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Differently now!

Last edition for 2024
Have a blessed Christmas

Sunday 15th 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:

[Zephaniah 3:14-20](#)

[Isaiah 12:2-6](#)

[Philippians 4:4-7](#)

[Luke 3:7-18](#)



Next Week's Lectionary Readings:

[Micah 5:2-5a](#)

[Luke 1:46b-55](#) or [Psalm 80:1-7](#)

[Hebrews 10:5-10](#)

[Luke 1:39-45, \(46-55\)](#)

Burrum Heads Service time 7:30 Hervey Bay Service time 9:30am

Message will be: Engaging with Love

Bible readings will be: Zephaniah 3:14-20

Message will be given by Ray Scarlett

Howard

Service time 9:30am

Message will be: *Spread the Joy*

Bible readings will be: Philippians 4:4-7

Message will be given by Coral Deeth

Joy

Burrum Heads Christian Community Church

Carols by Candlelight

Thursday 19th December

food from 6:15pm Carols from 7pm

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

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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



Christmas Church Services

Christmas Eve

Burrum Heads
4.00pm

Christmas Day

Hervey Bay
8.00am

Christmas Day

Howard
8.00am



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...

Annual reporting

It's that time of year again when group leaders due to prepare annual reports for 2024 and risk assessments for 2025. As we dive into these essential task, it's crucial to reflect on the past year and effectively communicate the achievements and challenges faced by your group.

Key Elements of a Great Annual Report

1. **Conciseness is Key:** Aim to keep your report within a 500-word limit. Focus on the most significant events and outcomes to ensure clarity and engagement.
2. **Highlight Achievements:** Make sure to showcase your group's successes and milestones. This not only boosts morale but also provides a clear picture of progress. Pictures are a great way to showcase your groups activities.
3. **Address Challenges:** Transparently discuss any obstacles faced and the strategies implemented to overcome them. This demonstrates resilience and adaptability.

Future Outlook: Briefly outline plans and goals for the upcoming year. This sets the stage for continued progress and aligns team efforts.

Risk Assessments for 2025

As we look ahead, it's essential to update your risk assessments. This involves evaluating potential risks and devising strategies to mitigate them. Contact the office for guidance and support in preparing thorough and effective assessments.

By approaching these tasks with a strategic mindset, you'll ensure your group's efforts are well-documented and poised for future success. Happy reporting!

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

4th week of Advent

Hervey Bay Service time 9:30am
Message will be: The Greatest Gift - Love
Bible readings will be: Luke 1:26-38, Mark 12:28-34
Message will be given by Patricia Walker

Howard
Service time 9:30am
Message will be given
by Rev Willem Smit

Love



on The First Sunday
of the Month
special
Morning Tea
After Sunday Service
Hervey Bay Uniting Church
Bring a plate to Share



75
years
Christmas
Bowl

105.1
RHEA
WIDE BAY
Reaching hearts, changing lives.
rhema.fm
office@hemawidebay.com

**Revival Prayer Meeting
in recess
Remember to pray for Re-
vival during your own per-
sonal prayer time.**



Over the coming week we will showcase some of the options

Digital Gift Cards

All cards are available to send paperless as email.

Go to the website Unitingworld.org.au select EverythingInCommon, select Digital Cards

SEEDS
\$10.00
When people grow their own food, their families are eating fresher and healthier, reducing food miles and they can also sell the excess to earn an income. This gift of seeds helps a person in Zimbabwe, Timor-Leste, Bali or Maluku get planting!



NEW GROWTH

\$25.00

The gift of creation care! UnitingWorld's partners in Bali, Maluku and Timor-Leste are planting trees to stabilize landslide-prone areas and offset carbon. This gift helps regenerate our environment and reduce disaster risks for communities.

General donations to EverythingInCommon goes to Clean Water India

Joy in Gods embrace

In the rhythm of life, we often find solace and joy. There's something truly magical about letting go and swaying to the beat of our own hearts. **Imagine a dance where every step is guided by Christ's love, where fears dissolve, and only peace remains.**

This dance is not about perfect choreography; rather, it's about the freedom to move with grace and abandon. In God's embrace, we find a sanctuary, **a space where our souls ignite with a heavenly fire. It's a dance of delight** that energizes us, never allowing weariness to take hold.

As we move through life, let's remember to dance with joy and courage. Each step taken in faith leads us closer to Jesus, lighting our path with love and hope. So, put on your dancing shoes and join the eternal dance, where joy knows no bounds and the spirit soars free.

Louise (Advent 3)

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

Christmas Carols feedback

When opening the emails on Tuesday morning I was delighted to find some wonderful words about the carols that need to be shared.

What a joy! What a blessing last night was!

Congratulations to all those who gave of themselves in whatever way. It was a wonderful evening of celebration, hope & faith of JESUS our Saviour and coming King!

Thank you SO much for a great bbq spread, so delicious, well organised & seamlessly served!

Thank you to the skilled & joyful musicians who led us in a service of inspiration, celebration & witness of our life in Jesus Christ!

We all enjoyed it SO much - THANK YOU!

With love,

Keith & Hilary Brockway

Hi Louise, would you please pass on our thanks for including our club in your Christmas Carols event over the weekend, we had a small number of people attending but we all enjoyed it immensely - the food was great and the singing was wonderful. It was also great to meet a few other people from various clubs who were there

Di Wyatt

Secretary,

Bay Photography Group



Power of Love

Love is a force that transcends understanding, capable of healing and renewing even the most broken of hearts. It is not just an emotion but a divine connection that can conquer discord and bring new life to what seems cold and lifeless.

In moments of despair, when hope seems lost, love stands as a beacon of promise. It reminds us that no matter how great the sacrifice, love is always worth the price. This is beautifully exemplified in the biblical assurance that we love because He first loved us. Such love is enduring and transformative, offering renewal and strength when we place our trust in its source.

Love's true power lies in its ability to cover a multitude of things, breathing new meaning into lives that have lost hope. It encourages us not to give up, assuring us that there is always hope if we're prepared to embrace it fully.

Letting love reign in our hearts allows us to experience its true essence. It is in this surrender that we find strength and renewal, a testament to the eternal love that God offers. So, let love be your guide, and trust in its ability to renew and inspire.

Louise (Advent 4)



Spirit Of Giving



The spirit of giving is alive and well in our church community, and it has manifested in the most heartwarming ways. Recently, we had the privilege of donating 50 bags of groceries to UnitingCare, alongside gift cards from Coles and Woolworths, and vouchers for Fraser Coast Fresh Produce, amounting to a generous total of \$1570.

This incredible outpouring of support will reach numerous families, bringing a beacon of hope and kindness into their lives. It's a powerful reminder of the impact that collective generosity can have, restoring faith and creating ripples of positivity throughout our community.

As we continue on this journey of giving, let's celebrate the unity and compassion that fuels these actions. Every contribution, big or small, is a vital part of this shared mission to uplift and support those in need. Together, we are making a difference, one donation at a time.

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

Please collect Stamps for 2025



Approx. 170 shoe boxes sent by the Uniting Church