

## Readings

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

Issue #12



## 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

Reading Acts 4: 32-35 this week, I thought through the ramifications of what that really meant if I were to exactly follow it through. It would mean that I'd sell the home and all that was in it, the lounge that got passed on from my mother after she died (so sentimental), piano.....and well, I guess that means my computer too.....and my phone. My Phone??????? Really??? Aaaagh!! And giving away all that money from that mega-garage sale to the church council Treasurer to distribute "to each as any had need" (v 35).

Or I'd live in a commune where other people could come and sit in that lounge in the common area, where other people's possessions would be used by me and other people in the commune. Share a bathroom, kitchen and so on.

I'm the first to admit that I couldn't think of doing that, but there are many communities that are set up where it happens for different reasons – friendship, economic concerns, "tree-changers", country lifestyles with wide open spaces for children to enjoy.

The similarity between a secular community and one that is promoted in the Acts reading is that there is a "Common Good" for all people living communally. I've got a T-shirt that I wear occasionally with the UCA logo and For the Common Good on the front of the shirt; it was for the Queensland Community Alliance, of which UCA (Qld) is one of its many members.

This way of organising community is "democracy in action; winning victories that change lives, transform communities, develop leadership and strengthen civil society.

([https://www.qldcommunityalliance.org/our\\_members](https://www.qldcommunityalliance.org/our_members))

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It's one of many ways that we can help in our current day and age. It's justice for causes that have generic support across a wide range of organisations, secular, Christian and other faith groups.

So what I'm saying, is to find **your** way of helping people across our wider community, as well as those we personally know through our local church, as the apostles did in the early Christian Era - following Christ's example of meeting each person's needs.

Blessings to all as you do that this week.. Ruth  
Ruth D

### POCKET PRAYER QUILTS

STILL AVAILABLE FOR A **GOLD COIN DONATION**. THEY ARE JUST A LITTLE SOMETHING TO GIVE TO SOMEONE WHO IS STRUGGLING AND REMIND THEM OF GOD'S COMFORTING LOVE.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP WITH THESE, FABRIC IS ALWAYS WELCOME.

THERE WILL BE A BUNCH DONATED TO THE HOSPITAL CHAPLIN TO DISTRIBUTE AS NEEDED. IF YOU CAN THINK OF ANYWHERE ELSE THAT COULD BENEFIT FROM SOME OF THESE PLEASE LEAVE A NOTE IN THE BASKET OR IN THE MONEY JAR.

### Aitkenvale Brekky Club

A big thank you to those who have generously purchased items or donated to the Aitkenvale Brekky Club, this year. Items currently required - Full Cream Long Life Milk.

Grace Frankling

### WOMEN'S RETREAT

Next retreat: is on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 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](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.

### Church news bulletin bloopers

- † My joke is easy and my burden is light
- † When parking on the north side of the church, please remember to park on an angel.



## Goodbye and hello

Next Sunday will be Ruth and Gordon's last Sunday with us. I am sure you will agree that it seems no time since they joined us in supply ministry. We have been blessed to have had them with us. Ruth has blended into the ministry, life and work of our congregation with an energy and commitment that has been inspirational. We will miss them both.



David MacGregor and his wife, Dale, will arrive in Townsville on Tuesday 16 April to begin a supply ministry until mid-July. I asked David if he would send me a short piece on himself and he happily sent the following.

David MacGregor is 43 years married to Dale. Together they have three sons, Joel, Jeremy and Nathan. David grew up in Indooroopilly and fully embraced everything "Indooroopilly": church ( Presbyterian/Uniting), schools and shopping centre. David and Dale's young adult years at 'Indro' were richly formative, coinciding with the birthing of the UCA, in embracing discipleship, music ministry, songwriting and working with children and families.

After 12 years as a primary school teacher, David responded to God's ongoing ministry calling and began serving, initially at Sunnybank UC in growing Christian Education, worship and music ministry and small groups. David was ordained as Minister of the Word in 2001. By his retirement from full time ministry in 2021, David had served also at North Rockhampton, Cairns, (the then) Forest Lake College, Indooroopilly, Oxley and Tarragindi/ Southside; as well as with the synod Schools Commission, workshop-leading, Assembly Transforming Worship Panel/ Worship Working Group, presbytery pastoral relations committees and Emmaus Communities. David is a Friend of the Iona Community, is a published worship songwriter and hosts the *Together to Celebrate* lectionary music-resource website. Nurturing a community's worship and growing its compassionate and faith-formation/discipleship life remain ongoing ministry passions.

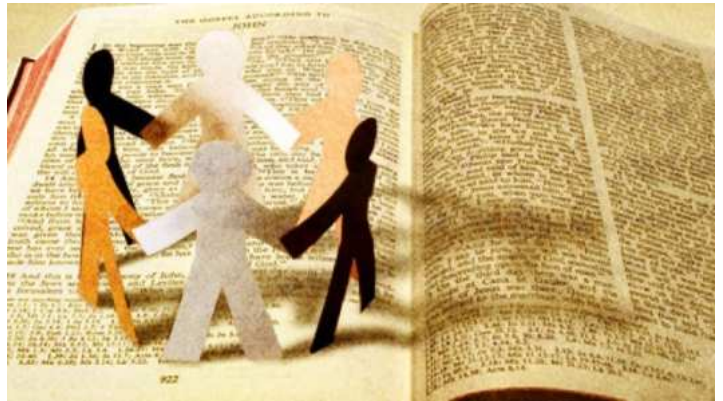
Outside of Christian ministry, David's passions include travel, coffee-shopping, movies, anything musical, reading, beach walking, sport (esp. cricket and Brisbane Broncos) and time with Dale and family. Always seeking to be open to God who in grace " makes all things new".

**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 2 April 2024**

**Week \$5,671.12**

**Budgeted Offerings \$69,790**

**Offerings year to date \$ 70,739.09**

**Difference plus \$949.09**

**Donations Year to-date \$607.10**

**Organ Fund \$14,250**

**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 14 April 2024**

**9am Service**

<b>Preacher</b>	Ruth D
<b>Reader</b>	Val D
<b>Greeters</b>	Merle A
<b>Offering</b>	Greg S, Peter P
<b>Livestream</b>	Carmel S
<b>Data</b>	Ken N
<b>Organ</b>	Don A
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Bill & Vi Radcliffe

**Lectionary Readings**

*Acts 3:12-19, Psalm 4 1,  
John 3:1 -7, Luke 24:36b-48*

**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](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.)