

October 2019



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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.

Offerings

Monthly Budgeted Offerings:

\$16,350.00

Offerings received August:

\$14,279.69

Thank you for your generous support of TUC's mission!

Online Giving:

National Australia Bank (NAB)

Uniting Church Toowong General Parish Fund

BSB: 084424

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Welcome!

As a child, I consumed American TV and movies voraciously, fascinated by this shiny world where people wore high-top sneakers, ate cookies and went to prom. A lot of the time, the protagonists in these films were driven by a desire to throw off the stifling expectations of their parents - nay, the world - and pursue their dream job; that one vital thing that they were meant to do that would give their life true meaning and purpose. It usually involved becoming a dancer.

While these cheesy movies of my childhood would wrap up in about 90 minutes with the hero achieving their dream, the pursuit of a dream job is not such an easy task in reality. Not everyone has the luxury to think about the kind of work or life they would like to have. And even the best job, a job that lines up with one's skills and passions, has undesirable aspects. So what do we do when our work (paid or otherwise) doesn't live up to our expectations and we are still left searching for meaning and purpose?

Jesus said "on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it." (Matthew 16:18). The word "ecclesia" is used in place of "church" in the original Greek and means "a people called together for a purpose". What purpose? Not simply to gather together once a week to sing a few songs and hear a sermon, but rather to know the amazing truth of who Christ is and how he has saved us, and to go and share this with the whole world so everyone can know that they are included in God's family.

We often hear stories of people being called to live out this purpose in exciting ways; they get to go to exotic locations where no one has heard of God before to preach the Good News and receive converts. It's easy to listen to stories like this and think "well, what good am I doing here in Brisbane working as a...".

Of course God calls people to be part of these big and exciting things, but He also

calls us to be present in the small, everyday things. What's most important is that we are all included in His purpose. Plus, I'm not even sure God sees things in terms of "big" or "small"... that kind of hierarchy seems to be something we are very good at creating and enforcing, but doesn't really fit with who God is.

The apostle Paul writes "whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." (Colossians 3:17).

Whatever you do.

Our identity is first and foremost in Christ, not in our careers or anything else. However, the work we do does give us unique opportunities to be taking the gospel message into the community. Where do you find yourself right now? Even if you do not have paid employment, where do you spend most of your time and who are the people around you? How can you be light and salt in those places, showing the love of Christ to all? Our prayer as Christ's ecclesia here in Toowong is that we can encourage and equip each other to take the love of Christ with us as we go out into our weeks.

Let's bloom with the Spirit's power wherever we find ourselves, like trees planted by streams of water, yielding fruit for the glory of God.

- Lauren Murray

New to TUC? Welcome, it's great to have you here!

Our desire is to live and explain the Christian faith with as much clarity, authenticity and relevance as we can. Please stick around if you can for morning tea after worship; we'd love to have a chat!

To receive a weekly prayer email, or fortnightly enews, please fill in the "Connect" form found in the pews, and place it in the offering basket.

Please be in touch and let us know if we can be of service in any way:

lauren@toowongunitingchurch.org.au



Baptism Sunday

13 October | 9.30 am

We are very excited to let you know that Felix & Rui have requested to be baptised! This will happen at TUC during our Sunday morning worship on 13 October. We will meet in the church for worship, before moving outside for the full immersion baptism. Please keep the couple in your prayers as they continue to prepare for their baptism.

While we will have the marquees set up to provide shade, you might like to bring along a hat, just in case. There will also be plenty of seating for those who need to sit.

We will share a special morning tea together after the service to celebrate. Please bring along a plate of food to share if you can.

Trinity

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God's Voice or My Feelings?

Thursday 31 October | 7 - 8.30 pm | \$10

Join us for refreshments from 6.30 pm, with the talk starting at 7 pm. Drawing on examples from church history, Dr Paul Jones will focus on the role our emotions ought to play in discerning the will of God. Register here:

www.trinity.qld.edu.au/events/gods-voice-or-my-feelings



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 in the church house 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 Saturday night during the school term for Youth Group. **Our remaining dates for Senior Youth in term 2 are: 11 May, 25 May, 8 June and 22 June.**

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.



