

# *Anástasis*

Easter 2019



**TOOWONG**  
UNITING CHURCH



## Worship Information

**9.30am**  
**Sunday Morning**

Please join us afterwards for **morning tea** & a chat downstairs in the hall.

You are also welcome to receive **prayer ministry** following worship at the front of the church.

## Offerings

Monthly Budgeted Offerings:

**\$18,000.00**

Offerings received February\*:

**\$15,318.25**

\*Actual offerings received for Feb 2019, not an average.

## Online Giving:

National Australia Bank (NAB)

Uniting Church  
Toowong General  
Parish Fund

BSB: 084424

A/c No: 508563314

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# Welcome

May you find in His church everything God is wanting to give you.

Here comes Easter for another year, with the recurring question for every church, for each generation - "what new and fresh way can we share the message of Jesus' death and resurrection with others?" This year we've used the Greek word 'Anastasis' as a focus for TUC, because the word reminds us that resurrection means the actual 'standing up' of something that was dead or asleep. It's bringing upright something that was already lying lifeless on the ground. Anastasis is a word found all through the New Testament and is never used as a metaphor or poetic description. Anastasis means someone is literally standing up from their grave. When that first happened, the disciples could shout "its not over yet, there's more to come!"

Lauren Murray is our hardworking relationships manager, but she is also a graphic designer. Each month, from her office desk, she puts thoughtful effort into arranging ideas and concepts, allowing shapes and doodles to be transformed into a visually eye catching design for the front cover of this newsletter. Her process is inspired by what she reads and hears Jesus speaking to us through the Bible. I'm always looking forward to the art she creates, because it allows me and many others, to consider God's word to us in a fresh way visually.

The beauty of the unchanging message of Jesus Christ is – paradoxically – that it's always creating a new thing. A new community, a new expression of grace, a new hope in us. Through the timeless truth of Jesus' uprising and defeat over the forces of evil and death, the Spirit is free to flow and create, imagine and summon everything around us, our culture, business, relationships- all things to new life. No area of life can't be recreated when we allow God to show us something new, something that God inspired in us, something we didn't think could ever live again.

All through April at TUC, we will hold the truth of 'Anastasis' before each other. The way we have been called to be a new expression in Toowong and beyond is very exciting. There's abundant Spirit-filled creativity to step out in new directions, with novel ventures to announce the liberating, life giving good news that God releases the captives and heals the broken hearted.

*Thus says the Lord, your Holy One...Do not remember the former things or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing, now it springs forth – do you perceive it?*  
Isaiah 43: 18 - 19



**Matt Smith**  
Lead Minister

Matt came to faith at age 9 and came to TUC when he was 49. He considers that's 40 years of preparation to be here! His wife Narelle and their kids Gabby, Asher and Issy, are the joys of his family life, and they encourage him enormously.

For prayer and counselling, please contact Matt on 0409 917 729

## Meet the Team

### Church Council

At our recent AGM on Sunday 24 March, Will Stewart and Alicia McLachlan were elected into the roles of Church Council Chair and Church Council Secretary respectively. We are very grateful to Will and Alicia for offering their gifts in these roles!



**Will Stewart**  
Church Council Chair

Will and his wife Sherry have three adult children, Claire, Emma & Robert, but there are no grand children yet (although Calvin & Hobbes are their two grand-cats). Twenty-nine years ago, Will heard God's call and became a Christian. He initially served at St Lucia Uniting Church before moving to Toowong Uniting Church in late 2010. In 2011 Will became TUC's Presbytery representative and from 2013 was elected elder and has served on church council since then. In working life, Will spent almost 35 years working in the health sector in Finance, Information Technology and Procurement. Since retiring, church life and his time spent volunteering for the Gideons have kept Will busy. Make sure you ask Will about his work with the Gideons, as he has many interesting stories! Will is a great encourager, and is passionate about helping us see how we can combine the wonderful and varied set of gifts we have in the Toowong Uniting community, to continue our journey in loving God, loving each other and loving Toowong. He says "We have been blessed amazingly already – if we match ourselves with God's direction for us and enable ourselves to hear and understand that, we are likely to continue to be blessed and maybe bless others too - especially as we reach out to our local community."

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**Alicia McLachlan**  
Church Council Secretary

Alicia and her husband Rob have a 2 year old daughter Sophia and a flock of rescue chickens who are very much part of the family, too! In her spare time, Alicia enjoys cooking, taking part in Saturday Park Run, reading and going to the ballet. Alicia's spiritual gifts of encouragement and compassion flow beautifully through all she does; from her professional background as a Social worker practicing specialist behavioural intervention with adults with mental health and disability, to her time spent volunteering as a KATS teacher at TUC. Alicia shows a deep love and care for all of God's creation, and we are blessed to have her as part of our church council.

