



Guide

June 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.

Online Giving

We are thankful that people at TUC are generous givers in more ways than one: giving their time, sharing their gifts and donating financially.

We take up an offering during each worship service on Sundays. These funds are used for the continuation of ministries at TUC.

These days, many of us don't carry cash, so you may like to set up an ongoing, direct-transfer offering through your bank using these details:

National Australia Bank
(NAB)

Uniting Church Toowong
General Parish Fund

BSB: 084424

A/c No: 508563314

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Why our values matter

I'm sure many of us have had that joyful experience in the workplace where a huge amount of time and effort goes into establishing a lovely, warm, encouraging vision and values statement that then gets put on the shelf and largely ignored until the next time around. No? Just me?

It seems to me that the thing about working to agree on values is that it is actually up to all of us – you and me – how useful those values then become in our shared life. We – you and me – get to decide and determine what kind of church Toowong Uniting becomes, not only by agreeing with a set of values or a vision statement but by the ways we behave, and live and love God, one another, and our neighbours, the ways we put those values into practice.

The five values we've agreed on – **Prayer, Word and Worship, Equipping, Community, Sharing** – seem to me to be right on the money. Partly because what they really do is remind us of what we already know deep down are important to a healthy church. That reminder is helpful. It holds up in front of us what we already know – and reminds us of the importance of living up to them.

A healthy church, just like a healthy disciple is one grounded in prayer.

Prayer that contains all the elements Rob's LEGO video reminded us of a few weeks ago – praise, repentance, asking, and yielding to God's will and way. Pray early, and pray often!

A healthy church, just like a healthy disciple is one that lives deeply in Christ the Word of God, and in scripture; and is nourished and committed to a shared life of worship.

Word and worship supports, enables, encourages us.

A healthy church, just like a healthy disciple, is committed to ongoing learning, development and growth.

We're always working to become more like Jesus, and to live out that Jesus-ness in our daily lives. This is the essence of equipping – more like Jesus, more of the time.

A healthy church, just like a healthy disciple takes seriously Jesus' commandment to love our neighbours.

Our neighbours, those we encounter, those we live among, those we share our lives with, form our community. And in turn we form that community in the ways we love our neighbours.

And a healthy church, just like a healthy disciple, works to share.

To share good news of God's love, to share the blessings with which we are gifted, to share love. Everything we have is for sharing – truth, food, resources, Spiritual gifts.

These values, these things we have together determined are important to us, and that we want to be reminded of, these can and should be the markers of our individual lives, and our shared life. Imagine Toowong as a church which we together determine to be one that is characterised by these five things – prayer, word and worship, equipping, community and sharing. That's a church I want to be part of!

Scott Guyatt

Bible Readings

For the next 5 Sundays we will hear sermons on each of our 5 values. Feel free to read along with us:

- Week 1:** Psalm 143:1-12 (Prayer)
- Week 2:** 2 Peter 1:16-21 (Word & Worship)
- Week 3:** Colossians 3:12-7 (Equipping)
- Week 4:** Psalm 95:1-7 & Philippians 2:12-16 (Community)
- Week 5:** 1 Peter 2:4-10 (Sharing)



Toowong Community Morning Tea

**Wednesday 16 June
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 16 June for a delicious morning tea and great company! If you are able to, we ask for a small \$5 donation to support local community charities.

Please be in touch with Wendy for more information:

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



Congregational Meeting

**Sunday 13 June | 11 am in the hall
Followed by lunch at 11.45 am (gold coin donation)**

We are hoping to make our upcoming Congregational Meeting on Sunday, 13 June, much more than just a business meeting! While we do have some important business to take care of, such as approving the budget, the meeting will also provide space to share. We are looking forward to catching up like this and hearing from a few different people about how God has been working in their lives and ministries. We will also take the time to pray together.

The meeting will begin at 11 am in the hall, with lunch at 11.45 am. Even if you can't make the meeting, we'd love to see you at lunch!

Please be in touch for more information:
info@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

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.



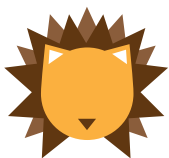
Tigers

Toddlers - Preschool



Leopards

Preschool - Year 2



Lions

Year 3 - Year 5

KATS & Junior Youth Dates

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

KATS term 2: 6 & 20 Jun

Junior Youth term 2: 13 Jun

KATS term 3: 18 Jul, 1 Aug,
15 Aug, 29 Aug, 12 Sept

Junior Youth term 3: 25 Jul,
8 Aug, 22 Aug, 5 Sept



Mt Coot-tha

Walk for Chaplaincy

Sunday 6 June

1.30 pm at JC Slaughter Falls

Make a donation yourself or ask people to sponsor you to walk up Mt Coot-tha. All funds go to support our local Chaplains! We will meet at 1.30 pm in the JC Slaughter Falls car park where we can make our donations before walking up to the Summit as a group.

Clare is organising for the kids and youth to do the walk, but everyone is welcome to join.

Please let Clare know if you would like to come along: c_hankamer@hotmail.com





Faith and Fiction

Speaker: Victoria Lorrimar,
Trinity Lecturer in Systematic Theology
Thursday 10 June 2021
Start: 7pm
On-campus and live-streamed.



Where do faith and fiction meet? Fiction isn't merely escapism, but a vital resource for faith. Join Vicki as she explores how fiction can help in reflecting on and communicating theological ideas.

Booking is essential. Onsite attendance is limited and we will provide COVID safe information for face-to-face attendees. Zoom attendees will receive an email with event link.

