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Differently now!

Sunday 8th December, 2024

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Welcome

We come together to worship God.

Hervey Bay @ 9:30am Howard @ 9:30am Burrum Heads @ 7:30am

Morning teas are served following each of our services and you are most welcome to join us.

A gold coin donation is appreciated at Hervey bay to help with the additional cost of consumables

Lectionary Readings:

[Malachi 3:1-4](#)

[Luke 1:68-79](#)

[Philippians 1:3-11](#)

[Luke 3:1-6](#)



Next Week's Lectionary Readings:

[Zephaniah 3:14-20](#)

[Isaiah 12:2-6](#)

[Philippians 4:4-7](#)

[Luke 3:7-18](#)



Hervey Bay

Service time 9:30am

Message will be: : (Advent 2, Peace) His Messenger of Hope

Bible readings will be: Malachi 3:1-3 & Luke 1:67-79

Message will be given by Rev. Willem Smit

Howard

Service time 9:30am

Message will be: *Heralds of God*

Bible readings will be: Malachi 3: 1-4; Philippians 1: 3-11; Luke 3: 1-6

Message will be given by Rev Allan Smith

Peace

That time of the year again.....

Group leaders to contact office for their risk assessments for 2025. Time to write your annual reports. Let us know what has been happening in your group. Could you limit the report to 500 words.

Uniting Church Hervey Bay
Hervey Bay, Burrum Heads & Howard

To grow in the love of God, to make disciples and to show His love in all we do

Our Vision:

With God's help,

We seek to grow our Congregation into an effective missional church that will engage with the community and beyond.

Through prayer and forming active and accountable disciples of Jesus, we seek to grow spiritually and numerically

Rev. Willem Smit's contact details

Email: minister@hbuc.org.au Phone: 0472 600 949

Rev. Willem's Day off is Monday

Whilst Willem may check messages and respond to urgent requests, please leave non-urgent matters for work days. Thank you.

Pastoral Care

For pastoral care contact the office on 07 4125 5233 if no one is there please leave a message and we will get back to you.

Prayer Chain

Shiree Royall 0417 171 020 or email shiree.tropix@gmail.com



Church Council
15th February 2025
Hervey Bay
10am



Presbytery Meeting
Bundaberg
15th March 2025

Church Contact

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Office Hours Tuesday-Friday 9am - 12pm

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Do you need prayer Today?

Please contact one of our Church Council Members
or your Pastoral Carer to pray with you.

Sunday's service livestreaming is back up and running 9:30 am on Sundays

Older services are available on our YouTube Channel.
You are welcome to check them out.

[Click here to go to our YouTube channel.](#) Please subscribe





Over the coming week we will showcase some of the options

HEALTHY KIDS AND MOTHERS

\$15.00

In food-insecure parts of southeast Indonesia, mothers and their babies struggle to get the nutrients and energy they need, leaving them at high risk for birth complications and stunting. This life-changing gift helps our partners support better nutrition by distributing vegetable seedlings and establishing food gardens. It also provides access to antenatal check-ups for high risk-pregnant women.

SCHOOL BOOKS

\$10.00

Education is the key to breaking the cycle of poverty and giving children hope for the future. By getting learning resources into the hands of children who need them, you can help empower the next generation in India.



Digital Gift Cards

All cards are available to send paperless as email.

Go to the website Unitingworld.org.au

select EverythingInCommon, select Digital Cards

**General donations to EverythingInCommon goes to
Clean Water India**

EverythingInCommon Card Sales

Hervey Bay UC 24 November and 8 December

Burrum Heads and Howard UCs

1 December



**Revival Prayer Meeting
Wednesday
5:00pm**



**Christmas
Church Services**

Christmas Eve

Burrum Heads

4.00pm

Time Change

Christmas Day

Hervey Bay

8.00am

Christmas Day

Howard

8.00am

Invite a friend or neighbour to church.
What better time is there, than **NOW**

Justice of the Peace (JP)

Between the hours of 11.00am to 1.00pm on Fridays when the **Oasis Group** is meeting, a JP will be available to sign documents.

This is open to all Hervey Bay Uniting Church Congregations and those attending the Oasis Group.

This is a trial to see the viability.

If you are interested in Church membership or are wondering about your membership status please contact the office.

If you want to volunteer contact the office.



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Our Christmas Prayer Tree

Is there someone you are missing this Christmas or someone who needs a prayer? Do you want to give thanks to God for special blessings in your life? Write their name or your words of thanks on a card and hang that bauble on our tree...



A Group that meet @ Hervey Bay and Howard Uniting Churches

In the heart of our community, both Howard and Hervey Bay Uniting Churches serve as beacons of hope for those seeking to overcome the challenges of alcoholism. Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) offers a compassionate and supportive fellowship where individuals come together to share their experiences, strengths, and hopes.

In Howard, AA meetings are held every Wednesday morning at 9:30 am. These gatherings provide a safe space for individuals to connect and support each other on their path to recovery.

Hervey Bay hosts two distinct AA groups. On Tuesday mornings at 11:15 am, there is a dedicated group for women, providing a nurturing environment for women to share and heal. On Thursday mornings at 9:30 am, a mixed group comes together, offering a diverse and inclusive setting for all attendees.

These meetings are more than just gatherings; they are a lifeline for many, fostering a sense of community and shared purpose in the journey towards sobriety. Through mutual support and understanding, participants find strength in numbers, ensuring that no one has to face their struggles alone.

