



**Preaching**  
Pastor Ueli Otumuli

## Lectionary readings

Ex 32:1-14  
Ps 106 1-6, 19-23  
Phil 4:1-9  
Mt 22 1-14:

**11 October 2026**

No. 37

## WELCOME TO AUC!

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

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## 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 between USA and Iran and Israel. Pray also for a just peace to end the Ukraine-Russian conflict.

Healing, understanding, and a renewed commitment to being a nation marked by truth, respect, and compassion.

The people of Nepal and Tibet: those who have been injured or displaced and for communities facing such immense loss; for comfort, courage and strength. For chaplains working in schools, hospitals, prisons and defence forces.

For Christians who are persecuted in different parts of the world.

## Persecution of Christians world-wide

*Here are some disturbing facts about the persecution of Christians around the world. They are taken from a report to UK House of Commons 2023.*

- Around 365 million Christians are subject to “high levels of persecution and discrimination”. This compared to 340 million in 2021.
- 1 in 7 Christians are persecuted worldwide, including 1 in 5 in Africa and 1 in 7 in Asia. This compared to 1 in 8 worldwide in 2021.
- 4,998 Christians were killed for faith-related reasons. 90% of those killed were in Nigeria, where attacks on Christians have become more common since 2020 as part of a wider rise in political violence against civilians. Open Doors estimates the number of Christians killed for faith-related reasons worldwide was 5,621 in 2023, 5,898 in 2022, and 4,761 in 2021.
- 14,766 Churches and Christian properties were attacked.
- North Korea, Somalia, Libya, Eritrea, and Yemen had the highest rates of reported persecution against Christians.

(<https://commonslibrary.parliament.uk/research-briefings/cdp-2024-0017/>)

Let us all remember persecuted Christians around the world and pray that God grant them peace and comfort as they face violent threats daily and as they mourn the loss of family members who have been killed by their oppressors. Let us also pray for their oppressors that they may choose the way of peace and come to understand that we are all created equally in your image.

## Offerings to date 6 October 2026

Week \$2,324.30

Budgeted Offerings \$26,180

Offerings to date \$23,032.05

Difference Minus \$3,147.95

Donations \$0

### AUC Prayer Network. ([aucprayer@bigpond.com](mailto: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: [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.)

### 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 account:

#### 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)

### ROSTERS AND READINGS

#### for 18 October 2026

| 9.00am service | Pentecost 17       |
|----------------|--------------------|
| Preacher       | Kate D             |
| Reader         | Shaz R             |
| Greeters       | Merle A            |
| Offering       | Ken N & Ian D      |
| Livestream     | Mal H & Chris c    |
| Data           | Reg D              |
| Organ          | Carmel S           |
| Morning Tea    | Ruth M & Bronwyn A |

#### Lectionary Readings:

Ex 33: 12-23 Ps 99

1 Thes:1:1-10 Mt 22:16-22

## DATE CLAIMERS

**Saturday 17 October 7.30 – 9.30 am** Men's Breakfast Speaker: Reverend Jeffery Akoai, Dean of St James Cathedral

**Saturday 31 October 7.30- 11.30 am** Women's Retreat "Breakfast with Jesus"

**Friday 11 December 7.00 – 8.30 pm** Carols on the Corner. Sausage sizzle before starting at 6.00 pm.

## Name badges

Name badges are ready for collection in the foyer of the church. When you collect your badge, place your payment of \$5.00 in the box provided unless you have already paid.

### Sunday 11 October Live Streaming

We welcome and thank **Pastor Ueli** 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](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.