Trinity Unplugged:

Faith and Fiction

Cost: \$5 per person

Register to attend

trinity.qld.edu.au/unplugged

Location: Trinity College Queensland,
Level 1, 60 Bayliss Street, AUCHENFLOWER

FRI 13 - SUN 15 AUGUST

**CAMP
CONNECT
2021**

CAMP DREWE,
LENNOX HEAD



Book your tickets now!

Fri 13 - Sun 15 August
Camp Drewe, Lennox Head

We are so excited to let you know that Camp Connect, our 2021 church camp, is back on! The location is Camp Drewe in beautiful Lennox Head. We will all drive down on Friday afternoon/night and return home on Sunday afternoon. See below for ticket prices and please let us know if you would like financial assistance to attend: lauren@toowongunitingchurch.org.au

Tickets

Complete Tickets

These include cabin accommodation for both nights plus all meals.

Child (0 - 3):	Free
Child (4-12):	\$100
Adult/Youth (13 and up):	\$150

Day Tickets:

Come for a day, or book day tickets to arrange your own accommodation off-site. Meals incl.

Day Rate (Saturday):	\$50
Day Rate (Sunday):	\$40

Book Online: www.toowongunitingchurch.org

Care & Connect

Every day we see, read or hear about simple acts of kindness occurring in our congregation. Sometimes we may think our individual actions do not make a difference, yet God takes these small gifts of love as we share each other's burdens and joys and multiplies our actions in our community, just as Jesus multiplied the loaves and fishes.

Below I have listed a few of the many moments in only these past two weeks, of care and connection within our community:

- Visits to homes and aged care
- Someone seeing a person in distress and saying "can I pray for you?" and praying in that moment
- Many people at Sunday morning tea, meeting and talking to newcomers
- Delivery of yummy food to people who are housebound
- Someone opening their home for a night or two for a person who needed a safe place to be
- The gift of a beautiful bedspread for someone in need of warmth
- The gift of a warm cover for a baby yet to be born, handmade and given as a gift of love from the TUC congregation
- Someone taking time out of their day to sit in a park and talk to a person who needed support
- Many, many phone calls, texts, on-line groups, and emails connecting, listening, and praying
- Invitations to dinner, lunch or coffee
- Cluster Companions and Tuesday prayer group praying regularly for others.

Thank you for your individual actions which together are continuing to create a welcoming, nurturing, inviting, and healing community bringing others the warmth of our campfire.

LoveToowong

Thank you for your response to the Probity team's recent call for more donations to the Love Toowong Fund. We now expect to be able to support those in need up to and including the end of the year.

I wish you could see the grateful faces of those who receive vouchers for essentials or read the emails we receive from thankful people.

My prayer is that as we care and pray for, welcome and connect, and encourage others in life and faith our gifts of love will be multiplied and the Light of Christ will shine in the world.

Dianne Hubbard



Sunday Roster: June

	06 June	13 June	20 June	27 June
	9.30 am	9.30 am	9.30 am	9.30 am
Speaker	Matt	Matt	Matt	Matt
Elder	Bev H	Lauren M	Ben R	Dave V
Reader	Karen N	Sarah S	Wendy B	Carly K
Pastoral Prayer	-	Will S	Ross H	Laurel A
Door	Kabir S, Ray M	Karen N Will S	Sue & Gary O'B	Kelvin W, Will S
Bathroom Cleaner	Dave V	Jane T	Jo R	Dianne H
Coffee Machine	-	-	-	-
M'Tea	Gem M, Lauren M	Brendan T, Karen A	Grace T Narelle WS	Sarah S Jane T
Prayer Ministry	Neil D	Wendy B	Karen N	Bev H
Offering Counters	Sandra H, Rob J	Emilia B Kelvin W	Sandra H, TBC	Wendy G, Karen N
Tech Team	data: Kahlia sound: Adrian camera: Eli	data: Scott sound: Mitch camera: Luke	data: Bill sound: Kelvin camera: Samuel	data: Kahlia sound: Adrian camera: Eli
Music Team	Renata, Geoff, Luke, Brad, Yohannes, Thadeus	Renata, Geoff, Asher, Stephanie	Dave, Eli, Adrian	Lauren, Thadeus, Yohannes, Stephanie

June 2021

- 01 Tues:** 7 pm Tuesday Pastorate
- 05 Sat:** 6.30 pm SafeSpace (Young Adult Pastorate)
- 11 Fri:** 6.30 pm Senior Youth Group
- 13 Sun:** **11 am Congregational Meeting
(lunch at 11.45am)**
- 15 Tues:** 7 pm Tuesday Pastorate
- 16 Wed:** 9.45 am Toowong Community Morning Tea
7.30 pm Church Council
- 25 Fri:** **Last day of Term 2**
6.30 pm Senior Youth Group

July 2021

- 12 Mon:** **First day of Term 3**
10 am English Conversation resumes
- 13 Tues:** 7 pm Tuesday Pastorate
- 15 Thurs:** 9.30 am Playgroup resumes
- 16 Fri:** 9.30 am Playgroup resumes
6.30 pm Senior Youth Group resumes
- 18 Sun:** Connect Brunch
- 21 Wed:** 9.45 am Toowong Community Morning Tea
7.30 pm Church Council
- 27 Tues:** 7 pm Tuesday Pastorate
- 30 Fri:** 6.30 pm Senior Youth Group

Weekly Events

Prayer Meeting

8.30 - 9.30 am Tuesdays on Zoom
contact Matt:

matt@toowongunitingchurch.org.au

English Conversation

10 - 11.30 am Mondays
during the school term, in the hall

contact Jane: **jftrewern@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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