

Promised



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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Minister's Letter

Welcome!

Before its closure in 1998, arriving at the old Hong Kong international airport was one of the 'white knuckles' air travel experiences of the past. (I never flew it, but I recall my father's account of the harrowing flight). Due to the position of the runway alongside the centre of the city, incoming jetliners had to approach on a collision course to the high rise area and then bank hard right at the last moment to line up with the runway. Passengers to Hong Kong could literally see into the apartments of nearby residents, and my father was convinced that the plane he was on was going to wing scrape the perilously close buildings. Pilots called it the 'heart attack approach' because they had to take manual control, and it wasn't uncommon for passengers to kiss the tarmac after disembarking.

Despite being voted the 6th most dangerous runway in the world, the airport had a safety record similar to most airports around the globe. Passengers needed to trust the person in charge of their journey, despite their eyes and senses telling them that everything was at imminent risk of disaster.

Our theme for March is "Promised", taking notice how the life journey of Abraham and Sarah required them to constantly trust the promise of God for their life, even when their circumstances were telling them that nothing promised by God was going to plan. What was hoped for seemed to be unfulfilled, God's timeline seemed unlikely and the obstacles were overwhelming. Abraham had every reason to let his better judgement convince him to put his feet up and enjoy a quiet retirement. Yet that wonderful verse in Genesis 15: 6 records this critical point of history changing faith - "Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness".

Where there are promises from God for us living in the covenant of grace, we should be willing to take God's word as a reassurance that what is promised will be fulfilled. Abraham and Sarah's story reveals that God wanted to enter a promise relationship with this man and woman who seemed unlikely candidates for being the god-parents of three world faiths. God made extraordinary promises to them, which history has shown continue to be proved true.

Right now, today, you and I live in the promise of God. Can we believe that? In this time and place, despite what appears to be happening outside our windows?

Shalom,

Matt



Matt Smith
Lead Minister

Matt and Narelle joined TUC Community 5 years ago. Matt works alongside a dedicated team of staff and volunteers to create and grow a community whose centre is Christ.

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

Please note that Matt is not available on Wednesdays.

Bible Readings

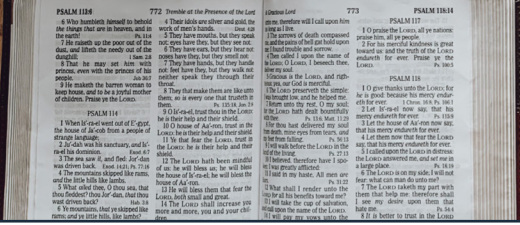
Here are our Bible readings for the next few weeks.
You might like to read along at home!

5 Mar: Genesis 12: 1 - 9

12 Mar: Genesis 15: 1 - 21

19 Mar: Genesis 17: 1 - 19

26 Mar: Genesis 22: 1 - 19



Care & Connect

A culture of caring and connecting has continued to shape our community at TUC - this is so evident in the warm welcome new people or visitors to our worship service receive. I am mindful too of the members of the Care & Connect teams as they continue to generously, specifically and intentionally care for others through practical means and prayer.

I am very pleased to welcome **Wendy Browne to Care and Connect**. Wendy will be particularly involved in PACT meetings, in visiting people, and in intentionally welcoming people to Sunday worship. She will work alongside Matt and myself building on current processes, injecting new ideas and bringing considerable interpersonal skills to Care & Connect. The teams are:

A challenge

Recently, I read an article by Sally Sims¹ which really challenged me in relation to Care & Connect. The following quote set me thinking:

In our care of, and for, one another we “bring more than a heart of compassion, a willingness to listen, and a commitment to help bear someone’s burden.” We also “bring the heart-changing truths of Scripture to people in the midst of their situations and relationships.” (P Tripp, 2002)

Caring and connecting with each other is a balance. It is a balance between walking alongside others in the context of the ups and downs of life including practical help; as well as encouraging others to strengthen their relationship with Christ. The first disciples demonstrate an example in Acts 6:1-7. They provided meals, comforted people and looked out for those who were struggling as well as sharing the gospel.

My prayer for TUC in March and beyond, is that along with our Care & Connect teams, we will all continue to offer care and connection in response to God’s love for us, and thus express our faith in the words and actions that build up our community.

