

## Outreach 2nd March 2025

**Preaching** 

9am Rev Matthew Stuart

## Lectionary readings

Ex 34:29-35 Psalm 99 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)



### 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 pray that the ceasefire between Israel and Hamas holds; and that a iust peace ends the Ukraine-Russian conflict.

### Image: UNKNOWN MUGHAL ARTISTS FROM GUJARAT



Jali Lattice Window, c.1572, White marble, 3m x 1.5m (approx.), Humayun's Tomb, Delhi; Pocholo Calapre / Alamy Stock Photo

Ben Quash wrote, about the "This intricate lattice image: screen is an exquisite example of jali (pierced stonework) from Mughal India. It is part of the tomb of the Emperor Humayun, constructed in Delhi between 1565 and 1572. The tomb was commissioned by his son Akbar and was an important

architectural precursor of the Taj Mahal. The jali is made of white marble, which was a material closely associated with the purity of divine light in Mughal architecture. Its complex geometry was considered sacred in Islamic art, revealing the underlying mathematical order of creation and thus leading one to the mind of God."

The Transfiguration narrative is of an amazing awe-inspiring experience that we see the disciples struggle to respond too. A bit like the jali window the lattice though beautiful in its creation becomes an obstacle to the light that shines through. Could it be that Peter and the disciples felt, blinded by the light of Jesus, Moses and Elijah, needed something physical to try and make sense of their experience. The wrestle becomes when the creation of the physical obscures the divine event.

I wonder if we sometimes get lost in the things we've created, which were created as a response to God's love?

Rev. Matthew Stuart

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#### WE NEED YOUR HELP.

On <u>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March</u> the Discipleship Stream will present the 'Circles of Care' model of pastoral care to the congregation, immediately after worship. It will need approximately 10-15 minutes. Everyone will receive a sign-up form so that each person or family may be placed in a care circle to receive pastoral care. We do hope that as many members as possible will participate so we will be ready for our new minister Ueli with a working model of care and a renewed pastoral care team. Kate, Wendy, Fred.

## Outreach at Aitkenvale State School brekkie

A huge thank you from Aitkenvale State School Brekkie to all who have donated to Aitkenvale Uniting Church Outreach at the school.

Aitkenvale SS Brekkie is in need of -

JAM - The students do love strawberry.

CREAM CHEESE SPREAD.

FULL CREAM LONG LIFE MILK

So on your next weekly shop pop a couple of items into your trolley to donate to our church's Outreach at Aitkenvale State School Brekkie.

Many thanks Grace

Have you picked up your roster for the next three months (March – May?)

If you haven't, copies are available in the foyer.

The Fellowship Stream
INVITE YOU
To fun and fellowship
BOWLING AFTERNOON
Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2.30 – 5.30pm
Bring a small plate of eats to share
Help needed at 1.30pm to set up Mats.



## Church bulletin bloopers

- **†** Announcement to the Mums who Care ladies group. There will be no Mums who care this week.
- **†** Visitors are asked to sing their name at the church entrance.



#### CARING DIGITALLY



Friend S has endured three years of cancer and medical help. Four of her friends have recently been communicating with her as a group via social media. It's been a difficult journey, with chemo, radiation, hospitalisation, many operations and now a small stroke. At times S feels abandoned by God. Caring online is tricky, sometimes it is hard to know how to answer the difficult questions when all she wants is comfort, hope and a listening ear, rather than a theological answer. Over time,

we've learned that what helps best is that we listen to her heart, or share a song or hymn that she loves, or a funny video about cats (she has three) or a joke that will bring a belly laugh - even to reminisce about good times. On good days this is enough to lift her spirit, strengthen her faith and have a good laugh. In online caring we can still come alongside as genuine friends. While we cannot feel or carry S's pain, as online friends we can be a calming presence to point to Christ, and help S discern her own solutions in the struggle. Kate Wendy & Fred

## 3D men singing "When the Roll is Called up Yonder" last Sunday.



"When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder" is an 1893 hymn with words and music by James Milton Black.

The song's lyrics were first published in a collection titled *Songs of the Soul* and the song has since been translated into at least 14 languages and sung all over the world in a variety of Christian denominations. It was based on 1 Thessalonians 4:16 (From an article in *Wikipedia*)

## Sunday Service 2nd March 2025 Live Streaming:

We welcome and thank **Rev Matthew Stuart** 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. <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCM\_yuTGxZEXsdQPd3XEQbtA/live">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCM\_yuTGxZEXsdQPd3XEQbtA/live</a> If you miss it, or would like to share it with someone, the recordings are on our website.

## Bill and Vi's jam and chutney for

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.

Large jars cost \$10

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



Week \$1,236.62

Budgeted Offerings \$51,680

Offerings year to date \$53,718.91

Difference plus \$2,038.91

Donations Car park \$14,740.10

Othe Donations \$2,320.00



## **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 9th March 2025

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| 9am Service    |                 |
| Preacher       | Rev Kate Dix    |
| Reader         | Achamma J       |
| Greeters       | Royce D         |
| Offering       | Royce D & lan D |
| Livestream     | Carmel S        |
| Data           | Joan G          |
| Organ          | Don A           |
| Morning Tea    | Bill & Vi R     |

## **Lectionary Readings**

Deut 26:1-11, Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 Rom 10:8b-13, Luke 4:1-13

## <u>AUC Prayer Network.</u> (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: <a href="mailto:aucprayer@bigpond.com">aucprayer@bigpond.com</a>, 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.)