



restore

february 2021



Worship Information

9.30 am
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.

Christmas Bowl

Thank you for your generous offerings on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day! We collected the amount, below, for the Christmas Bowl (Act for Peace) which helps people in developing countries.

\$1063.60

Online Giving:

National Australia Bank (NAB)

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Toowong General
Parish Fund

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Welcome!

If you've been on holidays over January, or even had a 'stay-cation' at home, I pray you are feeling refreshed and all the better for it. January offers to some of us the opportunity to slow down for a while, indulge in a long read of a new book, interesting discussions, perhaps a board game or two, or even rediscover the peculiar enjoyment of following a test match (with tennis still to come!)

Loads of us find ourselves at the beach, feeling the wind on our face, and the swell of the waves, where a greater power beyond ourself is moving. Wisely, many people place a high priority on these times of refreshment, finding retreat offers spiritual, as well as physical regeneration. For others, it's a circuit breaker, a forced slow down before we overload, and soon we marvel at how vital it is to connect to creation, where the 'reset' happens. (Why do I keep forgetting this?)

Our theme for February is RESTore, focusing on God's regeneration promises, when we turn to our Healer and Provider for rest and revitalising. As we follow Jesus, we are continuously called into a lifestyle, a path of reality, that places an ultimate purpose on us to be fully restored to God by Jesus. Restored to each other through bridges of reconciliation. A 'revived- life' signifies a follower of Jesus through baptism. When Jesus said "I have come that you might have life, in all its fullness" (John 10:10 – Good News Version) the English translation often softens the literal Greek – "I came that LIFE they may be having – and super abundantly they may be having it".

Jesus elsewhere describes the restoration of the entire cosmos! That same transformative purpose that God will apply to all things, includes us, beginning today. A starting point is to admit "I'm out of puff and I need refreshing, that infilling of the life-giving Spirit." Over February we'll search the treasures of scripture, discovering rhythms of grace that our life with Jesus makes available.

Flowing on from renewal is our Vision Day on Saturday February 6th, at TUC, starting at 1 pm. See and engage with the exciting directions that have come out of the vision, for discernment and endorsement. The day culminates with a chance to relax (so essential!) with lawn bowls and a BBQ for EVERYONE at 5 pm. If you can only make the community BBQ, please do come along, we'd be so pleased to share the afternoon with you.

May Jesus, the giver of all peace, be vibrantly manifest in your life,

Matt Smith



Matt Smith
Lead Minister

Matt and Narelle are excited to be growing into the TUC community. Matt is constantly thankful for the dedicated staff team he is part of.

For prayer and counselling, please contact Matt on 0409 917 729 Please note that Matt's day off is Wednesday.



Where: the TUC house and via Zoom
When: 9 sessions over 7 weeks
Cost: \$70, which includes the text book

The Living Wholeness Course aims to help us connect with and understand people in order to better to respond to their situations. The skills you learn will be widely applicable – in your own relationships, family, and in reaching out effectively to others, especially those who may be struggling. The course costs \$70 which includes the text book *The CURE for Life, Part 1: God Centered Transformation* by Dr John Warlow.

The Course runs for 9 sessions over 7 weeks, with two sessions a week for the first two weeks to fit in before the Easter break. We will meet in the TUC house for all 9 sessions, but you can also join the sessions via Zoom if you prefer. Everyone is welcome to do this course, not just those involved in the pastoral care team at TUC.

- Saturday Feb 13, 10 am - 12 noon
- Tuesday Feb 16, 7 - 9 pm
- Saturday Feb 20, 10 am - 12 noon
- Tuesday Feb 23, 7 - 9 pm
- Tuesday March 2, 7 - 9 pm
- Tuesday March 9, 7 - 9 pm
- Tuesday March 16, 7 - 9 pm
- Tuesday March 23, 7 - 9 pm
- Tuesday March 30, 7 - 9 pm

Please email to register: lauren@toowongunitingchurch.org.au

Where: the TUC building (upstairs)
When: Saturday 6 February
Time: 1 pm, followed by a Family BBQ at 5pm

Everyone is invited to join us for our Vision & Planning Day! Starting at 1 pm, this is a chance to gather together to plan and pray for the year ahead.