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# Easter Celebrations

Join us at our family-friendly Easter services to remember Jesus' death, celebrate his resurrection and give thanks for how we are made new by his sacrifice. Invitations can be found in the foyer.

## **Palm Sunday | 14 April 9.30 am**

We remember Jesus' triumphant entry in to Jerusalem on a donkey, with some of the story told to us by the kids.

## **Maundy Thursday Prayer Walk | 18 April 7.00 pm**

Join us at the church before we head out in groups to walk around our suburb and pray for our neighbours.

## **Good Friday | 19 April 8.00 am**

A solemn service to remember and give thanks for Christ's sacrifice on the cross.

## **Easter Sunday | 21 April 9.30 am**

A joyful celebration of Christ's victory over death and what this means for us! Please stick around for morning tea after the service. There will also be an Easter egg hunt for the kids.



## Clare Hankamer Families Worker

Clare oversees KATS, Junior Youth, Senior Youth and runs the Thursday Playgroup. Clare has a PhD in Horticulture with significant experience in both church and community youth work in the UK and Australia.

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# Children's & Youth Ministry

## KATS (Toddlers - Year 5)

KATS stands for Kids at Toowong on Sunday and is our Sunday morning children's program run during the school term. The children leave after the children's talk to gather in their **Tiger, Leopard and Lion age groups**. An enthusiastic group of volunteers lead these groups, teaching the children about God in a fun and friendly environment.

## Junior Youth (years 6 - 8)

Junior Youth also gather on Sunday mornings after the children's talk in the church house for a time of bible study and fun activities. The Scripture Union Light curriculum is used for KATS and Junior Youth. Each session encourages the children to get to know God better through praying together, looking at the bible together and themed games and craft.

## Senior Youth (years 9 - 12)

Senior Youth join in with the whole Sunday worship either in the morning or evening, and are encouraged to take on leadership roles in the church especially with children's ministry and worship. Senior Youth also meet together every second Saturday night during the school term for Youth Group. This involves games, bible study and prayer.

## Children's & Youth Events

A number of children's and youth events are run during the year, such as the Junior Youth Sleepover, the Moonwalk and the Light Party. Keep checking the newsletter, enews and app for updates about these events.

## Safe Ministry with Children

TUC has adopted the Uniting Church in Australia Queensland Synod's Safe Ministry with Children policy and believes that every person is precious to God and in following Jesus' example, we are committed to providing a safe church for all, particularly those who are vulnerable. All volunteers working with children at TUC have up-to-date Blue Cards and have completed the Safe Ministry with Children training.



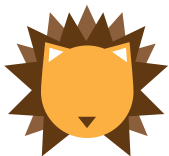
### Tigers

Toddlers - Preschool



### Leopards

Preschool - Year 2



### Lions

Year 3 - Year 5

# KATS Update

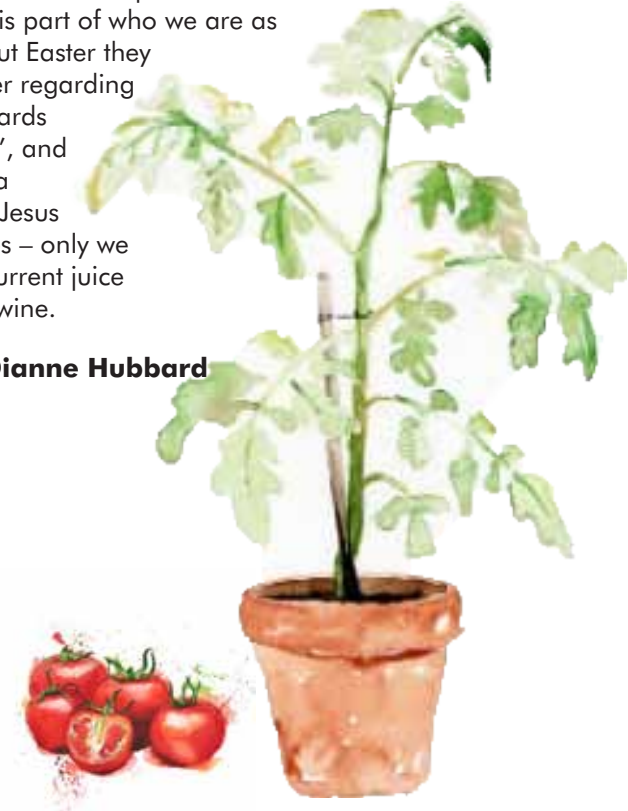
## A Tomato plant??

Fun, laughter, a green plant, some Bible stories and posters marked Term One of KATS for 2019. The two major themes were Creation and Easter.

