



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.

I found this reflection by Pope Francis some time ago. My mind turned to it
 when I was thinking about our lectionary readings and decided to share it
 with you because it fits the readings so well. Kate

BREAKFAST ON THE BEACH

"It is the Lord!" ... John 21:7

A reflection from the late Pope Francis

"The Lord says to those tired and disappointed
 fishermen: *"Cast the net on the right side of the boat and
 you will find some"* (v. 6). The disciples trust in Jesus
 and the result is an incredibly abundant catch. In that
 exclamation: *"It is the Lord!"* there is all the enthusiasm
 of the Paschal faith, full of joy and wonder, which
 sharply contrasts with the disappearance, the dejection,
 the sense of powerlessness that had accumulated in the
 disciples' hearts.

The presence of the Risen Jesus transforms everything
 – darkness has become light, futile work has again
 become fruitful and promising, the sense of weariness
 and abandonment, give way to a new impetus and to
 the certainty that He is with us. From that time, these
 same sentiments enliven the Church, the Community of
 the Risen One. All of us are the community of the Risen
 One!" Pope Francis – Regina Coeli, 10 April 2016

PRAYER – Almighty, ever-living God, You offer the
 covenant of reconciliation to mankind in the mystery of
 Easter. Cleanse our hearts by Your truth and guide our
 lives by Your holiness, may we do what is right and
 pleasing to You. Open our eyes to see You and our ears
 to Hear You, that we may follow your commandments
 and Your Way. Grant that what we celebrate in
 worship, we may carry out in our lives. May your Holy
 Spirit, teach us, guide us and inspire us as we follow our
 Lord Jesus. Amen.

(From *One Minute Reflection* – 17 April – "It is the Lord!" at
<https://anastpaul.com/2020/04/17/one-minute-reflection-17-april-it-is-the-lord/>)

CREST BAGS CO-ORDINATOR VACANCY

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 offering support to individuals released from custody and those on parole, helping them navigate the challenges of re-entering the community and reducing the risk of re-offending. We are looking for someone to take over from Jayne the organisation of the Crest bags. The Crest bags are an important part of that support. 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 donation of appropriate items, place the items into the bags and give them to Open Minds (Hermit Park) who distribute the bags.. This is an important outreach by our congregation. **Please consider prayerfully whether you think that you might be able to take on this role.**

Nomination forms for Church Council memberships

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.

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

Sunday Service 20th 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

If you miss it, or would like to share it with someone, the recordings are on our website.

Church bulletin bloopers

- † Greeters will swat all latecomers.
- † There is a sign-up sheet for anyone wishing to be baptised on the table in the foyer.



Waiting ... and now welcoming

I recently read the following lines by Teilhard de Chardin:

Above all, trust in the slow work of God.

We are quite naturally impatient in everything to reach the end without delay.

We should like to skip the intermediate stages.

We are impatient of being on the way to something unknown, something new.

And yet it is the law of all progress

that it is made by passing through some stages of instability—

and that it may take a very long time. ⁽¹⁾

These lines reminded me of our long wait for a new pastor to come and shepherd us. There have been times when I (and I don't think I was alone) have been impatient and frustrated that the wait was so long and that things were not happening in *our* time to meet *our* need. Mercifully, we have not had to endure many "stages of instability" thanks to the faithful service of Kate, Richard, Matthew, Wendy and Dave, the diligent and hard work of the Church Council, our Streams and the many members of our congregation who serve as disciples of Jesus in so many ways.



Ueli, Sita and Makarios

But, thanks be to God, our wait is now over and Ueli and Sita who will shepherd us into our beckoning future are in our midst. We welcome them with love and open arms in the name of Christ as we honour and support them with our love and prayers in their future ministry with us.

Welcome Ueli and Sita.

Ron Store

1. A letter to his niece, from *Hearts on Fire*, ed. Michael Harter SJ, Loyola Press, 2009

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 29 April 2025

Week \$4,950.64

Budgeted Offerings \$65,360

Offerings to date 71,918.29

Difference plus \$6,558.29

Donations Car park \$14,921

Other 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 11th May 2025

9am Service

Preacher	Matthew Stuart
Reader	Joan G
Greeters	Lyn G
Offering	Royce D & Ian D
Livestream	Carmel S
Data	Carmen C & Joan Gist
Organ	Don A
Morning Tea	Bill & Vi R

Lectionary Readings

Acts 9:36-43, Ps 23,
Rev 7:9-17, Jn 10:22-30

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.)

