advent

Live Streaming: Welcome to our service today, at home. To participate in worship, please click on the link below and sit back and wait for the service to start.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCM_yuTGxZEXsdQPd3XEQbtA/live

If you miss it, or would like to share it with someone, the recordings are on our website.



Christmas Outreach – Hamper for Townsville Women’s Centre

Christmas can be a tough time of year.

We’d like to provide some items for the Women’s Centre for distribution at Christmas.

These are the items they are requesting:

Toiletries (even some pampering-type options!)

Sanitary products

Nappies

Tins of unopened formula

Woolworths vouchers (for the families to be able to choose what they need for Christmas)



Please bring items and place them in the washing basket near the front entrance. Any questions: Kate (0449 182 126) or Jayne (0416 275 790)

Crest:

Crest support bags:

Can you help with filling these by the following donations. Place them in the box provided in the foyer.



We need **combs, deodorant, hand sanitizer, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes.**

Many thanks for the wonderful help so far.



Service of Closure for Pastor Graham 12 December, 9am

Today, 12th December is the official service of closure to be conducted as part of the 9am service.

We welcome members of Presbytery and visitors from other churches that may be attending the service, and have come to say farewell to Graham and Ann-Louise in preparation for the next part of their journey, as well as that of the Aitkenvale Uniting Church.





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Cards & Gifts for Christmas!

Solve your Christmas shopping problems, honour a loved one and help beat poverty at the same time! Gifts include clean water, education, support for people with disability, carbon offsets, chickens or goats.



You can do this from the stand in the breezeway after church.

Cash & credit card excepted.



Stable is happening at Riverway this year.



They're still wanting to declare hope over the streets of Townsville. Soooooo, if you'd like to help out to set up a display on the Ross River Road grassy area out the front of church, to help share the Good News of the Christmas story. See Kate or Dave.

Any questions – ring Kate 0449 182 126



This Sunday we will be welcoming into confirmed membership, those who have just recently completed the confirmation course run by Pastor Graham.

Those being recognised this week are Don Adamson, Sandra Archbold and Achamma Joseph.

While Don has been very active on Church Council and many other roles, this has been in the capacity as a member in Association. In other words, he has come to us as a member of the Anglican Church, wishes to formalise his membership of the Uniting Church.

Similarly, Achamma has been accepted as a member because of membership of a sister denomination in India, but has never been confirmed within the Uniting Church.

And Sandra, as a newly baptised member (as of Wednesday this week) will be formally confirmed and welcomed into the life, ministry and fellowship of the Uniting Church in Australia.

We look forward with great excitement to recognising these wonderful people as ones who are committed to worshipping and serving Christ through his church at Aitkenvale.

Offerings to date

7 Dec. 2021

Week \$1,762.00

Budgeted expenditure year to date. \$136,395

Offerings Year to date
\$97,813.40

**Shortfall of income
\$38,581.60**

AUC Bank Details:

Bank: ANZ

BSB: 014-010

Account Number:
287295271

Account Name: Aitkenvale
Uniting Church

Reference: Offering, Donation
(no need to include your name or
any other details)



Prayer for Third Advent

*Lord God, may we, your people,
who look forward to the birthday of Christ
experience the joy of salvation and celebrate
that feast with love and thanksgiving.*

*We ask this through our Lord
Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives
and reigns with you and
the Holy Spirit, one God,
for ever and ever.
Amen.*



Rosters & Readings for 19th December 2021

9 am Service

Preacher	Graham Huth
Reader	Val D
Door Stewards	Glenda, Greg, Raquel
Offering	Greg S, Raquel
Livestream	Grace
Data	Richard
Organ	Don
Morning Tea	Anne & Giordano

Lectionary Readings

*Mic 5:2-5a, Ps 80:1-7, Heb 10:5-10,
Luke 1:39-45 (46-55)*

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 your request to our direct email address: aucprayer@bigpond.com, or phone Kate on: 0429 609 509.

(Important: requests for prayer on behalf of others requires their personal permission. This is due to confidentiality requirements and government legislation. Please ask first.)



**As we gear toward the end of
2021, next week will be the final
outreach for this year.**