

Readings

Acts 16:16-34
Psalm 97,
Rev 22:12-14,
16-17, 20-21,
John 17:20-26



Preaching

9am Rev Kate Dix

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.

Peace & strength for those going through hard time.

For healing, comfort and strength of heart for the sick, frail and aged in difficult times. We remember the Quelch and Annesley families and others known to you.

The work of the Outreach Stream members and the lives that are touched through its work.

Families affected by the school shooting in America.

THE INTERCEDING CHRIST - John 17:20-26.



Prayer is an essential part of our formation as Jesus' disciples, yet it is the hardest thing to maintain. We are comforted and encouraged to know that when we struggle in prayer, we are not alone; the Holy Spirit comes alongside as our helper and Advocate. (Rom 8:27, 28). In Jesus' prayer

for his disciples on the night of his betrayal we hear his deep love and concern for their well-being. He also prayed for all who would come to believe in him in the future - a prayer answered on the day of Pentecost when 3000 new believers were added to the church after hearing Peter's preaching.

In a Lecture in Britain, James Torrance said "...for a proper understanding of prayer, the church needs to recover the biblical teaching of the sole priesthood of Christ, to know that in the suffering, risen and ascended Christ we have someone who stands in for us in the heavens - who knows our suffering, and can do for us and in us, what we try to do and fail to do - one who lives eternally to intercede before the throne of grace for us (see Heb 6:20; 7:25-28 and 8:1-6) - who gives us the gift of the Spirit to share in his intercessions.

To pray is to offer up our desires to God in agreement to His will **in the name of Christ**. We can pray "in the name of Jesus because Christ has already offered up in our name, our desires and needs and concerns - and he continues to offer them for he stands in the gap between God and the people as our Great High Priest."

What might you be going through now that you really need help with? Write it down and lay it before your Lord. See him - praying for you now in that area of need. Thank him for his intercession, trust him to pour out his love and grace into that problem, and then look for new ideas, directions and opportunities that offer a possibility for change. Embrace them, ponder how best to proceed (it's prudent to not plunge in and act rashly - think it through, maybe ask for confirmation) and act on them when you can. We will always do better when we turn our lives over to Jesus, and trust him to help us in our time of need. (from The Word Among us - St Theresa of the Infant Jesus)

As St Francis de la Salle, said, "Prayer is the foundation of our hope, it gives us confidence to approach God knowing that God hears and helps us."

Shalom to all - Rev Kate Dix

Sunday Service 29-5-2022

Live Streaming:

We welcome and thank **Rev Kate Dix** 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.



Rev Bruce Moore is the Moderator-elect of the 37th Synod



UnitingCare Queensland Director of Mission, Rev Bruce Moore, has been elected as Moderator-elect of the Uniting Church in Australia, Queensland Synod. Rev Moore will be inducted at the 37th Synod in October 2023.

Speaking about his hope for the Synod, Rev Moore said we are uniquely placed as the Uniting Church here in Queensland.

"We are connected to our far-reaching relationships, lives and communities, and diverse landscapes like no one else are. My daring hope is that we will not be complacent, will not rest in the comfort of what we've done in the past, what we've inherited," he said.

"When we look back, we will recognise that we have never been in a place where we have so much invitation for change as to where we sit right now. This is one of the most opportune times for spiritual awakening across the globe. People are looking for hope, a point of connection and a deeper understanding of what it means to have a purpose."

Read more of what Rev Moore had to say at [Journey Online](#).

Correction from last week's Outreach:

In last week's outreach an incorrect name was printed. It should read, "Please pray for Richard Morcombe and family after the passing of Jan."

My sincere apologies for the error. Karen



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



Synod News & Info

Can you think of a moment in your life when hope was all you had left? Was there a catalyst for you to dive deeper into your faith and ask the Lord to grant you what seemed too far away? I like to think that the Lord works in mysterious ways and that His methods are rarely noticeable. Yet here we are on a blue planet, surrounded by infinite space in a cosmos that, for planetary life to exist, is greater than one in a million million (yes, that's a real number), according to astronomer and astrophysicist Frank Drake.



Our faith will indeed be tested through moments we feel we have been thrust into against our will, which is when we can ask ourselves if our prayers will be answered (*is God even listening?*). When I feel that all hope is lost, I remember that God created the conditions for life to flourish on a planet against all odds in a universe in which there are billions of galaxies. We are so significant that He has chosen us to exist. He has given us an opportunity to create our earthly life with the promise of salvation and everlasting life in His kingdom hereafter.

May your daring hope be to believe that God is always listening; allow His presence to be felt as you navigate the sometimes treacherous waters of life. Whatever your journey, allow the power of faith to be your guiding light. God is always with us.

Andrew McKaysmith - Uniting Early Learning, content creator.



Outreach Stream Latest News:

Thank you for the generosity of our congregation. More bags were filled and donated to the Women's Care Centre.

Donations have also been passed on to Crest.

Continue adding items to the boxes at the entrance. These items make a huge difference to the lives of those who receive them.



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
24May 2022**

Week \$1,711.92

Budgeted expenditure year to date. \$40,362

Offerings Year to date
\$41,124.65

Difference plus \$762.65

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 5 June 2022

9am Service

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| Preacher | Rev Kate Dix |
| Reader | Kate M |
| Door Stewards | Merle |
| Offering | Greg S, Peter |
| Livestream | Don |
| Data | Richard |
| Organ | Carmel |
| Morning Tea | Anne & Giordano |

Lectionary Readings

*Psalm 104:24-34, 35b,
Rom 8:14-17, Acts 2:1-21 John 14:8-17*

AUC Prayer Network.

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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.)

