



## Preaching

9am Rev Matthew Stuart

### 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.

Nominations for and election  
of elders and members of  
Church Council

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 that a  
just peace ends the Ukraine-  
Russian conflict.



**Image: Christ Displaying His Wounds. Giovanni Antonio Galli. Oil on canvas. 1625-1635. Perth Museum and Art Gallery, Scotland.**

Pablo Perez d'Ors once wrote: The composition, cropped at the figure's knees, create a sense of closeness between the viewer and subject, a sense that is enhanced further by Christ's gaze which is fixed on the viewer.

This painting is based on the late-medieval iconography *ostentatio vulnerum*, display of his wounds, where Christ is portrayed as presenting his wounds. The

romantic idea of the Middle Ages was for the viewer to imagine, with Christ's lips open, being invited to touch the wounds or that Christ is speaking. "Because you have seen me, you have believed."

I wonder as we are invited into the life of Christ, that we take up the responsibilities of be the Body of Christ today, how we invite others to belief. I can only imagine how frustrating it can be to have a heart that burns with faith and yet a body wrestling with lack of ability for doing mission. For other to have a heart that is filled for Christ and yet so much uncertainty with what it would mean to take on more mission.

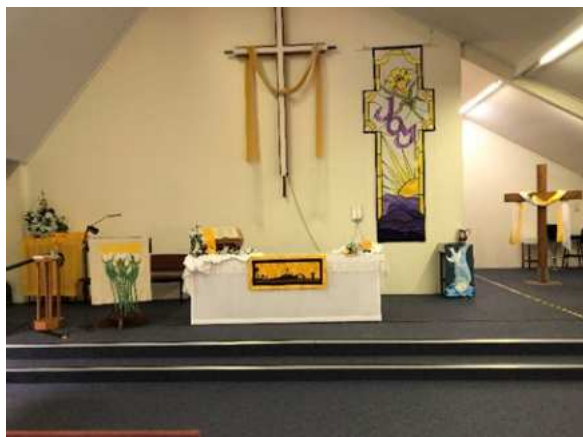
Yet within our life as a church, together as the Body of Christ, there is much we have that is about witness and mission. For more tradition and orthodox denominations the likes of Holy Communion, the breaking of bread and pouring of wine, is a *ostentatio vulnerum*. A display of Christ's wounds that are our healing.

Shalom  
Matthew

## Holy Week 2025

We were extraordinarily blessed over Holy Week from Palm Sunday through to Easter Sunday with wonderful services of worship. Members of the congregation have said that they were inspired and moved. Our ministerial members Rev Kate Dix, Rev Matthew Stuart and Rev Richard Wallace each led us to think in new ways about the significance of the events of Holy Week culminating in the celebration of Christ's resurrection on Easter Sunday. And shall we ever forget the music and joyful singing on Easter Sunday?

Our worship and reflection were enhanced by the visual changes in the sanctuary area through the work of members of the Worship Stream. Here are some pictorial memories.



### Sunday Service 27th April 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.

[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.

Fred and Alison thank members for your prayers, encouragement, concern and assistance.

- † When parking on the north side of the church, please remember to park on an angel.
- † The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.



THE JOHN KNOX PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S GUILD PRESENTS



**A MOTHERS DAY  
MORNING TEA**

**WELCOME TO:**

- ☆ A PLEASANT MORNING OF FELLOWSHIP
- ☆ ENTERTAINMENT
- ☆ A QUIZ
- ☆ A TASTY MORNING TEA
- ☆ TRADING TABLE

→ All funds raised go towards Christian Missions.  
Entry Donation: **\$10**



**WEDNESDAY 7 MAY AT 10 AM**

John Knox Presbyterian Church 148 Ross River Road

 On site parking is available

**PLEASE RSVP BY SUNDAY 4 MAY**

→ Bookings

Heather Naylor ☎ 4779 2485 Judy Archie ☎ 4779 7335

For many years Jayne Jackson has been the co-ordinator for the Crest bags which are distributed by Uniting Care. CREST stands for Community Re-entry Services Team. We are looking for someone to take over the organisation of the Crest bags from Jayne. Members of our congregation have generously donated items for inclusion in the bags. The Crest Bags Co-ordinator needs to remind the congregation of the need for donations of appropriate items, place the items into the bags and give them to Open Minds (Hermit Park).

***This is a valuable outreach to our community. Please prayerfully consider whether you might be called to take on this role.***

Nomination forms for elders and members of Church Council are now available in the foyer. Please give careful and prayerful consideration to whether you are willing to make yourself available for nomination; or whether you believe you have discerned a person you believe has the necessary gifts and wish to nominate.

**The closing date for nominations is 4 May 2025.**



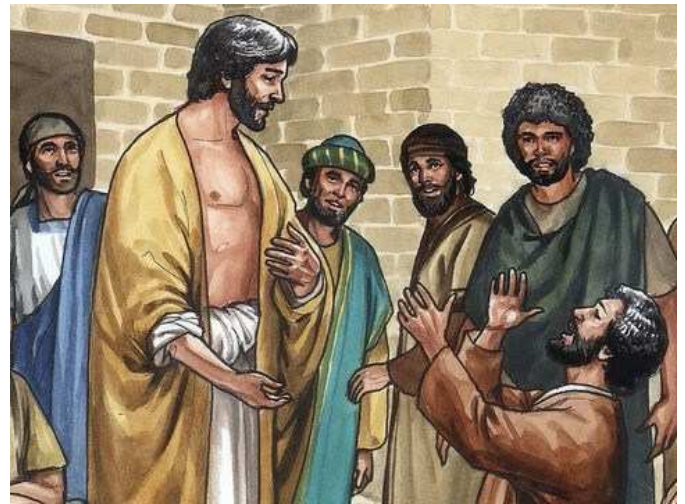
## Bill and Vi's jam and chutney for sale

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.

Large jars cost \$10

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



## Offerings to date 22 April 2025

**Week \$1,251.90**

Budgeted Offerings \$63,840

Offerings year to date \$66,967.65

Difference Plus \$3,127.65

**Donations Car park \$14,901**

**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 4th May 2025

### 9am Service

<b>Preacher</b>	Rev Kate Dix
<b>Reader</b>	Ron S
<b>Greeters</b>	Merle A
<b>Offering</b>	Royce D & Peter P
<b>Livestream</b>	Grace F & Mal H
<b>Data</b>	Joan G
<b>Organ</b>	Carmel S
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Ruth M & Anne C

### Lectionary Readings

Acts 9:1-6 (7-20), Ps 30

Rev 5:11-14, Jn 21:1-19

## 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.)