Dianne Hubbard
Care & Connect Coordinator

1. Sims, S (2016) Turning everyday pastoral interactions into disciple making.

PACT
- care and prayer for immediate needs

CONNECT Clusters - prayer

CONNECT Community - welcoming

We'd love you to come to our

CONNECT BRUNCH

Sunday 12 March, 11 am
After the service in the **Church House**

The Connect Brunch is our way of saying “welcome to TUC”. Please join us if you are able to share some food together and get to know each other a little more.

For catering purposes, please let Dianne know if you can attend, and if you have any special dietary requirements:

dianne.j.hubbard@gmail.com | 0410 680 023



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Galatians 6:2

“Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.”



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

What is the role of the Church in growing your child's faith?

What happens at Children's Ministry?

- Children are encouraged to get to know God and to talk to Him
- Children grow in confidence to read and learn about God's word for themselves
- To help them do this, high-quality, approved, curriculum-based material has been chosen
- Teachers are passionate about sharing God's love with young people in a caring and supportive environment
- Children learn in a creative, thoughtful and play-based session

How can you as a parent or carer, help your child enjoy this time?

- **Come as often as you can** so that your child has continuity, knows what to expect and most important of all can make great friends!
- **Ask them about** what they learn and what they have experienced
- **Lean on God to help you:**
 - **Talk to God together** - A suggestion would be to pray with your child at bedtime after their bedtime story.
 - **Celebrate** - Enjoy time together and thank God for it.
 - **Read the Bible together** - read a Children's Bible story each night as part of the night time routine or together as a family.
 - **Grow with your children** - all these things are easier when your child is small but I urge you to continue these things throughout their lives; see them as not just a child's routine but as **your** routine. Your children will learn from you, as they mature into teenage and then adulthood, that friendship with God is a lifelong adventure.

Why 'Sunday School'?

Did you know that Sunday Schools were started in the UK in 1700s to help working children get an education and this included teaching a knowledge of the Bible? The movement grew until 1870 when the Education Act provided universal education to primary school children.

Today, the term Sunday School has been largely dropped to move from the school image to one of ministry. Terms such as Kid's Church or Children's Ministry are now used.

Reflect on the social justice roots of Children's Ministry. How is God speaking to us in Toowong?

(Paul Butler 2011 Mega Top Tips on Offering the Best Children's Ministry)

SENIOR YOUTH

Every Second Friday
6.30pm - 9pm | Church Hall
10 March 24 March

JUNIOR YOUTH

Every Second Sunday
During the service | Church House
12 March 26 March

1 - 4 APRIL 2023
QCC TAMBORINE
GRADES 7 to 12

**easter
MADNESS**

Be redefined this Easter.

REGISTER HERE



Leopards

Preschool - Grade 2



Lions

Grade 3 - Grade 5

Youth Group

Junior Youth

Grades 6 - 8

Senior Youth

Grades 9 - 12

THE OFFERINGS

PROJECTED
BUDGET
\$18,500

| | PLANT | TOOWONG |
|-----------------|------------|-------------|
| DEC 2022 | \$1,780.00 | \$16,693.84 |
| JAN 2023 | \$3,856.05 | \$17,090.00 |
| FEB 2023 | \$740.00 | \$21,634.10 |

lentevent

22 FEBRUARY – 6 APRIL 2023

Join us for a season of prayer, simplicity and generosity to change the world.



PRAY

Join in prayer for our partners across the globe.



LIVE SIMPLY

Give up something in solidarity with those who have less.



GIVE

Fundraise or donate to help bring hope and healing.

Sign up today!



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Annual General Meeting

Sunday 23 April

After the service

Followed by a BBQ lunch

More details will follow closer to the date



An Evening For Men

Rev Bruce Moore

Spiritual Health For Men

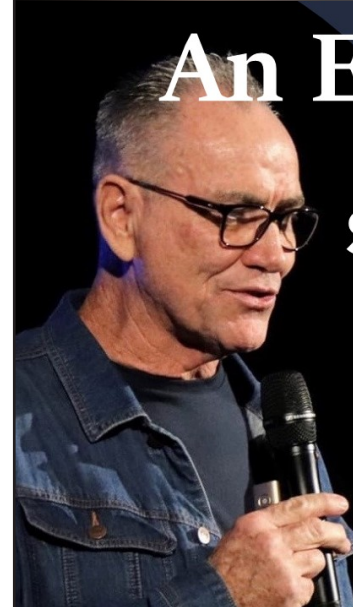
Thursday 30 March

6:30pm - 8pm

Living Faith Uniting Church

330 Pine Mountain Rd, Carina Heights

Includes Light Supper - gold coin donation
RSVP Iris 0432067227 or irismarais@gmail.com



