

Lectionary readings

Ex 1:8--2:10,
 Ps 124
 Rom 12:1-8,
 Mt 16:13-20

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Preaching

9am Rev Kate Dix

WELCOME TO AUC!

Please join us for refreshments
 in the breezeway after the
 service.

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 Wed-Sat

Please pray for:

Our elders and members of the
 Church Council as they make
 decisions affecting the life of our
 church.

The cessation of hostilities be-
 tween USA and Iran and Israel.

Pray also for a just peace to end
 the Ukraine-Russian conflict.

We pray for healing, under-
 standing, and a renewed com-
 mitment to being a nation
 marked by truth, respect, and
 compassion..

All af ected by recent natural disas-
 ters including the devastating
 earthquakes in Venezuela, Ja-
 pan and Indonesia; and fires in
 Spain, Portugal, England and
 Greece; for comfort for the
 grieving, strength for rescuers,
 healing for the injured, and hope
 amid overwhelming loss and un-
 certainty..

All Defence Force chaplains.

Faith and Revelation - Matthew 16:16 - 17

“You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

How did Simon know that Jesus was the ‘Son of the living God’? Was it a stab in the dark; did it just pop out of his mouth? Did he read it in a textbook, hear it on YouTube, or from another person? No to all those things!! Simon knew because God revealed it to him, maybe at that crucial mo- ment, or over time as he saw Jesus heal and restore bro- ken people. However it came to him, it’s a turning point in the gospel, setting the scene for the establishment of the church, the restored, renewed people of God, built on the foundation of Jesus.

Throughout history, many people have considered Jesus to be a good teacher, a kind man, a sage, but never the Son of God, or Saviour of the world. How then does the revelation to Simon resonate with us in the 21st Century?

So we ask ourselves today: “Who do you say Jesus is and how did you come to that conclusion? Did you decide for yourself, or did the living God reveal it to you and change your heart?

There is a scene in the TV drama ‘The Chosen’ where Mary Magdalene recounts her healing and conversion to a Pharisee, saying “... ***I was one way, and now I am com- pletely different, and the thing that happened in be- tween was Him*** (Jesus). As Mary discovered, when God opens our hearts to the truth, He heals and transforms us.

Today’s message will focus on “Faith and Revelation” con- sidering how a personal revelation of Jesus changes us completely, inspiring us to live our lives after the example of Jesus, Son of the Living God.

Rev Kate

Serving as a hospital visitor

Presbytery has asked all congregation members to prayerfully consider whether we feel called to or would consider doing hospital visitations. We have been advised that there will be adequate training available and it is likely to involve 1 or 2 visits per month. It may include end-of-life visitations. If you are interested in joining a team in Townsville, please see Shaz.

Sunday 09th August Live Streaming

We welcome and thank **Rev Kate Dix** for bringing the message to us today.

Welcome to our service here and to those at home. For those viewing remotely, 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.

Following is information concerning a Stable NQ garage sale at AUC.



if anyone can help to sort items on Wednesday 2nd or Thursday 3rd of September, or if they can help at the event, **please see Shaz today** to agree your times

Baked goods to be delivered by Friday 4th

Prayer

Lord, if you hadn't been on our side,
where would we be now?
We know what it is to feel worn down,
caught in old patterns,
tired in spirit.
But you have not let us be swallowed up.
You are our help,
the one who pulls us free of the ruts,
breaks the trap
and sets us free to breathe again.
So renew your church, Lord.
Breathe new life into tired hearts.
Give us fresh courage, fresh hope,
fresh love for you and for our neighbours.
Our help is in your name,
and your strength,
the God who made heaven and earth.
Renew us, we pray.
Amen.

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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

Bloopers made by children at Sunday School

Noah's wife was called Joan of Ark.

Moses went up Mount Cyanide to get the ten commandments.

The first commandment was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple.

Pocket Prayer Quilts

As 2026 throws us many challenges, give someone the hug that they might need as we many of us are struggling.

Keep in mind that the Pocket Prayer Quilts on offer for a **gold coin** donation for those that are wanting to share the love and grace of God to those that are struggling.

DATE CLAIMER: "Breakfast with Jesus" Women's Retreat. We are sorry to mess with your diaries, but the previously advertised date has to be moved from Saturday 7 November to **Saturday 31st October**. We will share further information as it comes to hand. Shalom, Sita, Shaz, Ruth & Kate.

How to Give Electronically



If you would like to support our ministry or contribute to our community support initiatives, you can transfer directly into our bank accounts:

General Account

For regular tithes, offerings, and general church donations.

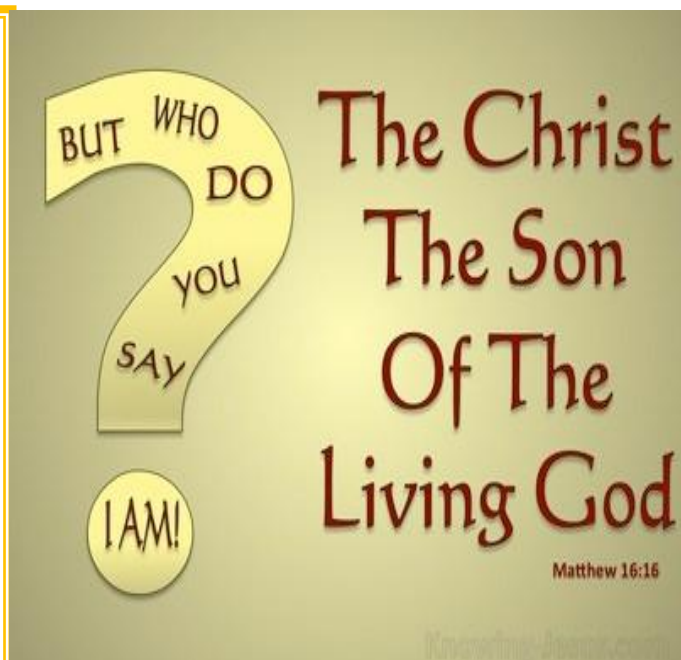
Account Name: UCA-Aitkenvale Uniting Church

BSB: 654000 (Qld Country Bank)

Account Number: 64283141

Reference: Tithe, Offering, or Donation
(No name required)

If anyone needs assistance changing the bank account details for their regular tithe from the ANZ to the Qld Country Bank, both Shaz or Paul are willing to assist you.



Of erings to date 18 August 2026

Week \$1,583.35

Budgeted Of erings \$13090

Of erings to date \$10,860.80

Dif erence minus \$2,229.20

Donat ons \$0

Rosters & Readings for 30th August 2026

9am Service *Pentecost 12*

Preacher	Rev Richard W
Reader	Joan G
Greeters	Ruth M
Offering	Peter P & K Northey
Livestream	Chris C & Mal H
Data	Reg D
Organ	Carmel S
Morning Tea	Beth & Mal H

Lectionary Readings

Ex 3:1-15
Jer 15: 15-21
Ps 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b
Ps 26:1-8
Rom 12:9-21
Mt 16:21-28

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.)