

### Readings

*Acts 3:12-19*

*Psalm 4 1,*

*John 3:1-7*

*Luke 24:36b-48*

Issue #13



### 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

### Answer me!!

Reading the first phrase of Psalm 4, "Answer me when I call to you", I think of how a child calls to a parent – Mu—um! You know whether the call for help is one of urgent action or a call that's one of a dozen in the day.

These words from David form a desperate request for help. pleading with God. Hear the emotion in the words for comfort. David is deeply distressed, and rightly so.

David is imploring God for an answer to his great sorrow over his broken relationship with his third son, Absalom who went off the rails. David can't relate positively to his son and he's deeply saddened.

Ever feel like that? Ever get desperate to find some solution to broken relationships with your children? Broken families have been in existence for all of biblical history, if we care to go to Genesis. So we can be sure that this appeal of David's is one that God's been used to.

God is listening to David's petitions. See verse 3 – "The Lord hears when I call to him."

Then David receives some answers: even though David himself wasn't a saint at times, he still trusts God as Father. That's important for us to remember. Keep faithful to God. Give God your prayers of anguish when you're at the end of your tether.

We all want the best for our children, and love them dearly, but it saddens us to see them as broken people.

God's answer to David is that, despite David's own brokenness, he is able to receive gladness in his heart, and sleep in peace. He feels safe in God's presence.

We are all broken people, but we can still trust God to hear us in times of our distress.

You and I are part of God's family, as we'll hear in the epistle of John during today's worship. We are God's children, always loved. Keep the faith, keep trusting God to hear you in your distress. We will receive peace and comfort to give us rest.. Ruth

## 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

### *Go Group*

Go Group will be held next Wednesday 17 April in the breezeway. All are welcome to attend.

## WOMEN'S RETREAT

**Ladies**, if you have a precious item that has been broken and mended, would you bring it to retreat on 27<sup>th</sup> April as a visual reminder that God wants to heal our brokenness to make us new, beautiful and fit for His purpose. We would love to hear the back story of your precious mended item.

Kate & Wendy

## Sunday Service 14 April 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

† The concert held in the Fellowship Hall was a great success. Special thanks are due to the minister's daughter, who laboured the whole evening at the piano, which as usual fell on her.

† A song fest was held at the Methodist church on Wednesday.





### Assisting in worship

Last Sunday's worship included, as usual, a children's song. These young children assisted with providing percussion while Grandma Julie sang and Carmel (Carma) played the organ

Left to right: Iliska, Izzy, Ashie, Emmy and Marissa.

Also last Sunday we dedicated our new organ. Ron outlined how we were able to purchase the organ at a very favourable price and thanked all who contributed to the cost of the organ, especially Seka and his wife Beatrice who gave a generous donation in memory of their daughter Makula.

In her dedicatory remarks Ruth said "We set apart this organ for the worship, honour and glory of God, for the proclamation of the Gospel and for service in this congregation". In her prayer she said that we dedicate the organ to God's glory alone. She prayed that God would be with "your servants who will play this instrument to make music and lead this



congregation in singing". At the conclusion of the dedication we sang the hymn written by Fred Green "When in our music God is glorified"



The commemorative plaque on the wall near the organ reads: "This is in recognition of all who made financial contributions, large and small, to our organ fund to enable us to cover the cost of the new organ, but especially Seka and Beatrice for their generous donation as a memorial for their daughter, Makula. Thank you all.

### Lenten Follow Up

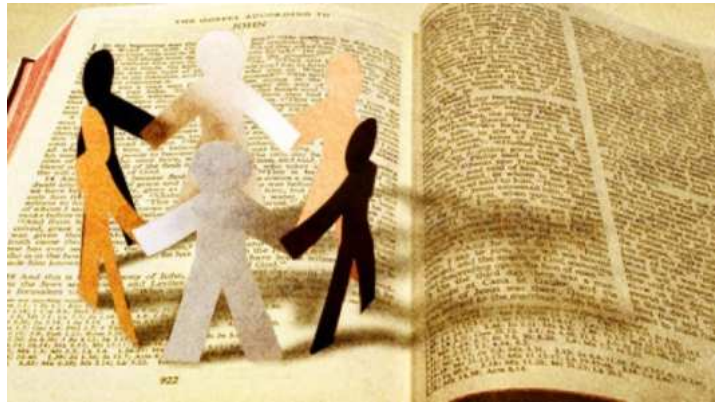
Because for the first time a Lenten Devotional was conducted via email, the Discipleship Stream would be grateful for your response to this method. A Lenten Follow up has been emailed to you with a request that you complete the 6 questions in the way indicated in the document. Again, if you used a hard copy one will be available for you in the Foyer.

**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 9 April 2024**

**Week \$1,116.90**

Budgeted Offerings \$71,534

Offerings year to date \$ 71,855.99

**Difference plus \$321.99**

**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 21 April 2024**

**9am Service**

<b>Preacher</b>	David M
<b>Reader</b>	Lesley N
<b>Greeters</b>	Ruth M
<b>Offering</b>	Greg S, Royce D
<b>Livestream</b>	Don A
<b>Data</b>	Carmen N
<b>Organ</b>	Carmel S
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Anne C & Val D

**Lectionary Readings**

*Acts 4:5-12, Psalm 23,  
1 John 3:16-24, John 10:11-18*

**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.)