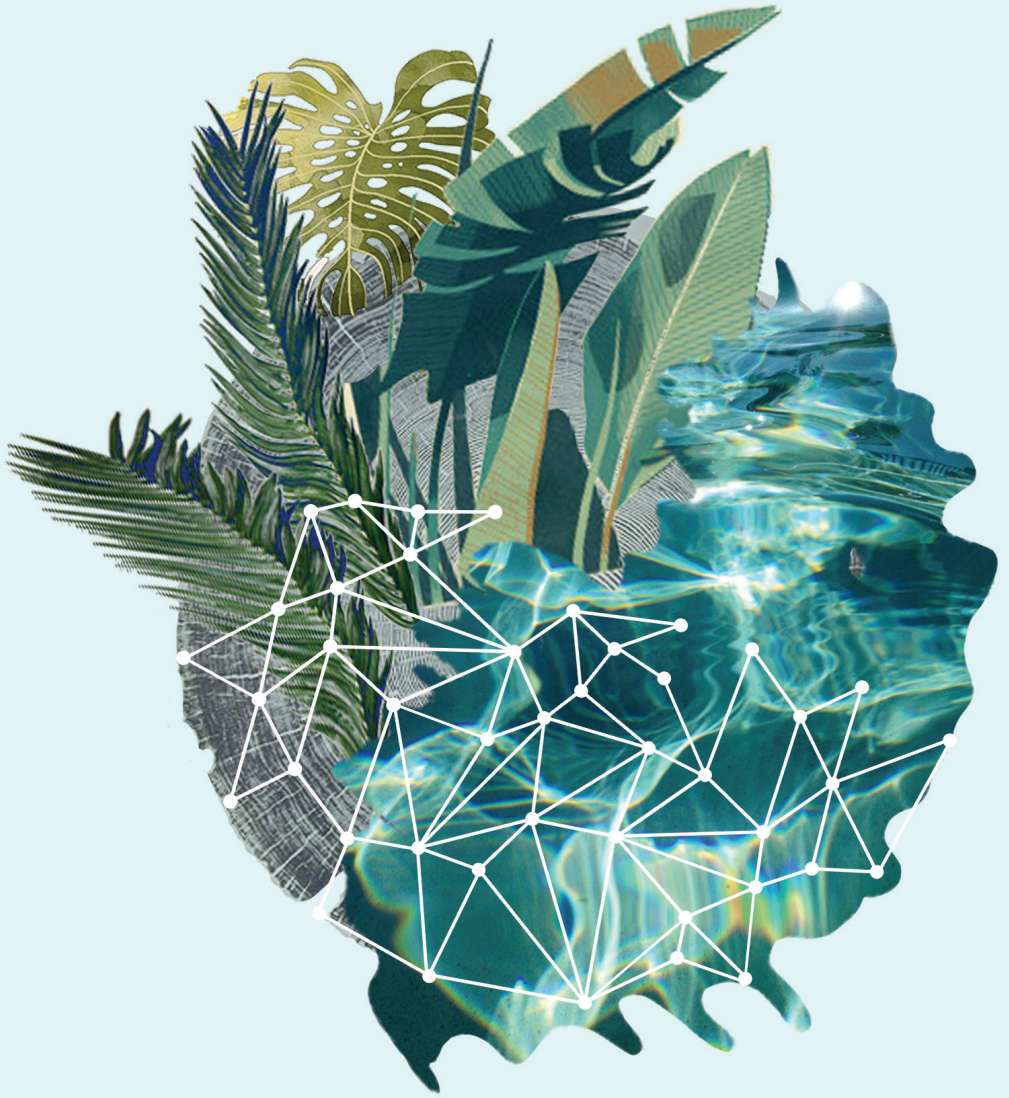


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Worship Information

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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Welcome!

When we make a promise, there's (usually) a part of us that commits on an intellectual level to keeping our vow, because that's part of being responsible. If our promise extends to someone that we value highly, then perhaps we're emotionally committed in our act of promising – "I swear – by the moon and the stars in the sky... And I swear – like the shadow that's by your side..." (Thank you All 4 One!)