BIBLE STUDY

AT TOOWONG UNITING CHURCH



TUESDAY

Women's Group

- 7.00-8.30 pm
- Every Tuesday nights
- At Kate's house
- During school term

New people welcome!

Please contact the church office for details if you are interested in joining.

THURSDAY

Evening Group

- 7.00-8.30 pm
- Every Thursday nights
- In the church house.
- During school term

Email Ross on
Ross.Homel@icloud.com,
or text him on 0407 754 064,
if you are interested in joining.

Sunday Roster: March 2023

| | 5 Mar | 12 Mar | 19 Mar | 26 Mar | 2 Apr |
|--------------------------|---|---|--|--|---|
| | 9.30 am | 9.30 am | 9.30 am | 9.30 am | 9.30 am |
| Speaker | Matt | Matt | Matt | Matt | Matt |
| Kids' Talk | - | Jo R | Wendy B | Wendy B | - |
| Communion Helpers | Amelia B Sarah S Will S - | - | - | - | Jack L Kate G Ben R Di H |
| Reader | Rob H | Kabir S | Eve N | TBD | Jane T |
| Pastoral Prayer | Ross H | Will S | Laurel A | Kate G | Rob H |
| Prayer Ministry | Laurel A | Rob H | Karen N | TBD | Rob H |
| Elder | - | Will S | Ben R | Wendy B | Di H |
| Door | Will S Sue O | Kelvin W Gary O | Warwick B Nikki B | Jane T Grace T | Nadia A Gary O |
| M'Tea | - | Brendan T Jecy N | Michelle R Sarah S | Gail T Asher W | Narelle W Eve N |
| Coffee Machine | Hanum L Amelia B | - | Hanum L Rosanne G | - | Hanum L Brodie S |
| Offering Counters | Rob L Grace T | Rob J Karen N | Rob L Kelvin W | Jane T Grace T | Nadia A Rob L |
| Tech Team | data: Kahlia sound: Jack camera: Kelvin | data: Asher sound: Mitch camera: Luke | data: Sam sound: Eli camera: Eli | data: Madeline sound: Jack camera: Sam | data: Kahlia sound: Mitch camera: Eli |
| Music Team | Renata, Geoff, Eli, Adrian G, Jordan | Sue, Warwick, Boram, Issy, Karen | Amelia, Mitch, Thadeus, Yohannes | Adrian Z, Luke, Eli, Adrian G | Sue, Warwick, Asher, Boram |

DAVID KABAKOFF'S

PIANO RECITAL

EVERY WEDNESDAY
12 PM - 1 PM



March 2023

- 10 Fri** Senior Youth
- 12 Sun** Connect Brunch
Junior Youth
- 15 Wed** Church Council
- 19 Sun** QASMT Chaplain Denise Ko
- 24 Fri** Senior Youth
- 26 Sun** Junior Youth
~~AGM & BBQ~~ (in April)
- 31 Fri** Last Playgroup of Term 1

April 2023

- 2 Sun** Palm Sunday Celebration KATS
- 6 Thu** Prayer Walk
- 7 Fri** Good Friday
- 9 Sun** Easter Sunday
- 19 Wed** Church Council
- 20 Thu** First Playgroup of Term 2
- 21 Fri** Senior Youth
- 23 Sun** Annual General Meeting & BBQ
Junior Youth
- 25 Tue** Church Picnic

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 Boram:
info@toowongunitingchurch.org.au

Bible Study - Women's Group

7 - 8.30 pm Tuesdays
During the school term
At Kate's house
contact Boram:
info@toowongunitingchurch.org.au

Bible Study - Evening Group

7 - 8.30 pm Thursdays
During the school term
In the church house
contact Ross: ross.homel@icloud.com

Playgroup

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



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