

### Preaching

9am Rev Barry Cox

### Readings

Jer 4:11-12, 22-28,  
Psalm 14,  
1 Tim 1:12-17,  
Luke 15:1-10



### 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.

Many of our number are  
suffering, that God will fill  
them with his healing,  
comfort and strength of  
heart.

Social Lane Initiative  
participants and the young  
in our community, for safety  
and success.

### Are you trying to find the 'one'?

When I was in Weipa, my son, his friend and I went down to the jetty to fish. My son's friend brought a 600lb (272KG) fishing line which was attached to a stainless-steel ring, then a steel trace and a very large hook. If we are talking fishing for whiting you need a #4 to #6 hook between 12 mm and 20 mm. My son's friend brought a hook which was a #18 - about 185 mm long. He had put a lump of mutton on the end.

He threw the hook into the water and tied the line to a boat mooring point. We went up a little further and fished for about an hour. When it was time to leave, we came back to his line and pulled it in. There was no hook, no steel trace and the stainless-steel ring had opened up. This was the first time that I had ever thought that I didn't want to catch a fish. I'm glad that this 'one' had got away for I had no idea how we would have been able to pull it in.

The total antitheses (opposite) of this story, is found in the Scripture reading this week in Luke 15 - the Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin. Both stories tell of the great lengths people went to, to find the 'one' that was lost – the shepherd left the 99 and kept searching for the one while the woman lit a lantern and swept diligently searching until she found the coin.

These stories are metaphors, they create images which reflect a deeper meaning. In this case they represent the length to which God will go to save the lost 'one' – God will keep on searching, trying to connect. Humanity had gone its own way, separating from God, so God sent God's only Son and that Son died for each and every individual to give them freedom and to recover them back into the family of God.

Perseverance, sacrifice, crucifixion, resurrection became the healing process God undertook for each one of us. And as such, as God's disciples, we are asked to share that with those that don't know so they may have the opportunity to make a decision.

Don't be afraid like me to pull in the 'one', be courageous and give it a go. God will open up opportunities.

So this week, will you be willing to search for the 'one' and share with them?

Rev Barry Cox



## **REMINDER - BASIS OF UNION STUDY**

***Kate Dix will be finalising the study book order tomorrow so if you haven't registered yet, could you please do so today.***

***There is a registration sheet for your convenience at the entrance to the church.***

***The Basis of Union document is printed in full in the back of the book. It would be very helpful to begin reading the document as soon as you receive the study book so you will have a good idea of what is in it. If you have any questions feel free to contact Kate with them. We are looking forward to some rewarding discussions.***

***Kate for the Discipleship Stream.***



The Leprosy Mission Townsville presents

### Sheldon Rankin

speaking on defeating leprosy during COVID.

Date: SATURDAY 24<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022 at 2pm  
Place: Anne St Chapel 12-14 Anne St Aitkenvale 4814  
Cost: FREE - donations to The Leprosy Mission's overseas aid work accepted

Projects 2022: Run 2 leprosy elimination camps (skin screening camp) (\$2,096 total) & the work of Natalie Smith in Papua New Guinea (\$3,000).


PROGRAMME (with afternoon tea to follow):  
Introduction - Musical Items Thuringowa Brass Band  
Sheldon Rankin presentation  
Update on the COVID situation in India, Nepal, Papua New Guinea and Timor Leste

The Leprosy Mission shop merchandise will be for sale.

Enquiries: Audrey 07 4779 1960 or Judy: [judysatish@googlemail.com](mailto:judysatish@googlemail.com)

We look forward to seeing you there!

\*As an act of kindness this COVID/Flu season please wear a mask if possible.\*



## **Social Lane Initiative – Watch this Space!**

Nearly three years ago, Stockland Shopping Centre had a serious issue with young people hanging around the Centre. Stockland asked the youth what they wanted and they said, "a place to hang out!" And so, a fun space to hang out was started in the car park behind the old bank on the corner of Elizabeth Street and Ross River Road. Over the years that the space has been operating, many lives have changed for the better due to the many volunteers and police who have been caring and helping these young people.