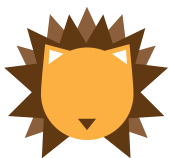
Tigers

Toddlers - Preschool



Leopards

Preschool - Year 2



Lions

Year 3 - Year 5



Families with preschool to grade 2 aged children are warmly invited to celebrate light rather than darkness in this year's Light Party! Come dressed as your favourite super hero or princess.

For **preschoolers** there's lots of fun including music, ride on toys, face painting and craft.

For **prep - grade 2s** there's all that plus games and, instead of going Trick or Treating, why not help a child in need and have fun at the same time? We'll be making solarbuddy (solar powered) lights to send to children around the world who don't have access to light at night. This is a great way to engage your child in an exciting project that instills compassion!

Entry is \$20/family, which is payable on the night and includes a sausage sizzle and icecream cone.

To take part in Solarbuddy is an extra \$30 donation.

Please pick up some invitations from the foyer and invite your friends!
Get in touch with Clare for more information: c_hankamer@hotmail.com

Remaining dates for 2019: 2 November & 7 December

TUCK into Breakfast Men's Fellowship

Saturday 12 October
7.30 am under the umbrellas

Join us at 7.30 am on the first Saturday of each month for brekky (bacon & egg muffins, tea and coffee) and a chance to chat with each other. All ages are welcome, and please feel free to bring along your friends.

For more information, please be in touch with Warwick Browne:
warwick.browne@gmail.com



Pastorates in Term 4

A pastorate is a mid-sized group that meets regularly for fellowship, teaching and prayer. Both our Tuesday and Thursday Pastorates meet in the TUC house, 11 Grove Street, Toowong. Everyone is most welcome to join us!

Tuesday Pastorate meets fortnightly on the following dates in term 4:
8 October, 22 October, 5 November, 19 November, 3 December

Thursday Pastorate meets weekly starting on **10 October**.



KITTENS PLAYGROUP

At Toowong Uniting Church

Thursdays & Fridays
during the school term
9.30 - 11.00 am in the hall
Restarting soon on 10 & 11 October

For more info, or to volunteer, please be in touch with Clare or Claudia:
c_hankamer@hotmail.com arq.claudiaz@hotmail.com



SENIOR youth group

Fortnightly Saturdays
6.30 - 9 pm at TUC

12 Oct | 26 Oct | 9 Nov | 23 Nov | 7 Dec

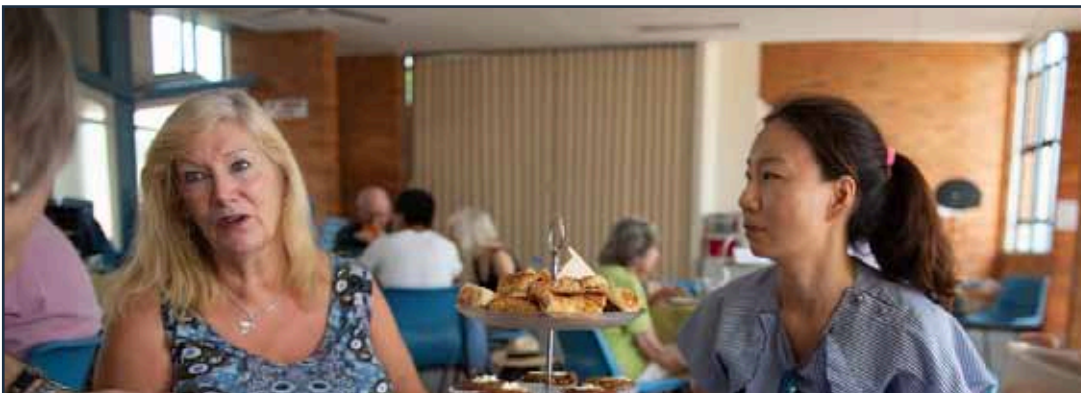
Youth in grades 9 - 12 are invited to Senior Youth for games, dinner bible study and prayer. For more info, please be in touch with Clare:
c_hankamer@hotmail.com



Free English Conversation

Mondays during the school term | 9.30 - 11.30 am
Restarting on 14 October

Our free English Conversation gatherings run every Monday during the school term from 9.30 – 11.30am in the TUC hall. People with all levels of English are most welcome to join us. It is a very relaxed group and it is a great way for people to practice speaking English while getting to know each other.