Please also stick around for the Family BBQ at 5pm, which will be a lot of fun and a chance for us to simply spend some time together. There will be games, including lawn bowls, and free dinner + dessert.

Please RSVP by email: lauren@toowongunitingchurch.org.au

Vision Feedback Sessions
Wednesday 10 March, 10 am and 7 pm

We will also be holding two Vision Feedback Sessions on Wednesday 10 March to allow everyone to give more direct feedback about our current Vision document and any further decisions made on 6th February. The two sessions will be the same, but hopefully the two different times will allow for everyone to be able to make one session.

If you'd like to come to one of the Feedback Sessions, please email to book: lauren@toowongunitingchurch.org.au



Clare Hankamer Families Pastor

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.

Contact:
0432 861 841



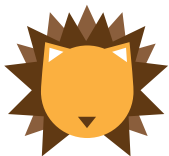
Tigers

Toddlers - Preschool



Leopards

Preschool - Year 2



Lions

Year 3 - Year 5

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 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 and are encouraged to take on leadership roles in the church. Senior Youth also meet together every second Friday night during the school term for Youth Group.

Children's & Youth Events

A number of events are run during the year, such as the Junior Youth Sleepover, the Moonwalk and the Light Party. Keep checking the newsletter and enews 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.

KATS & Junior Youth in Term 1, 2021

Due to Covid restrictions, we will run KATS and Junior Youth on alternate Sundays in the hall during term 1. The children will take part in the first part of the service upstairs, which will include a Kid's Talk, before heading downstairs to the hall for KATS or Junior Youth.

KATS	Junior Youth
31 Jan (KATS welcome party)	7 Feb
14 Feb	21 Feb
28 Feb	7 Mar
14 Mar	21 Mar
28 Mar (Palm Sunday)	



Palm Sunday will be on 28 March. We will hold KATS in the hall this day. All members of Junior Youth are invited to take part in the service on Palm Sunday.



English Conversation

**Every Monday during the school term
Resuming Monday 1 February
10.00 - 11.30 am in the TUC hall**

Our free English Conversation classes happen every Monday during the school term. This is a great way to practice speaking English while meeting people in the community. Please be in touch with Jane for more information:

jftrewern@gmail.com



Tuesday Pastorate

Fortnightly Tuesdays | 7 - 9 pm in the hall

2 Feb | 16 Feb | 2 Mar | 16 Mar | 30 Mar

info@toowongunitingchurch.org.au



senior youth group grade 9-12

Fortnightly Fridays | 6.30 - 9 pm at TUC

29 Jan | 12 Feb | 26 Feb | 12 Mar | 26 Mar



Young Adult Pastorate

**Fortnightly Saturdays
during Uni Semester
6.30 - 9 pm in the hall**

A group for Uni-aged
young adults.

Our first gathering is on
Saturday 27 February.

Please be in touch with
Amelia for more info:

amelia.h.a.browne@gmail.com

Toowong Community Morning Tea

**Wednesday 17 March
9.45 am in the hall**

Our Toowong Community Morning Tea occurs on the third Wednesday of every month. Everyone is warmly invited to join us on 17 March for a delicious morning tea and great company!