While the organisers have been waiting for ongoing sponsorship and funding support, Social Lane has not been operating since the end of last year. Stocklands know the value of this safe space and are keen for this weekly event to continue, so a month ago, a small group of volunteers/organisers re-launched Social Lane. It's been a quiet start and they are doing a great job each week, but they are crying out for help!

So what happens at Social Lane I hear you ask? Young people sign in and have the option to play table tennis, shoot hoops (basketball), play video games or big checkers and do craft activities. So far, Kate, Wendy and I have been to two different Thursday nights, hanging out, chatting to the young people and trialling providing different food options. Providing support to the volunteers is also an important part of the evening.

Social Lane happens every Thursday night from 5.30-8.30pm. The organisers need people to come and be a positive presence in the space, chat to the young people or play a game with them. The youth of Aitkenvale need people to care for and listen to them and to be a positive influence. If you have any questions or ideas of how we can help as a church, or if you are keen to be involved, please see Kate, Wendy or myself. Please also pray for Social Lane - that it becomes a safe place for the young people of our hurting community.

Jayne Jackson

## Sunday Service 11-09-2022

### Live Streaming:

We welcome and thank **Rev Barry Cox** 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](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.

## Annual General Meeting of Congregation

Today, 11 September we will have our Congregational Annual General Meeting. The meeting will commence at 10.30am. Bring your morning tea in with you. It is important that as many members as possible attend.

An Annual Report has been prepared which includes reports from our Streams and Groups. It also includes a proposed budget for approval for the next twelve months. Some paper copies of the report are available in the foyer. It has also been circulated by email with the *Outreach*.

Please attend. The meeting will provide an opportunity to review the life of the church during the past year and look ahead to our future.



The **Fellowship Stream** invite you to come along and enjoy an afternoon of fun as we play **Carpet Bowls**. We have two new mats now so there should be plenty of room for everyone to have a good game.

When: **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September** to commence playing at 1.30pm

Where: In the Breezeway at the Church

Please bring a small plate of food to share for afternoon tea.

Put your name on the list at rear of the church or RSVP to:

Glenda Dodge 0490 031 902, Margaret Finter 0429 061 541,

Joan Gist 0417 609 333, Jayne Jackson 0415 275 790



## Go Group

Our next meeting will be on 21 September. Besides yourself, bring a relic (something old).

Come and have a cuppa and a chat.

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Registrations: <https://www.ucacarpentaria.com.au/events/event1212.php>

**What is authentic faith?**  
**camp for grades 7-12**  
**23-26 September '22**  
 Mount Louisa Community Church  
 Townsville






**Authenticity**  
**Northern Madness**

**Guest Speaker**  
**Nathan Randell**  
 Nathan works at YWAM (youth with a mission) and has done so for 5 years. He completed his DTS (discipleship training school) 10 years ago and has been involved with missionary trips and many roles at YWAM.

EXPLORE how to live out an authentic faith in Jesus  
 ENJOY fun, games, activities and worship  
 JOIN with other young people from North Queensland

**only \$50pp**


**What does authentic faith look like?**

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/783167106179019>

**Offerings to date**  
**6 September 2022**  
**Week \$1,971.22**  
 Budgeted offerings year to date. \$19,220  
 Offerings Year to date \$17,211.45  
**Difference minus**  
**\$2,008.55**

**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)

<b>Rosters &amp; Readings for 18th September 2022</b>	
<b>9am Service</b>	
<b>Preacher</b>	Richard Wallace
<b>Reader</b>	Melody N
<b>Door Stewards</b>	Lesley
<b>Offering</b>	Greg S, Ian D
<b>Livestream</b>	Grace
<b>Data</b>	Joan
<b>Organ</b>	Carmel
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Jillian B, Val D
<b>Lectionary Readings</b> <i>Jer 8:18-9:1, Psalm 79:1-9,            1 Tim 2:1-7, Luke 16:1-13</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](mailto: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.)