



2022 OCT  
**GRACE**  
EFFECT IN LIFE

'TUC Cross'  
photographed by Emilia Bartosz

## 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 to TUC

October preaching theme is centred on grace.

'Grace' is our last best word in the church lexicon, says author Philip Yancey. In his book *"What's So Amazing About Grace?"* Yancey observes that the greatest gift Christian community can offer the world is grace, something that we must first experience from God, yet the church sometimes offers un-grace instead. I confess to have a natural tendency to revert to expecting grace to be first earned.

It's a point that Jesus really wanted to make, in crafting his parable of the Lost Son. Despite still being a walking disaster when he arrived home, without any ability for making reparations, the son did nothing at all to become accepted except just return. His Father's immediate embrace declared all was forgiven. Unseen and unaware of the grace that awaited him, even at the moment the son walked out of his father's life; his gift of forgiveness and grace was real and present for him – long before he even thought about returning home.

Jesus doesn't give us the sequel to the son's next chapter in life. He doesn't say the son straightened up and got his act together over night. I dare say there were a lot of issues the son had to work through. Likely there would have been months or years of deep soul work the son would go through. Similarly, that process of grace is always ongoing for us too.

Grace remains extraordinarily powerful today, as the potency of God's gift continues to break down barriers. Martin Luther King Jr. said to fight injustice, our best arsenal are the "weapons of grace." Once, King heard that the Ku Klux Klan planned to march through the neighbourhood of his church, and he met with associates to discuss how to respond. In the end, they called on church members to show up in their best Sunday clothes, stand on the church steps, and applaud the KKK marchers. The Klan was completely befuddled. They marched a few blocks in their white hoods and then melted away, disarmed by grace.

It's our prayer and hope that during October we will again be struck by the incredible gift of grace and how this powerfully shapes our lives and the future of the world.

Grace and peace!

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.

# Bible Readings

Here are our Bible readings for the next few weeks. You might like to read along at home!

- 2 Oct:** 2 Chronicles 7: 14
- 9 Oct:** Ephesians 2: 1 - 10
- 16 Oct:** 2 Timothy 1: 3 - 12
- 23 Oct:** Romans 3: 20 - 28
- 30 Oct:** Galatians 2: 15 - 21



# NUMBER ONE VALUE = PRAYER

At TUC, our number one value is Prayer: *“We are a people of prayer, individually and corporately totally dependent on God in all aspects of our life and ministry.”* There are many avenues of praying for others at TUC including: individual prayer, Sunday worship prayers, Tuesday morning prayers on Zoom and through the Clusters, which are part of our Care & Connect framework.

Our Cluster Companions are praying for you on a consistent, intentional basis.

## What is a Cluster Companion?

Cluster Companions are people from within the TUC congregation who pray for a group of about 3-5 families. If you are part our congregation, you are in a cluster.

## Who is my Cluster Companion?

If you are not sure who your Cluster Companion is, or who is in your cluster, please contact me, [dianne.j.hubbard@gmail.com.au](mailto:dianne.j.hubbard@gmail.com.au) or speak with me after worship one Sunday.

Many of us have experienced times when we cannot pray for ourselves as the pain is too great or the situation is simply overwhelming. This is just the time to contact your Cluster Companion with any prayer requests. As some of you already do, you're encouraged to celebrate your answers to prayer with your Companion.

**Am I in a cluster if I am new?** If you are new and settling into TUC, you will be introduced to a Cluster Companion who will pray for you.

**Do you have a heart to pray for others?** Perhaps you would like to pray for a particular group of people on a regular basis. Please have a chat with me or Matt if you wish to know more.

**Thank you, Cluster Companions.** We pray for you, that your spiritual core is refreshed, renewed, and restored as you prayerfully intercede for your Cluster.

Recently Matt shared this quote from Corrie Ten Boom at the Tuesday morning prayer time: *“The wonderful thing about praying is that... you enter God’s realm where everything is possible...., nothing is too great for His almighty power. Nothing is too small for His love.”*

I trust that we will have this faith as we bring our prayers to God.

Dianne Hubbard  
Care & Connect Coordinator



**1 Timothy 2:1**  
*I urge you then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people.*

## Combined Service with Korean Congregation



# Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October

## Worship begins at 10.30am

### Join the multicultural lunch after the service



# TUC COUNCIL SEPTEMBER UPDATE

Council decided we should allocate some of our meetings to listening to God and each other and to pray. So to do that this month our business focus was quite limited.

