

Preaching

9am Rev Richard Wallace

Readings

Acts 11:1-18

Ps 148

Rev 21:1-6

John 13:31-35



WELCOME TO AUC!

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

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Please pray for:

Leaders at Assembly, Synod and Presbytery for wisdom and discernment in making decisions affecting the wider church.

Our elders and members of the Church Council as they make decisions affecting the life of the church.

The Joint Nominating Committee and Presbytery as they seek to discern the calling of a new ministry agent for our congregation.

God's love and presence for our members who struggle with illness.

Stable on the Strand fundraising events.

Pray for the people of Ukraine who are seeking refuge from war and for those offering shelter and food.

Fellowship stream members as they plan events for the church for growth in our community.

The work of all our Chaplains.

Where We Come From



Family histories and genealogies have been arenas for personal investigation for quite a while. Australians who can trace their forbears back to the First Fleet are given special recognition in contemporary Australian society. Now you can even get a DNA profile (for a cost) and see the ribbons of ethnic origins threaded through your history. My brother has done some family investigations, but has not come up with much. Dead ends might suggest

skeletons in a cupboard somewhere; or just simple humble origins. My family seems to be among those economic refugees from the UK that arrived in the early twentieth century.

One of our readings today is Acts 11: 1-18. This passage and what follows gives the beginnings of our Christian family history. There are some very important milestones in these early chapters of Acts. First the infant church's anxiety in the absence of Jesus, their leader, is taken away after their experience of the Holy Spirit coming amongst them on the Day of Pentecost. They will be resourced spiritually as Jesus had promised.

Second, we have the earliest preaching of the gospel by Peter. This "kerygma" or proclamation forms the basis of our on-going Christian message (see Acts 2 and 3). Suddenly the community experiences rapid growth.

Third there are two events that, taken together, form a major turning point for the church. In chapter 10 there is the story of Peter's dramatic vision and his conviction that he should go and visit the home of the Roman centurion Cornelius. The message that is good for the Jews, God leads him to believe, is good for the non-Jews too. They too, Peter believed, could be counted among God's people. So he pioneers the Christian message for a Gentile household; and they are blessed with the Holy Spirit.

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Peter takes this experience with him on his return to Jerusalem. Now a council of the church leaders, the apostles, is held to talk about this. The record of Peter's experience seems quite detailed. The author, Luke, seems quite pointed about this. The gospel he wrote is the one that speaks of Jesus' ministry to outsiders, including Gentiles. Now he continues this interest in recording the beginnings and growth of the church. The church is to be inclusive of "outsiders". Peter's concluding question, as Luke records it seals the deal. "If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" (Acts 11:17 NRSV) This is a feature of the Gospel of Jesus that has implications for us today. Let us celebrate it and work it through together.

Grace and peace, Richard

Sunday Service 15-5-2022

Live Streaming:

We welcome and thank **Rev Richard Wallace** for bringing the message to us today.

Welcome to our service here and to those 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.



Fellowship Stream Date Claimer

Mystery Tour with a lovely surprise ending.

Saturday 28th May 1-5pm

Meet at the church 12.45pm ready to be able to leave at 1pm.

Bring a small plate of afternoon tea food to share and a chair.

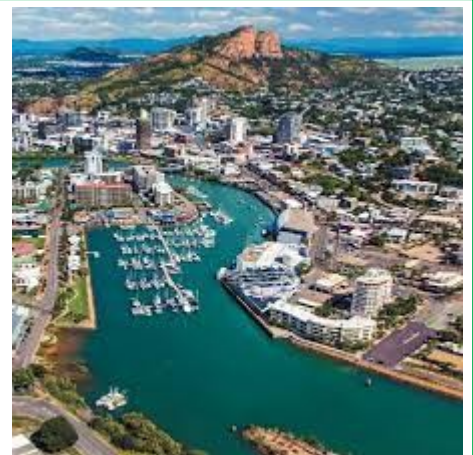


Tea and Coffee etc will be provided.

Please advise Margaret Finter, Joan Gist, Jayne Jackson or Glenda Dodge if you will be attending. Can we please have names of folk willing to be drivers so that we can allocate passengers to each car.

We will carpool as much as possible to enable as many of our congregation to be able to come and enjoy a fun filled afternoon of fellowship.

For any information see either of the team members listed above.





AITKENVALE STATE SCHOOL GARDEN PROJECT:

Do you like getting your hands dirty? Come and be connected!
Do you like working with others? Come and enjoy fellowship!
Do you have a green thumb? Come and share your wisdom!
Do you like making a difference? Come and be a change maker!

Aitkenvale State School Community Garden needs you!

When: Every Thursday during school term
Time: 4.00 to 5.00pm
Bring: Gloves, willing heart, water bottle



Go Group

Go Group will meet at the church on

May 18 at 10am.

Following morning tea a morning of table games will be enjoyed.

New members welcome.



Office Notice:

We have experienced some problems with the office computer.

The problem has now been rectified. Thanks Paul for all his efforts.

If you use the computer, please shut it down after you have finished.



The May 2022 Edition of Frontier News is Out Now!

You can download your copy of Frontier news by going to their website. (web address below)

The May edition is filled with incredible stories of courage, optimism and resilience as Frontier News talks to farmers, Outback Links volunteers and Frontier Services Bush Chaplains on weathering drought, foods, a pandemic and the challenges that come with living and working in the bush.

frontierservices.org/news-media/our-resources/frontier-news/

Prayer: Rev Heather den Houting, General Secretary UCA

Gracious God, you call us daily into a daring hope. You give us what we need to sustain that hope. Through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, through the presence of the Spirit, through your faithfulness to us as we gather.

Nurturing God, you call us daily to participate in the wonder of your creation. Our very presence reminds of us your continuous gift of life. Through the creative witness of your people, through the sustaining environment in which we live, through the hearts of those who long for justice.

Loving God, you call us daily into the act of thankful response. We bring the gifts of our love for you, for ourselves and for others. We do this in the knowledge that working together is your wish for us. We lovingly give of ourselves, our time and our wealth.

Inspiring God, let our hearts be on fire for you. Let all that we say and do call others to your abundant grace. Let us embrace that which you have in store for us.

For we are your children, filled with a daring hope for your creation. In the name of Christ. Amen.





Stable 2022 How you can help out now!

🔍 DOUBLE DONATIONS: For the month of May, your donation will be doubled to the value of \$7000. Can't make it to the fundraiser, donate today and double your impact!

🔍 The Auction is live! Start bidding today knowing that the proceeds or what you will buy will go to Stable. There is some fabulous items, including entertainment packages, holidays, kids' parties, and fishing trips. Check them out today!

For lots more information or to buy tickets go to : <https://www.stableonthestrand.com.au/>

Offerings to date
10 May 2022
Week \$1,916.55
 Budgeted expenditure year to date. \$36,518
 Offerings Year to date \$37,765.51
 Difference plus \$1,247.51

AUC Bank Details:

Bank: ANZ

BSB: 014-010

Account Number:

General Acc - 287295271

Distress Fund Acc - 287295327

Account Name: UCA Aitkenvale

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



Rosters & Readings for 22 May 2022	
9am Service	
Preacher	Rev Wendy McHugh
Reader	Achamma
Door Stewards	Lesley
Offering	Greg S, Ian D
Livestream	Dave M
Data	Ken N
Organ	Don A
Morning Tea	Glenda & Paul D
Lectionary Readings	
<i>Acts 16:9-15, Psalm 67, Rev 21:10, 22-22:5, John 14:23-29</i>	

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.)