Please be in touch with Wendy for more information, or to let her know if you can help with baking:

**0422 373 326
awgelden@bigpond.net.au**



Sunday Roster: January/February

	31 Jan	07 Feb	14 Feb	21 Feb	28 Feb
	9.30 am	9.30 am	9.30 am	9.30 am	9.30 am
Speaker	Matt	Matt	Matt	Matt	Matt
Elder	Lauren M	Sue O'B	Dianne H	Felix C	Bev H
Reader	Jane T	Karen N	TBC	Wendy B	Sarah S
Pastoral Prayer	Laurel A	-	Will S	Ross H	Joyce S
Door	Sue & Gary O'B	Zac L, Kelvin W	Joyce S, Karen N	Gary & Sue O'B	Felix C, Jane T
Cleaners	Dianne H, Clare H	Felix C, Dianne H	Clare H, Felix C	Clare H, Matt S	Dianne H, Clare H
Coffee Machine	Carly K & Brodie S	Mex B	Brad & Jenny M	Mex B	Brodie S & Carly K
M'Tea	Mex B, Karen B	Wendy G, Carly K	Jane T, Mex B	Karen A	Wendy G
Prayer Ministry	Will S	Neil D	Wendy B	Karen N	Neil D
Tech Team	Asher (data), Brad (sound), Sam (camera)	Scott (data), Mitch (sound), Luke (camera)	Bill (data), Adrian (sound), Eli (camera)	Kelvin (data), Brad (sound), Sam (camera)	Sam (data), Kelvin (sound), Luke (camera)
Music Team	Jisu & Grace	Dave, Thadeus, Yohannes,	Renata, Geoff, Luke, Brad, Kahlia	Hamish, Mitch, Asher, Alice	Jisu, Grace, Karen, Brad



KITTENS PLAYGROUP

At Toowong Uniting Church

**Thursdays & Fridays
during the school term
9.30 - 11.00 am in the hall**

Restarting soon on 28 & 29 January



For more info, or to volunteer, please be in touch with Clare or Rui:
c_hankamer@hotmail.com reyxia0305@gmail.com

February 2021

- 02 Tues:** 7 pm Tuesday Pastorate
- 06 Sat:** 1 pm Vision & Planning Day/5 pm BBQ
- 07 Sun:** 9.30 am Vision Sunday & Commissioning of Volunteers
- 12 Fri:** 6.30 pm Senior Youth Group
- 13 Sat:** 10 am - 12 noon Living Wholeness
- 16 Tues:** 7 pm Tuesday Pastorate
7 pm Living Wholeness
- 17 Wed:** Ash Wednesday
7.30 pm Church Council
- 20 Sat:** 10 am Living Wholeness
- 21 Sun:** Lent begins
- 23 Tues:** 7 pm Living Wholeness
- 26 Fri:** 6.30 pm Senior Youth Group
- 27 Sat:** 6.30 pm Young Adult Pastorate

March 2021

- 02 Tues:** 7 pm Tuesday Pastorate
7 pm Living Wholeness
- 09 Tues:** 7 pm Living Wholeness
- 10 Wed:** 10 am & 7 pm Vision Feedback Sessions
- 12 Fri:** 6.30 pm Senior Youth Group
- 13 Sat:** 6.30 pm Young Adult Pastorate
- 16 Tues:** 7 pm Tuesday Pastorate
7 pm Living Wholeness
- 17 Wed:** 9.45 am Toowong Community Morning Tea
7.30 pm Church Council
- 23 Tues:** 7 pm Living Wholeness
- 26 Fri:** 6.30 pm Senior Youth Group
- 27 Sat:** 6.30 pm Young Adult Pastorate
- 28 Sun:** Palm Sunday
Annual General Meeting
- 30 Tues:** 7 pm Tuesday Pastorate
7 pm Living Wholeness

Weekly Events

Prayer Meeting

8.30 - 9.30 am Mondays on Zoom
contact Matt:
matt@toowongunitingchurch.org.au

English Conversation

10 - 11.30 am Mondays
during the school term
in the hall
contact Jane: jfrewern@gmail.com

Playgroup

9.30 - 11.00 am Thursdays
9.30 - 11.00 am Fridays
during the school term
in the hall
contact Clare: c_hankamer@hotmail.com



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