We did however approve the position description for the proposed 3<sup>rd</sup> ministry position so we're able to proceed if our pledges confirm TUC can support this new person. It was also agreed we will keep the Congregation updated about progress.

Our faithful Treasurer provided a financial update. The offerings for August were a little below budget after a "bumper" month in July but it was pleasing to have another month with a significant operating surplus.

God blessed us with some new and nice furniture for the house – at no cost! Council is very supportive we look to a kitchen upgrade while recognising the need to ensure the

water ingress problem doesn't spoil any new work or equipment. Funds for new work may be available from our Ministry Development Fund. In previous discussions, our Property Committee Chair Gavan Clarke, has already recognised these matters.

Pam Bennett our Friday Play Group Coordinator, was welcomed to our meeting. We heard how Pam uses music to help enable a God-focussed oversight to the Play Group mornings. It is wonderful that a number of the Play Group Mums are interested in finding out about Christian faith and have been part of Clare's Alpha Courses.

Much of the remainder of our meeting centred around a devotion Matt led us through. It gave us great opportunity to reflect and share with each and also pray together. We were also blessed with great desserts from Dianne and Bev!



# 3rd Ministry Agent Initiative

## Young Adults Ministry

**OUR GOAL** is to **strategise, plan** and **facilitate** opportunities for **youth and young adults** in the Toowong community and beyond to know the Gospel of Jesus and experience a 'campfire' culture at TUC where we strive to be a place for everyone to gather for warmth, community and fun.

## How Can I Help?

To find more or to join this missional initiative, please pick up a copy of a flyer in the foyer or online via QR code.

You can complete the response sheet on the flyer then return it to the Church Office via email, printed copy or in the offering plate during the Sunday Service, using the envelopes provided.



## Dates for TUC Activities

Welcome to the last quarter of the year!  
Recommence dates for TUC activities are as follows.

### English Conversation:

Every Monday 10 am, from **10 Oct**

### Tuesday Bible Study:

Every Tuesday 7 pm  
at Kate's place, from **4 Oct**

### Thursday Bible Study:

Every Tuesday 7 pm,  
in Church House, from **13 Oct**

### Playgroups:

Every Thu & Fri 9.30 am  
from **6 & 7 Oct**

### Youth Group:

Fortnightly Friday 7 pm  
from **7 Oct**

### SafeSpace - Young Adults:

Fortnightly Saturday 5.30 pm  
from **9 Oct**



# Children's & Youth Ministry

## For Parents

You are amazing! I hope you know that Our Father God is with you; loving you and guiding you at this important time of life.

Please know that the whole Church family are supporting you in prayer.

As a parent, I go back to this verse in Isaiah again and again for encouragement:

He tends his flock like a shepherd:  
He gathers the lambs in his arms  
and carries them close to his heart;  
he gently leads those that have young. (Isaiah 40:11)

## KATS (Toddlers - Grade 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 **Leopard and Lion age groups**. An enthusiastic group of volunteers lead these groups, teaching the children about God in a fun and friendly environment. The Scripture Union Light curriculum is used for KATS.

**KATS will meet every Sunday in 2022.**

## Youth (Grades 6 - 12)

This year we are launching a new look youth group which will combine Junior and Senior Youth Groups and will meet every second Friday night in the Hall. We pray that it will be a great evening to hang out with friends and to spend some time asking the big questions of life and to pray and worship together.

We really love seeing our young people take part in worship on Sundays. We seek to support and encourage them to discover their leadership gifts and to be looking at ways to serve God in the Church and Community.

## Children's & Youth Events

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



## Clare Hankamer Families Pastor

Clare oversees KATS and 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 Clare for details  
0432 861 841



### Leopards

Preschool - Grade 2



### Lions

Grade 3 - Grade 5



### Youth Group

Grades 6 - Grade 12

## Baptism and Confirmation

Would you like to be **baptised** or make your public **confirmation**?

**Receiving baptism** – or alternatively, the response of confirmation, is offered to anyone who would like to explore this significant step in following Jesus.

At TUC, this is explored in a *discussion group* over three sessions commencing **Sunday 16th October** in the Church House straight after the service.

Please speak to Clare or Matt if you would like more info, or email [info@toowongunitingchurch.org.au](mailto:info@toowongunitingchurch.org.au) to register your interest.

