

Preaching

9am Rev Kate Dix

Readings

Jer 32:1-3a, 6-15,
 Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16,

1 Tim 6:6-19,
 Luke 16:19-31



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.

For God's strength and blessing to shower on those suffering or recovering from illness or surgery.

The vulnerable in our community.

Blue care, community care organisations that provide care for those who need it.

OUR TRUST IS IN GOD - PSALM 91:1, 2 , 4

1. *He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.*
2. *I will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress - My God in whom I trust."... ..*
4. *He will cover you with his pinions, And under his wings, You will find refuge.*



To be taken 'under the wing' is a familiar concept for us today. In schools, employment, or any new situation an older, more experienced person is assigned to a younger one, to teach and to guide the newbies – to 'take them under the wing'. In Scripture, *under His wings* is a metaphor for God's holy presence especially as refuge for the poor and the needy in their distress, a shelter from the storm and a shade from the heat of the sun. Think of the hen sheltering and protecting her chicks beneath her wings for warmth and safety from predators. Jesus applied the image to Israel in Matt 23; Lk 13: "*Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her. How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing!*" Psalms 36, 57, 63 all speak of taking refuge and singing for joy "in the shadow of your wings". These are lovely images, but we see in Ps 91, a richer application of God's sheltering wings.

In some Bible versions "the shelter of the Most High" is called "the secret place" and both are associated with God's presence. Inside the wilderness tabernacle and later, in the temple there was a secret, innermost chamber where only the high priest could enter once a year to sprinkle the mercy seat with the blood of the sacrifice, as atonement for the sins of the people (Ex 28; Heb 9:7). This sacred place contained the Ark of the Covenant which was covered by the 'mercy seat' where God was 'enthroned', and His holy presence dwelled among His people (Ex 25:22; Num 7:89). Over the mercy seat the overarching wings of the cherubim touched tip to tip in the middle, hence the one at worship or prayer was 'sheltered under the shadow of God's wings' (see picture above).

The "mercy seat" for Israel, was the intersection between needy people and a loving, caring and forgiving God. Those who dwelt there were those whose sins were covered and forgiven.

The Christian on the other hand is protected by the salvation of the Lord through Jesus Christ – in him we dwell forever in God's presence. We will escape death and the snare of the evil one. (Heb 2:14). Through him, we may boldly approach God's throne of grace anytime, not just once a year because Christ has done all for us that was needed to be done for salvation. Through the cross, He opened up a new and living way. We live in him and he in us. He is our dwelling place and he keeps us and guards us until that day when he comes again. Because of Christ's redeeming sacrifice, we can forever abide under his wings in the protection of His presence. Praise and thanks be to God.

Shalom to you - Kate

Sunday Service 25-09-2022

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.



CELEBRATION

Ron Northey turns 80 this weekend.

We are having an

“Open House Afternoon Tea”

Sunday 25th September 1-4pm

All are welcome at

7 Newquay Place, Kirwan.

No gifts or cards

Thanks Melody

Homemade Jams & Chutney

Assorted flavours

\$5 a bottle

Money goes to the Distress Fund.

Please put money in an envelope marked jam/chutney & place in the collection box.

See Bill or Vi Radcliffe for any information.

Crest Bags: 9 more bags ready for donating!



Basis Of Union Study

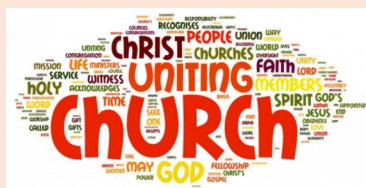
Registrations are now closed.

Following groups start **6 October 2022.**

Kate Dix in the church on **Thursdays at 9.30am.**

Lesley and Ken Northey's home on **Fridays at 10.30am.**

For further information you may contact Kate Dix on 0429 609509



“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in faith so that you overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

ROMANS 15:13



Northern MADness 2022 – Cancelled

On Wednesday, 14th September at 5:00pm, registration of campers had not reached the required number for camp to proceed. Unfortunately Northern MADness 2022 has been cancelled. This is a sad decision, but necessary. While we feel disappointed for those who registered, the group of leaders who have been behind Northern MADness are keen to explore how gathering youth across the Presbytery may look in the future.

A huge, huge thank you to all of you who have been involved in planning and preparing the 2022 camp, especially Greg who has willingly and passionately expended much time and energy in promoting, encouraging and organising the program and campers and even trying to get transport for those travelling from the north. Thanks Kate for your support role and thanks Michelle and Mount Louisa for your offer of a venue.

A special thanks to Margaret Taylor for being willing to be camp cook and her menu plan. For those who have already paid their camp registration fee, please send me an email: admin@ucacarpentaria.com.au or text (0429 195 506) with your bank details, so that I can organise a refund for you. Blessings as you go about the rest of your week and may your passion for youth ministry continue.

Robyn Cooley

STABLE AT RIVERWAY 2022

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**SIGN UP
NOW**

**He Hawn!!
..take up the
challenge..**

WALK YOUR WAY TO CHRISTMAS DAY!
When: 1st - 31st October Registrations open 1st September

Do what Mary and Joseph did - walk (apx150km) - Their walk was from Nazareth to Bethlehem. They did this in under a week and now it's your turn to attempt this over a month! Walk, Run, Ride, Swim! For the month of October, you can participate as an individual, couple or group and gather sponsors along the way. Are you up for the challenge?

Website - <https://stabilnq.com.au/events>

Are you up for the challenge?

Sign up, accept the challenge and register yourself today! This OCTOBER is Walk your way to Christmas Day. Mary and Joseph walked 150km from Nazareth to Bethlehem. It will be your turn to attempt the same during the month of October. You can walk, swim, run, or ride! Get fit, have fun, and walk your way to Christmas day! The money you raise will help fund **Stable at Riverway 2022**. Share your impact with friends, and know that you're doing a world of

Furniture Needed for a Refugee Family

I volunteer with St Vincent De Paul, supporting a Congolese family. They are a family of 4 – Grandma, daughter, son and granddaughter. This year, they have had 4 different share house situations. They are moving into a unit in Mundingburra and need some furniture. Do you have any of the following:

- ◇ A queen size bed and mattress;
- ◇ A dining table and chairs;
- ◇ And/or a couch;

that you can donate to help them set up their home?

If you do, please contact Kate Mills.

0449 182 126 or millsmob@gmail.com



**Offerings to date
20 September 2022**

Week \$1,484.22

Budgeted offerings
year to date. \$22,624

Offerings Year to date
\$19,824.89

Difference minus \$2,799.11

Donations Year to-date \$5092

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 2 November 2022

9am Service

Preacher	Wendy M
Reader	Achamma
Door Stewards	Royce
Offering	Greg S, Royce
Livestream	Don A
Data	Richard
Organ	Carmel
Morning Tea	Peter & Lyn P

Lectionary Readings

Lam 1:1-6, 3:19-26
2 Tim 1:1-14, Luke 17:5-10

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.)