Over March at TUC, the preaching series will look at the particular and global promises that God has made to nations, families and people all the way through history, offered through a covenant. In the covenants we will hear the strong, emotional commitment that God makes to us, where that deep heart connection compels a response from God that goes way beyond just being reliable, it becomes absolute.

Lauren was asked to create March's newsletter cover to capture this aspect of a promise, which she beautifully has and explains here:

"In Genesis 3 we read of the effects of sin on all of humanity and creation. Because of sin, all relationships are torn apart; that between the man and woman, and even the relationship between humankind and the earth. Genesis 3:14-20 presents a picture of tumult and brokenness. No longer would the man and woman live in harmony with one another and with the natural world. But, ever since the entrance of sin into the world, God has promised to not leave us stuck in this existence. Time and again, God takes action in His world to bring order to chaos and to eliminate sin, ultimately by sending Christ to die on the cross for us. In the image for this month, we see the fragmented parts of our created world being brought back together - the chaotic ocean has been stilled and is in harmony with the other elements. We can also see palm branches, a nod to our upcoming celebration of Palm Sunday and the saving action of Christ our King."

I've been greatly encouraged reading the covenantal promises from God, that we can live in, and look forward to sharing these with you. As we prepare for Good Friday and Resurrection Sunday, we can live in the promises that are there to be received, promises that come from the centre of God's heart. And that makes all the difference in life to know that which God has promised, God will surely fulfill.

As we travel to the cross together, may we be sustained by hope in the promises of Jesus our Lord.

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.



Wednesday 10 March

Vision Feedback Session

7pm in the TUC house

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Everyone is invited to join us on Wednesday night, 10 March, to give your feedback on our draft Mission & Values document. We have updated this document with feedback from our recent Vision & Planning Day and are excited to spend some time together to finalise the document. This will also be a good chance to pray together for the outcomes of our mission and for God's will to be done at TUC. We are hoping to have the Mission & Values document finalised and ready to share with the congregation at the AGM later in March.

Please head to our website to view the draft document:
www.toowongunitingchurch.org/mission-values-draft

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



Annual General Meeting

Sunday 28 March, 11 am in the hall

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We will meet on Sunday 28 March for the AGM and vote to accept the Annual Report, budget, elders and the Mission & Values document. Please grab a cup of tea and some morning tea after worship, and meet us in the hall for the meeting.

Everyone is most welcome to attend the AGM, and we'd love to have everyone join us. However, please note that only formal TUC members will be eligible to vote to accept the reports, budget and elders.

For more information about formal membership, please be in touch with us:
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

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.



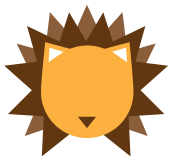
Tigers

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 Kid's Talk, before heading downstairs to the hall for KATS or Junior Youth.

Term 1

KATS: 14 March, 28 March,
Junior Youth: 7 March, 21 March

Term 2

KATS: 25 Apr, 9 May, 23 May,
6 Jun, 20 Jun
Junior Youth: 2 May, 16 May,
30 May, 13 Jun



Support our Local Chappy: Mandy Chiang

**Sunday 14 March
9.30 am at TUC**

On Sunday 14 March, Mandy Chiang will join us for worship and to share with us about her role as a Scripture Union Chaplain at the Queensland Academy for Science, Mathematics and Technology (QASMT). This is one of our local highschools, located right here in Toowong. There will be an opportunity to make a retiring offering, which will go to our local chaplaincy fund.



Connect Brunch

Welcome to TUC!

Sunday 14 March | 11 am at Cafe Nui

Are you new to TUC? We'd love to catch up with you at the Connect Brunch after the service on Sunday 14 March. We will head to Cafe Nui (our shout!) after the service for coffee, a light brunch, and a chat. The cafe is just a short 2 minute walk from TUC at 80 Jephson Street, Toowong.

Please be in touch with Dianne for more information, and to RSVP:
dianne.j.hubbard@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! 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



Easter Celebrations

Join us at our family-friendly Easter services to remember Jesus' death, celebrate his resurrection and give thanks for how we are saved by his sacrifice. We'd love to worship with you!