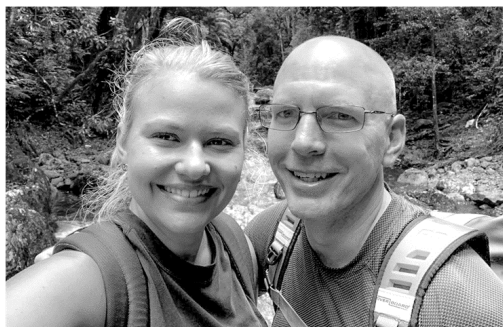
## Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day

AT A SPECIAL SERVICE ON

SATURDAY 15 OCTOBER, 2PM  
AFTERNOON TEA TO FOLLOW

706 SHERWOOD ROAD, SHERWOOD

Michelle  
& Ben



Ben and Michelle's Wedding is on  
**SATURDAY 29 OCT**  
**3 PM AT TUC**

Ben and Michelle would be delighted for you to join for an afternoon tea celebration, so please feel most welcome to attend and be part of their special day.



## Sunday Roster: October 2022

	9 Oct	16 Oct	23 Oct	30 Oct	6 Nov
	10.30 am	9.30 am	9.30 am	9.30 am	9.30am
<b>Speaker</b>	Matt	Matt	Matt	Matt	Matt
<b>Kids' Talk</b>	Korean Congregation	Clare H	Bev H	-	-
<b>Reader</b>	Warwick B	Eve N	Emilia B	Nadia A	Warwick B
<b>Pastoral Prayer</b>	Wendy B	Kate G	Ross H	Cynthia T	Kate G
<b>Prayer Ministry</b>	Will S	Karen N	Wendy B	Laurel A	Rob H
<b>Elder</b>	Will S	Wendy B	Ben R	Bev H	Di H
<b>Door</b>	Cynthia T Jane T	Nikki B Madeline K	Di H	Jane T Gary O	Wendy B Kabir S
<b>M'Tea</b>	Lunch with the Korean Congregation	John D Judith D	Michelle S Gail T	David D Jane D	Cynthia T Brendan T
<b>Coffee Machine</b>		Brodie S Hanum L	Carly K Mex B	-	Brad M Hanum L
<b>Offering Counters</b>	Karen N Nadia A	Kelvin W -	Rob J Nadia A	Rob L Karen N	Emilia B Rob J
<b>Tech Team</b>	data: - sound: Kelvin camera: Sam	data: Grace sound: Jack camera: Kelvin	data: Issy sound: Asher camera: Eli	data: Kahlia sound: Mitch camera: Sam	data: Issy sound: Jack camera: Luke
<b>Music Team</b>	James, Eli, Grace, Jordan	Mitch, Asher, Adrian, Stephanie	Cynthia, Grace	Renata, Geoff, Thadeus, Yohannes	James, Eli, Grace

\*If you would like to help by joining the roster, please get in touch with Boram

**Support our  
Local Chappy:  
Mandy Chiang**

Mandy Chiang is our local Scripture Union Chaplain at the Queensland Academy for Science Mathematics and Technology in Toowong.

Every week, Mandy runs Breakfast Club for the students before school so they can have a meal and spend some time with one another.

If you'd like to help support Mandy, please bring along some bottles of long life juice and jars of jam to the collection point in the foyer. We have it on good authority that the students prefer apple juice to orange!

**Apple Juice & Jam for  
Breakfast Club!**



Making God's Good News Known to Australians

## October 2022

- 3 Mon** First day of Term 4
- 7 Fri** Youth Group
- 9 Sun** Combined Service with Korean Congregation
- 16 Sun** Baptism course begins
- 19 Wed** Church Council
- 21 Fri** Youth Group
- 24 - 26<sup>th</sup>** Presbytery Ministers Retreat
- TBA** Evangelism Training Opportunity

## November 2022

- 4 Fri** Youth Group
- 5 Sat** Moon Walk
- 6 Sun** Belonging Sunday Celebration
- 13 Sun** Congregational meeting
- 16 Wed** Church Council
- 18 Fri** Encounter Youth Night
- 27 Sun** Advent 1

## Weekly Events

### Prayer Meeting

8.30 - 9.30 am Tuesdays on Zoom  
contact Matt:

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

### English Conversation

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

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

### Bible Study

7 - 8.30 pm Tuesdays and Thursdays  
during the school term, in the church house  
contact Ross: [ross.homel@icloud.com](mailto:ross.homel@icloud.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](mailto:c_hankamer@hotmail.com)



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