A tomato plant was the focus of our group sessions. A tomato plant? Yes, a tomato plant! We talked to the children about how to focus on their growth in knowing God and learning to have faith. We used the plant as a focus and an object lesson to teach the children about how we grow our faith and how sometimes there are setbacks. Oh no! A possum ate some of our plant, but then it was lovingly cared for and it grew again, stronger than ever, just as happens to us in our faith journeys.

During the KATS time, the Lions creatively made large banners to explore themes behind the various days of creation and the posters were displayed and explained in worship on 20 March. They also learnt that God inside us is part of who we are as people. To help the Lions learn about Easter they conducted interviews with each other regarding the events surrounding Easter. Leopards continued to learn to pray 'out loud', and for the Easter topic, participated in a 'last supper' as we told the story of Jesus having a final meal with his disciples – only we enjoyed hot cross buns and black current juice rather than unleavened bread and wine.

**Mikayla Hiscock, Bev Homel, Dianne Hubbard**  
KATS Teachers, Term One 2019





## Morning Tea Under the Umbrellas

Wednesday 17 April | 9.45 - 11.15am

Morning Tea Under the Umbrellas (MTUU) meets on the third Wednesday of every month. Everyone is warmly invited to join us for our Easter celebration on 17 April! Please be in touch with Wendy if you would like to join the MTUU team and help plan the event each month:

0422 373 326 | [awgelden@bigpond.net.au](mailto:awgelden@bigpond.net.au)

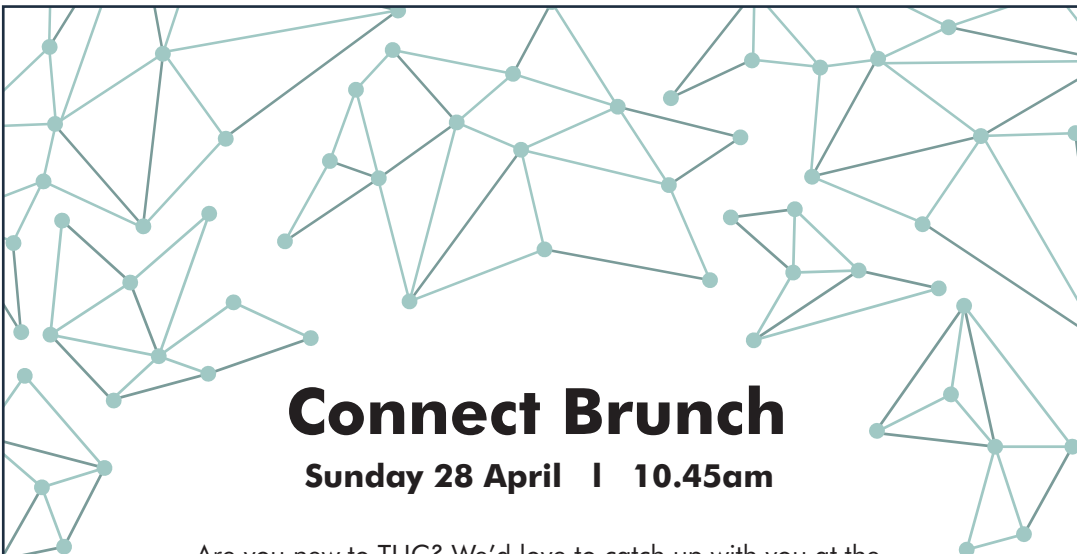
## SENIOR youth group

Fortnightly Saturdays  
6.30 - 9.00 pm at TUC

Term 2 dates:

27 April | 11 May | 25 May | 8 June | 22 June

Youth in grades 9 - 12 are invited to Senior Youth for games, dinner bible study and prayer. For more info, please be in touch with Clare:  
[c\\_hankamer@hotmail.com](mailto:c_hankamer@hotmail.com)



## Connect Brunch

Sunday 28 April | 10.45am

Are you new to TUC? We'd love to catch up with you at the Connect Brunch after the service on Sunday 28 April. Join us in the church house for a meal and a chat.

Please be in touch with Dianne for more information, and to RSVP:  
[dianne.j.hubbard@gmail.com](mailto:dianne.j.hubbard@gmail.com)

## New to TUC? Welcome, it's great to have you here!

Our desire is to live and explain the Christian faith with as much clarity, authenticity and relevance as we can. Please stick around if you can for morning tea after worship; we'd love to have a chat!

To receive a weekly prayer email, or fortnightly enews, please fill in the "Connect" form found in the pews, and place it in the offering basket.