Palm Sunday | 28 March 9.30 am

We remember Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem on a donkey. We look forward to the kids participating in the service with a grand entrance and a song!

Maundy Thursday Prayer Walk | 1 April 7 pm

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

Good Friday | 2 April 8 am

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

Easter Sunday | 4 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 and a chat after the service.

Head to our website to book your seats:

www.toowongunitingchurch.org/930amworship

Trinity UNPLUGGED



Why I changed my mind about hell

Speaker: Dan Paterson, founder of *Questioning Christianity*

Thursday 25 March 2021

Arrive: 6.45pm for a 7pm start

Live-streamed and on-campus.

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 links.

Register to attend:

trinity.qld.edu.au/unplugged

FRI 13 - SUN 15 AUGUST

CAMP CONNECT 2021

CAMP DREWE,
LENNOX HEAD



Our Family Camp is back on!

Join us from Friday 13 - Sunday 15 August at Camp Drewe, Lennox Head.

Email Lauren for more details and to book:

lauren@toowongunitingchurch.org.au

Sunday Roster: March/April

					Good Friday	Easter Sunday
	07 March	14 March	21 March	28 March	02 April	04 April
	9.30 am	9.30 am	9.30 am	9.30 am	8.00 am	9.30 am
Speaker	Matt	Matt	Matt	Matt	Matt	Matt
Elder	Felix C	Dave V	Lauren M	Ben R	Sue O'B	Felix C
Reader	Sue O'B	Wendy B	Kim J	Will S	Ross H	Carly K
Pastoral Prayer	-	Ross H	Laurel A	Wendy B	-	-
Door	Will S, Rui X	Karen N, Lauren M	Rui X, Nikki B	Ray & Gem M	Gary O'B, Will S	Rui X, Nikki B
Cleaners	Lauren M	Clare H	Matt S	Felix C	Lauren M	Lauren M
Coffee Machine	Brad M, Rosanne G	-	Brodie S, Carly K	Brad M	-	Brad M
M'Tea	Wendy B, Narelle WS	Jane T, Narelle WS	Wendy G, Sarah S	Lijean B, Caroline J, Karen N	-	Narelle WS, Lauren M
Prayer Ministry	Bev H	Will S	Neil D	Catherine Z	-	Will S
Tech Team	Adrian (sound), Eli (camera), Lauren (data)	Asher (sound), Luke (camera)	Jack (sound), Eli (camera)	Kelvin (sound), Sam (camera), Bill (data)	Asher (sound), Eli (camera), Lauren (data)	Kelvin (sound), Eli (camera), Kahlia (data)
Music Team	Garry, Mitch, Asher, Kahlia	Jisu, Grace, Brad, Steph	Renata, Geoff, Mitch, Adrian, Issy, Kahlia, Karen	Dave, Luke, Brad, Issy, Steph	Renata, Geoff, Adrian, Kahlia	Hamish, Adrian, Asher

March 2021

- 02 Tues:** 7 pm Tuesday Pastorate
7 pm Living Wholeness
- 09 Tues:** 7 pm Living Wholeness
- 10 Wed:** 7 pm Vision Feedback Session
- 12 Fri:** 6.30 pm Senior Youth Group
- 13 Sat:** 6.30 pm SafeSpace (Young Adult Pastorate)
- 14 Sun:** 11 am Connect Brunch
- 16 Tues:** 7 pm Tuesday Pastorate
7 pm Living Wholeness
- 17 Wed:** 9.45 am Toowong Community Morning Tea
7.30 pm Church Council
- 20 Sat:** 3.30 pm Youth Leader's Training Workshop
- 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

April 2021

- 01 Thurs:** Last day Term 1
Maundy Thursday: Prayer Walk
- 02 Fri:** 8 am Good Friday Service
- 04 Sun:** 9.30 am Easter Sunday Service
- 10 Sat:** 6.30 pm SafeSpace (Young Adult Pastorate)
- 19 Mon:** Term 2 starts
- 21 Wed:** 9.45 am Toowong Community Morning Tea
7.30 pm Church Council
- 24 Sat:** 6.30 pm SafeSpace (Young Adult Pastorate)

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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