

Outreach 11th September 2022

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

Readings



Preaching 9am Rev Barry Cox

WELCOME TO AUC!

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

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Aitkenvale Uniting Church

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 stainlesssteel 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

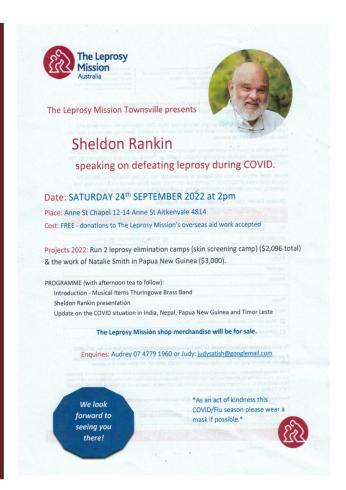
REMINDER - BASIS OF UNION STUDY

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.





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 onging 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/channelUCM_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 24th 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,

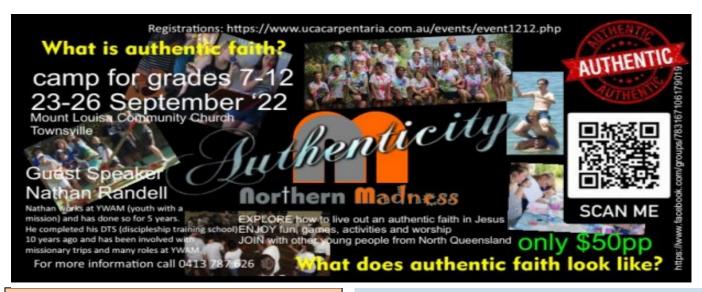
Joan Gist 0417 609 333, Jayne Jackson 0415 275 790



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

Come and have a cuppa and a chat.





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)

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9am Service

Preacher	Richard Wallace	
Reader	Melody N	
Door Stewards	Lesley	
Offering	Greg S, lan D	
Livestream	Grace	
Data	Joan	
Organ	Carmel	
Morning Tea	Jillian B, Val D	

Lectionary Readings

Jer 8:18-9:1, Psalm 79:1-9, 1 Tim 2:1-7. Luke 16:1-13

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.)