Offerings from All Congregations (Includes Direct Deposits)

01/12/2024 = \$3,537.65

Average Weekly Target for Giving = \$3,776



FROM 1 JULY 2024

Giving Target for 2025 Financial YTD	\$ 83,072.00
Actual Giving for 2025 Financial YTD	\$ 75,955.45
Difference:	\$ - 7,116.55
YTD Difference to Target Per Week	\$ - 323.48
Forecast End of Year Position	\$ - 16,820.94

Your weekly tithes/offerings are an important part of worship as they help to pay for our Ministry Agent, maintenance and running costs like paper, power, rates, insurance, etc.

The church is not immune to rises in costs. Regular tithing keeps our heads above water.

If you have not been attending church you can drop your offering at the church Tuesday—Friday 9am to 12pm Or Giving can be banked directly into our ANZ Account

Bank Account: UCA Hervey Bay

BSB: 014010 Acct Number: 3868 52539

Please consider making a bequest in your Will to Hervey Bay Uniting Church.

Contact the office for details.

Acts 20:35 In all this I have given you an example that by such work we must support the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

Thank you for your generous giving

Finding Peace in a Chaotic World

In today's fast-paced world, finding peace and rest amidst chaos can seem like an impossible quest. We often seek solace in distractions, only to find ourselves trapped in the grips of stress and fear. However, true rest doesn't come from external sources but from a deeper connection with Christ.

When life becomes overwhelming and hope feels distant, it's essential to pause and seek inner stillness. This tranquillity can be a guiding light in the darkest times, providing comfort and peace. By casting our cares on something greater than ourselves, we find solace, knowing we are not alone in our struggles.

Reflecting on the past can sometimes flood our minds with regrets, but it's crucial to remember that every moment is an opportunity for grace and renewal. By acknowledging our past and embracing forgiveness, we lift the weight off our shoulders and find rest in acceptance.

True peace isn't just an absence of conflict; it is a state of being that transcends the world's distractions. It gently wipes away tears, melts fears, and brings a profound sense of calm. This peace is a reminder that even in despair, there is hope and rest available to us all.

In embracing this journey towards inner peace, we discover that true rest is not just a dream but a living reality we can experience every day through our relationship with Jesus Christ, our saviour.

Louise

Hervey Bay Uniting Church
Christmas with the Neighbours & Carols
 Saturday 7th December
 BBQ from 5pm Carols from 6:15pm

Burrum Heads Christian Community Church
Carols by Candlelight
 Thursday 19th December
 food from 6:15pm Carols from 7pm

Hervey Bay
Carols by Candlelight
 Saturday December 14
 at Seafront Oval Pialba

Locals and Visitors are invited to join us for this much loved Christmas Tradition and FREE Community Event.

**Gates & Pre-Entertainment from 4:00pm.
 Main program begins at 6:00pm.**

Featuring guest performers, Combined Church Team & a Special Visit from SANTA!

Spectacular Active Agents Fireworks Finale at 8pm

Food, Drinks & Glow Candles available for purchase

BYO Rugs & Chairs. Feel free to bring along a Picnic

three sixty

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FRASER COAST MATES

What's On
FRASER COAST MAGAZINE

HERVEY BAY RSL
Your Community Club

This is an Alcohol, Dog, Smoking & Drug Free Event

HBCMA
HERVEY BAY COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

HERVEY BAY Advertiser

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Monday

Prayer Group 8:30am (Contact Office 07 4125 5233)

M&M's (KYB)9:30 am Various homes (Contact Lynne Alexander 07 4194 2538)

Tuesday

Christian Meditation *St John's Anglican Church* 8:20am - 9.20 am
(Contact Sylvia Wright 0498 264 254) *Break for school holidays*

WOW Lady's Fellowship - **Church Seminar Room** 9:30am
(Contact Thora on 0422 676 479) **School Terms**

KYB 'Know Your Bible' Hervey Bay - **Church Seminar Room** 2 pm
(Contact Lynn 0427 809 224) **Recess until advised**

Wednesdays

Wes's Bible Study - **Church Seminar Room** 9 am
(Contact Wes 0412 235 815) **Recess till 22/01/2025**

Sewl Sisters advanced sewing, special projects. Church Patio Area 10am-2pm
(Contact office 4125 5233)

Midweek Prayer for revival- **Church Prayer Room** 5:00 - 5:30pm **School Terms**

Rev Willem's Bible Study - **Church Seminar Room** 6pm
(Contact Willem or the Office 4125 5233) **School Terms**

Thursday

Time for me Playgroup for families with preschool children.

Enjoy a drink and bikkie while the children play - **Church Hall** 9:30am—11.30am
(Contact Arlene 0447 359 288) **School Terms**

Friday

Oasis (Outreach) a place of calm in the middle of chaos. Join us for coffee, chat, activities, sewing, knitting, reading, making friends or just being yourself.

Bring a friend.

Church Patio Area - 10am to 2pm *recess School holidays*
(Contacts Gwyn 41255242 or Office 4125 5233)

Saturday

Church Family Luncheon - **Church Hall** 11:30 am **1st Saturday in the Month**
unless otherwise advertised (Contact Wes 0412 235 815)

Sunday

Special Morning Tea Church - Hervey Bay **Church Hall** after service
1st Sunday of the Month— if you are able please bring a plate to share

Adult Fellowship In recess **Church Seminar Room**

All Ladies Welcome to come along.

Meeting will be followed by Lunch at Golf Club House

Stamps have been sent off for this year, please collect for
2025