Morning Tea Under the Umbrellas

Wednesday 16 October | 9.45 - 11.00 am

Morning Tea Under the Umbrellas (MTUU) meets on the third Wednesday of every month. Everyone is warmly invited to join us on 16 October 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: October

	06 October	13 October	20 October	27 October
	9.30 am	9.30 am	9.30 am	9.30 am
Speaker	Matt Smith	Ben Reid	TBA	Ben Reid
Elder	Wayne M	Sue O'B	Garry J	Alicia M
Reader	Emilia B	Carly K	Joyce S	Ross H
Prayer (during service)	-	Wendy B	Garry J	Kim J
Door	Rob H / Beth M	Sarah S / Ross H	Will S / Jane T	Joyce S / Karen N
Connectors	Dianne H	Sue O'B	Leevani P	Kim J
Count Offering	Kelvin W / Wayne M	Emilia B / Paul B	Rob L / Karen N	Jane T / Rob J
Coffee Machine	Amelia B	Vanessa S / Rosanne G	Brad M / Jenny M	-
Morning Tea	Louise M /Vanessa S	Sandra H /Leevani P	Kim J / Sugandh G	Karen A / Wendy B
Prayer Ministry (after service)	Warwick B	Rob H	Catherine Z	Will S
Data / Sound	Lauren M / Jack L	Ryan O / Tim O'B	Luke R / Ben H	Scott G / Mitch G
Music Team	Lucy, Amelia, Graham, Gabe, Yohannes, Thadeus	Renata, Geoff, Luke, Eli, Adrian G, Sue, Steph	Alice, Lauren, Elias, Garry, Amelia, Riley	Dave, Luke, Thadeus, Yohannes, Karen

October

- 08 Tues:** start of Term 4
7 pm Tuesday Pastorate resumes
- 10 Thurs:** 9.30 am Thursday Playgroup resumes
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- 11 Fri:** 9.30 am Friday Playgroup resumes
- 12 Sat:** 7.30 am TUCk into Breakfast
6.30 pm Senior Youth Group
- 13 Sun:** Baptism Sunday at TUC
- 14 Mon:** 9.30 am English Conversation resumes
- 16 Wed:** 9.45 am Morning Tea Under the Umbrellas
- 22 Tues:** 7 pm Pastorate
- 26 Sat:** Light Party (alternative to Halloween)
6.30 pm Senior Youth Group
- 29 Tues:** 7 pm Church Council Meeting

November

- 05 Tues:** 7 pm Pastorate
- 07 Thurs:** Outback Futures Prayer & Praise Night
- 09 Sat:** 6.30 pm Senior Youth Group
- 17 Sun:** 2.30 pm Church Council Meeting
- 19 Tues:** 7 pm Pastorate
- 20 Wed:** 9.45 am Morning Tea Under the Umbrellas
- 23 Sat:** 6.30 pm Senior Youth Group

Weekly Events

Easy English Bible Study

8.30 am Sundays before worship
in the church house
contact Joyce: lynns1009@gmail.com

Prayer Meetings

8.30 - 9.30 am Mondays
in the church house
contact Matt:
matt@toowongunitingchurch.org.au

English Conversation

9.30 - 11.30 am Mondays
during the school term
in the hall
contact Will: walswdes@gmail.com

Playgroup

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

Thursday Pastorate

7.30 - 9.00 pm Thursdays
during the school term
in the church house
contact Wendy:
wendy.g.browne@gmail.com



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