

Readings

1 Sm 1:4-20

1 Sm 2:1-10

Heb 10:11-14,(15-18), 19-25,

Mk 13:1-8



Preaching

9am Rev David MacGregor

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 our 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 the Middle East; and an end to the Israel-Hamas conflict; and the escalating conflict between Israel and Hezbollah in Lebanon.

END OF THE WORLD AS WE KNOW IT?

Well, Dale and I are back among you in ministry at and around Aitkenvale UC in Townsville.

Glad to be back. Much will have happened in your lives since July when we were last around. Much!



At various

times, Dale (Pittsburgh, USA) and myself (Iona/Scotland) have been literally half a world or more away!

Today's lectionary gospel in Mark 13:1-8 has Jesus offering apocalyptic or "end times" writing. Frightening stuff really. Here's a snippet:

When you hear of wars and rumoured wars, keep your head and don't panic. This is routine history, and no sign of the end. Nation will fight nation and ruler fight ruler, over and over. Earthquakes will occur in various places. There will be famines. But these things are nothing compared to what's coming.

(The Message 13:7-8)

"Election junkie" that I am, I was glued to hours-long TV coverage of the recent USA elections, as well as that lead-up. I'm still coming to grips with the outcome. You too?

Both presidential candidates, albeit in very different ways, made it clear that if the USA chose the "other option", all manner of horror and calamity would break loose. USA and the world would never be the same again, maybe even World War Three would be the cataclysmic outcome. We pray not, of course. In the words of influential American band from a decade or so back, R.E.M., *It's the end of the world as we know it.*

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One wonders how “on the money” are Jesus words we hear again today; especially once factoring ongoing loss of life in the middle East and Ukraine and so on. Our response. Well, as people of the living, saving Jesus Christ, let’s remember:

God is God of hope

God calls from us trust and discernment

God calls us to be faithful, come what may.

God calls each one of us to make the face of Jesus, Jesus already out there, known to those who need his restoring, healing touch and presence in their lives.

Shalom,

David (& Dale)

Rev David MacGregor

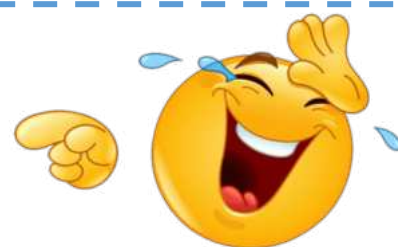
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Reminder

Those who are going to the Go Group annual lunch are reminded that it will be held on **Wednesday 20 November** at **Kirwan Tavern at 12.00 noon**

Church news bulletin bloopers

- † Pot luck supper: prayer and medication to follow
- † The choir invites any member of the congregation who enjoys sinning to join the choir.



Sunday Service 17th November 2024 Live Streaming:

We welcome and thank **Rev David MacGregor** 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.

The demands of love

There is no religious or moral rule to equal the demands of love. What people will remember of us is not what rules we kept, what creeds we believed, what doctrines we followed, but when we were kind, when we opened our hearts and minds to the sorrows, joys and fears of others and revealed something of our own weaknesses; when we rejoiced with the joyful and walked alongside the sorrowing, when we encouraged the fearful and protected the timid, when we gasped with wonder at a sunset, or expressed joy at the beauty of a flower, when we were hospitable, generous and forgiving, when we were open to the gifts of those seeking our own giftedness, when we made people feel included and valued, both personally and politically. In other words, how we responded and connected.

Joy Mead, from [A Way of Knowing](#)



Our church has an account number for easy recycling at the Containers for Change centres. Please find a small card on the bench at the front entrance, to take home with you.

Otherwise, please bring your eligible containers to add to the recycling bin kept in the kitchen. Every bit helps towards our Outreach in our community.



PASTORAL CARE IN THE CONGREGATION

Our Church Council is working to ensure that every-day pastoral care needs are actively attended to in the worshipping congregation, aged care facilities and hospitals. So that this can happen, we are developing a new pastoral care team within the Discipleship Stream Ministry.

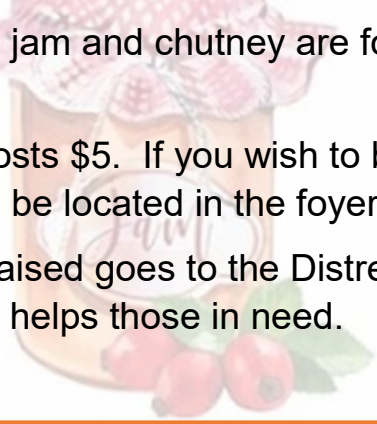
For such a team to build on what is already happening, we are asking that everyone fill in a short questionnaire to discern where people may already be receiving active support in the congregation. The Questionnaire with pens and a feedback box at the entrance to the church, on the round table. If you didn't fill in a form last Sunday, we would truly appreciate your help if you would do so today after worship. You may drop the completed form into the Feedback box for collection. With thanks, Wendy Cohen, Kate Dix

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 12 November 2024

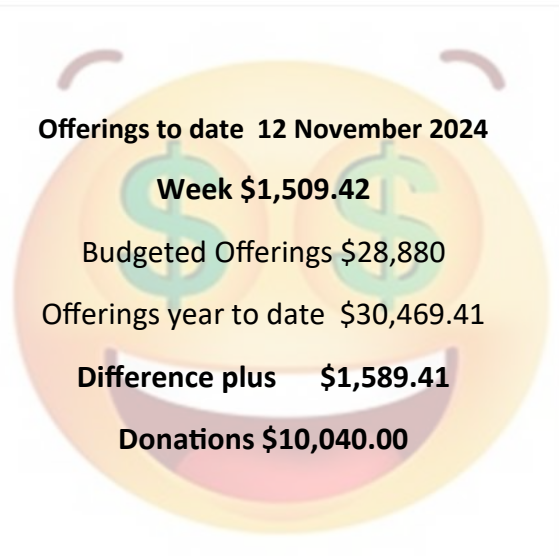
Week \$1,509.42

Budgeted Offerings \$28,880

Offerings year to date \$30,469.41

Difference plus \$1,589.41

Donations \$10,040.00



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 24th November 2024

9am Service

Preacher	David M
Reader	Glenda D
Greeters	Ruth M
Offering	Greg S & Royce D
Livestream	Carmel S
Data	Reg D
Organ	Don A
Morning Tea	Glenda & Paul D

Lectionary Readings

2 Sm 23:1-7, Ps 132:1-12, (13-18)

Rev 1:4b-8, Jn 18:33-37

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.)