Please be in touch and let us know if we can be of service in any way:

[lauren@toowongunitingchurch.org.au](mailto:lauren@toowongunitingchurch.org.au)



# Election Day Sausage Sizzle & Bake Sale Fundraiser

**Saturday in May | 7 am - 3 pm**

TUC has been asked to host a polling station in our hall for the May federal election. We will take this opportunity to run a sausage sizzle and bake sale to raise funds for a local charity. While we don't yet know the exact date of the election, it will most likely be on Saturday 11 or Saturday 18 May. Please keep this in mind as you consider whether you can volunteer for 2 hours between 7 am and 3pm on one of these Saturdays.

Please be in touch with Lauren for more information:  
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## Sunday Roster: April

			Good Friday	Easter	
	07 April	14 April	19 April	21 April	28 April
	9.30 am	9.30 am	8.00 am	9.30am	9.30am
<b>Speaker</b>	Matt	Matt	Matt	Matt	Matt
<b>Elder</b>	Sue O'B	Garry J	Dianne H	Lauren M	Wayne M
<b>Reader</b>	Kim J	Carly K	Will S	Ross H	Joyce S
<b>Prayer (during service)</b>	-	Garry J	-	Rob H	Wendy B
<b>Door</b>	Ray M, Joyce S	Sue & Gary O'B	-	Will S, Lauren M	Kelvin W, Ross H
<b>Counting</b>	Rob J, Kelvin W	Paul B, Gary O'B	-	Rob H, Rob M	Ben H, Sandra H
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Jane T, Gem M	Sandra H, Vanessa S	-	-	Narelle WS, Karen B
<b>Data</b>	Scott G	Naomi H	Lauren M	Luke R	Bill B
<b>Sound</b>	Mitch G	Ben H	Lauren M	Luke R	Jack L
<b>Prayer Ministry (after service)</b>	Neil D	Kim J	-	Will S	Rob H
<b>Music Team</b>	Lucy, Garry, Lauren, Elias P, Amelia, Riley	Renata, Geoff, Graz, Luke, Brad, Steph	Garry, Adrian G, Eli G	Lucy, Hamish, Garry, Elias P, Amelia, Riley	Lucy, Dave, Adrian G, Luke, Eli G, Steph

## Pastorates at TUC

### Tuesday Pastorate

7.00 - 9.00 pm  
every second Tuesday  
in the church house  
during the school term  
dinner is served

#### Dates in term 2:

April 23, May 7, May 21,  
June 4, June 18

### Thursay Pastorate

7.30 - 9.00 pm  
every Thursday  
in the church house  
during the school term  
please eat dinner beforehand

#### Running in term 2

from 25 April - 27 June

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Please contact the office for more info:  
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What is a Pastorate? A pastorate is a mid-sized group (25-30 people) that meets regularly for food, fellowship, teaching and prayer. It's a great way to get to know God and each other better!

## April

- 02 Tues:** 7.30 pm Tuesday Pastorate
- 04 Thurs:** 7.30 pm Thursday Pastorate
- 05 Fri:** last day, term 1
- 14 Sun:** 9.30 am Palm Sunday Service
- 17 Wed:** 9.45 am Morning Tea Under the Umbrellas
- 18 Thurs:** 7.00pm Maundy Thursday Prayer Walk
- 19 Fri:** 8.00am Good Friday Service
- 21 Sun:** 9.30 am Resurrection Sunday Service
- 23 Tues:** term 2 starts  
7.00 pm Tuesday Pastorate resumes
- 25 Thurs:** ANZAC Day (no Playgroup)  
7.30 pm Thursday Pastorate resumes
- 26 Fri:** 9.30 am Friday Playgroup resumes
- 27 Sat:** 6.30 - 9.00 pm Senior Youth Group
- 28 Sun:** 10.45 am Connect Brunch
- 29 Mon:** 9.30 am English Conversation resumes
- 30 Tues:** Church Council meeting

## May

- 02 Thurs:** 9.30 am Thursday Playgroup resumes
- 07 Tues:** 7.00 pm Tuesday Pastorate
- 11 Sat:** 6.30 - 9.00 pm Senior Youth Group
- 15 Wed:** 9.45 am Morning Tea Under the Umbrellas
- 17 Fri:** Synod meeting opens
- 20 Mon:** Synod meeting closes
- 21 Tues:** 7.00 pm Tuesday Pastorate
- 25 Sat:** 6.30 - 9.00 pm Senior Youth Group

## Weekly Events

### English Bible Study

8.30 am Sundays before worship  
in the church house

### Prayer Meetings

8.30 am Mondays  
in the church house

### English Conversation

9.30 am Mondays  
**during the school term**  
in the hall

### Playgroup

9.30 am Thursdays  
9.30 am Fridays  
**during the school term**  
in the hall

### Thursday Pastorate

7.30 pm Thursdays  
**during the school term**  
in the church house



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