

Readings

Issue #11

Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Mark 16:1-8



Preaching

9am Ruth Duncan

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.

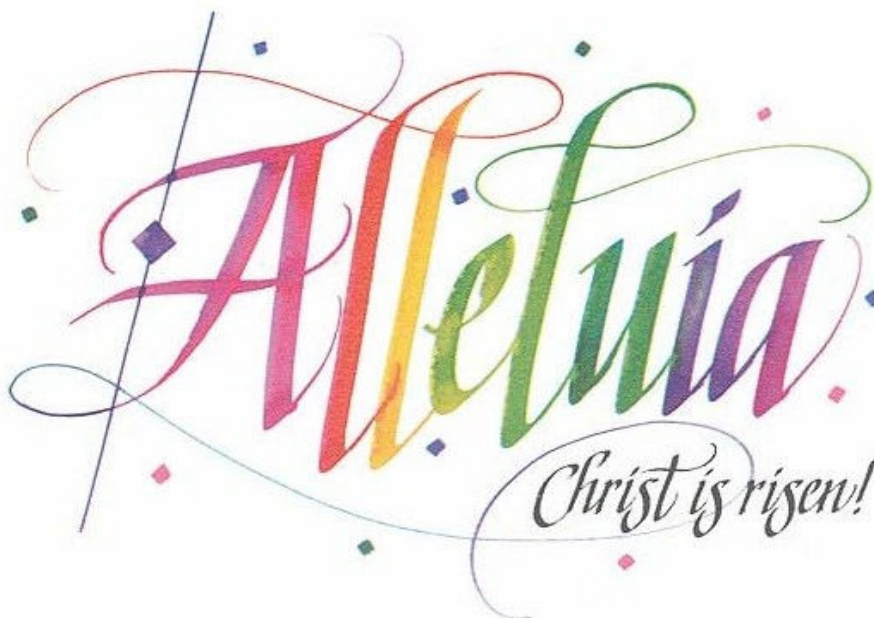
Our elders and members of the Church Council as they make decisions affecting the life of the church.

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 who are in need of healing, comfort and strength of heart.

The youth of our city.

.An end to the hostilities in Ukraine and for actions that will bring about a just and lasting peace. And an end to the Israel-Hamas conflict



An Easter message from Rev Sharon Hollis, President of the Uniting Church in Australia

Of all the Gospel accounts of the resurrection, Mark's is the briefest. There are no walks along the road, no breakfasts by the beach, no conversations with Jesus, no wounds to plunge our fingers into.

Easter Day begins early in the morning. The women disciples who have been with Jesus throughout the crucifixion, come to the tomb to anoint the dead body of their friend and teacher. They come in love without hope, not even sure how they will move the stone in front of the tomb.

The story is drenched with grief, death and betrayal. It does not turn away from the trauma of Jesus' death. It immerses us in the sorrow, despair and speechlessness of the women. In their heartache, they respond in fear and terror.

Nor does Mark avoid the failings of those around Jesus as he dies. Not Peter who denied knowing Jesus almost as soon as he'd finished boasting that he never would; nor Judas who betrayed Jesus for money; not the empire of Rome which used violence to enact their rule; nor the religious leaders who deny the new thing God is doing.

This story is for all of us, the broken, the grieving, the boastful, the enactors of violence and the victims of violence. For the broken humanity in each of us, the good news of resurrection life is proclaimed.

Mark's gospel ends abruptly with the announcement of resurrection and with fear and silence. And yet the story continued to be told, and continues with us.

In a world of violence, empire and groaning creation, God raises Jesus from the dead with the hope of new life, a gift of grace, love and mercy for each of us. A grace that cannot be defeated by empire or violence, not by grief or sorrow, not by our unfaithfulness.

God's resurrection grace keeps being offered to each of us over and over again, drawing us into awe filled silence for all that we have been given. Resurrection life invites us to respond to God's gift of grace with such joy at what God has done that it overflows into our worship, witness and service.

We live the Easter message each time we answer the call to discipleship. When we act with compassion towards each other and creation, in our seeking for justice for the world and living in love.

Dwelling in the heart of love that is God, may we live as Easter people who are being made whole because God raised Jesus from the dead.

Happy Easter



Alleluia

Sunday Service 31 March 2024

Live Streaming:

We welcome and thank **Ruth Duncan** 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.

Palm Sunday memories

On Saturday morning a group answered the call to help make palm crosses to hand out on Sunday morning.



Sunday worship began with a group of people processing in waving palm branches as the congregation sang "Hosanna"



After a wonderful service remembering Christ's triumphant journey into Jerusalem, most members of the congregation went across to the Hall for a Palm Sunday lunch organised by the Fellowship Stream members.

Before lunch, Ruth and Gordon told us about some of their life journey including a Q and A with questions from the gathered company. We then enjoyed a delicious lunch. Thank you Fellowship Stream for a delightful time.



.May the glory and the promise of this joyous time of year bring peace and happiness to you and those you hold most dear.

And may Christ, Our Risen Saviour, always be there by your side to bless you most abundantly and be your loving guide.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

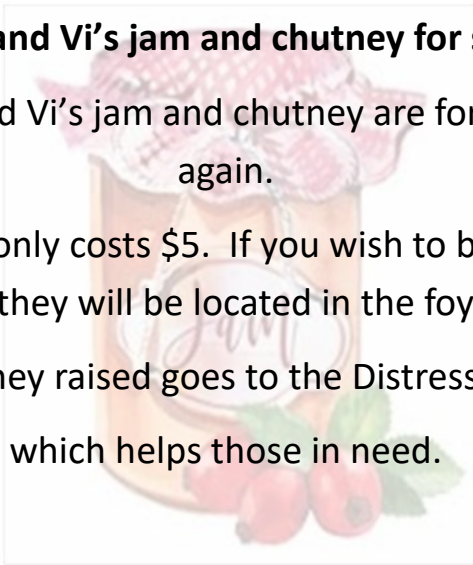
Next retreat: is on **Saturday 27th April**. The theme is "**Something Beautiful, Something Good**" through which we will reflect on the 'resurrection-shaped' life. Invitations are also available at the entrance today. Kate D.

Bill and Vi's jam and chutney for sale

Bill and Vi's jam and chutney are for sale again.

A jar only costs \$5. If you wish to buy a jar, they will be located in the foyer.

All money raised goes to the Distress Fund which helps those in need.



Offerings to date 26 March 2024

Week \$1,836.22

Budgeted Offerings \$68,046

Offerings year to date \$ 65,367.97

Difference minus \$2,678.03

Donations Year to-date \$607.10

Organ Fund \$14,240



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 7 April 2024

9am Service

Preacher	Ruth D
Reader	Carmen
Greeters	Royce D
Offering	Greg S, Ian D
Livestream	Grace F & Mal H
Data	Richard W
Organ	Carmel S
Morning Tea	Peter & Lyn P

Lectionary Readings

*Acts 4:32-35, Psalm 133, 1 John 1:1 –2:2
John 20:19-31*

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.)