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Sunday 16th February, 2025

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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:

[Jeremiah 17:5-10](#)

[Psalm 1](#)

[1 Corinthians 15:12-20](#)

[Luke 6:17-26](#)



Next Week's Lectionary Readings:

[Genesis 45:3-11, 15](#)

[Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40](#)

[1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50](#)

[Luke 6:27-38](#)

Preaching at Burrum Heads and Hervey Bay is Rev. Willem Smit

Preaching at Howard is Patricia (Paddy) Walker

Join the Church Council: Make a Difference

Prayerfully consider participating in the Church Council.

It offers you a meaningful opportunity to shape the future of your church community. By joining, you can engage in important decision-making processes, serve your community, and enhance personal growth in leadership and faith.

To get involved, submit your nomination

by Thursday, February 27th,

ensuring it is displayed for two weeks prior to the meeting.

For inquiries or contributions to the agenda, contact Julie Noble or the church office. Consider this fulfilling role to make a significant impact in your community.

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



Library

Our church library is a hidden gem waiting to be explored! With an extensive collection of books that delve into various aspects of Christian living, God's word, and His love, it offers a wealth of resources to enrich your spiritual journey.

We are immensely grateful to everyone who has contributed to our library. Your generosity has allowed us to create a space where our congregation can grow in faith and understanding. To maintain the quality of our collection, we kindly ask that any books donated be in good condition, relevant to our Christian values, and published within the last ten years.

Our library is unique in its lending policy—you can borrow as many books as you like and keep them for as long as you need. This flexibility ensures that you can explore the depths of our collection at your own pace.

In addition to books, our library also features a selection of DVDs, CDs, and children's books, providing something for everyone. Whether you're looking to deepen your understanding of scripture or find resources for your little ones, our library has you covered.



The library is open during office hours and on Sunday mornings. We invite you to come and discover the treasures within, and let the sharing of God's word inspire the sharing of His love.

Hervey Bay Uniting Church Prayer Room

The Prayer Room is available for private prayer whenever the church office is open or church activities are held.

Prayers for our church's revival are held at 5 pm, Wednesdays (30 min)



You're Invited to Ladies Afternoon Tea

A SPECIAL INVITATION TO ALL OUR NEW LADIES IN OUR CHURCH TO ENJOY MEETING OTHERS.

Saturday
22nd February 2025 2:00pm
Hervey Bay Uniting Church
Donation of \$5.00
Bring a plate to share if you can
Donation towards Uniting Church Moderators Disaster Appeal for North Queensland.



Gathered in Faith to Pray Together

HERVEY BAY CHURCHES UNITED IN PRAYER

Strength in Unity: Praying as One

Friday, 21st of February
1.30 – 2.30pm.
Held this month at Nickenbah Baptist Church.
20 Nickenbah Dundowran Rd, Nickenbah

Ecumenical

ASH WEDNESDAY

7pm • Wed 5 March • St John's Anglican

Church Family Luncheon

We hope that you will join us for lunch and good fellowship

Speaker: From the Fraser Coast Hospice

Fraser Coast Hospice

1st March 2025
11:30am
Donation: \$10.00

Hervey Bay Uniting Church



In a world filled with challenges and conflicts, the call to love our enemies and practice forgiveness can feel radical and daunting. Yet, embracing these principles can transform not only our relationships but also our personal well-being.

Imagine a world where love transcends boundaries, where kindness is extended even to those who wish us harm. This is the essence of loving your enemies. It means showing compassion and empathy to those who may not return the favor. By doing so, we break the cycle of hate and pave the way for healing and understanding.

"Do for others just what you want them to do for you." This timeless advice encourages us to reflect on our actions and their impact on others. When we treat people with respect and generosity, we foster an environment where kindness can flourish. It's a simple yet profound way to build stronger, more compassionate communities.

Forgiving those who have wronged us isn't about excusing their behaviour; it's about freeing ourselves from the burden of resentment. Forgiveness allows us to let go of grudges and move forward with peace in our hearts. It's a powerful tool for personal growth and emotional liberation.

Generosity goes beyond material gifts; it's about sharing our time, attention, and compassion. When we give selflessly, we enrich our lives and those around us. Acts of generosity create ripples of positivity that can transform societies.

Embracing love, forgiveness, and generosity may seem challenging, but their rewards are immense. By adopting these principles, we not only improve our own lives but also contribute to a more harmonious world. Let us strive to be merciful, just as we hope to receive mercy from God.

Louise Crittenden

A Communities Generous Heart. The story of 26 Backpacks

In the community of Toogoom, a heartening initiative has unfolded through the efforts of Alan and Sue Jones, alongside the local RSL and fellow residents. Their mission was simple yet profound: to spread kindness and support to those in need by creating children's backpacks filled with brand new items.

Each backpack was a treasure trove of thoughtful gifts, including clothing, sunglasses, books, toys, and more. But perhaps the most touching addition was a personalised card in each bag, bearing an inspirational message to remind the recipient of their special worth. The backpacks were meticulously organised, marked by size and gender, ensuring that each child would receive something just for them.

On February 6th, Hervey Bay Uniting Church collected these carefully curated backpacks. The following day, eight of the backpacks found a new home with children under the care of UnitingCare, while the remaining 18 were delivered to the Hervey Bay Community Centre. This centre serves as a crucial hub, connecting individuals in distress with the necessary services to meet their needs.

The gratitude expressed by these community organizations was immense, highlighting the impact of Alan and Sue's generosity. Their heartfelt act of kindness not only brought smiles to young faces but also strengthened the community bonds in Hervey Bay.

This story of giving serves as a reminder of the power of community spirit and compassion. Through their actions, Alan and Sue have not only enriched the lives of those receiving the backpacks but have also inspired others to contribute and make a positive difference.



In the realm of community service, the contributions of individuals often create ripples that touch countless lives. Sue and Alan exemplify this through their dedicated work aimed at benefiting those in need. Their efforts have set a benchmark for compassion and effectiveness, demonstrating the profound impact that committed individuals can have on their communities.

The journey of Sue and Alan is one of collaboration, resilience, and a shared vision for a better society. Their work, marked by empathy and practical solutions, serves as an inspiration to all who aim to make a difference. Through their actions, they have not only addressed immediate needs but also paved the way for sustainable change.

As we reflect on their achievements, it's important to acknowledge the privilege of witnessing such dedication. Sue and Alan's story is a testament to the power of commitment and the positive change it can foster. Thank you, Sue and Alan, for your unwavering dedication and for setting an example for others to follow. Your legacy continues to inspire and uplift those around you.

Louise Crittenden

Are you interested in Fundraising? Check out this Webinar

Unlock the Secrets to Successful Fundraising Planning!



Join our exclusive webinar and learn simple and effective strategies to create fundraising plan. Don't miss out on this opportunity to boost your fundraising skills and make a bigger impact!

There will be a Q & A session at the end for all your questions on fundraising.

For more information email:

fundraising@ucaqld.com.au

Thu, 27 Feb, 10:30 am - 11:30 am AEST

Online event

[Please click here to register](#)



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

Thank you for your generous giving

Please consider making a bequest in your Will to Hervey Bay Uniting Church.
Contact the office for details.

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)

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)

Wednesdays

Wes's Bible Study - **Church Seminar Room** 9 am
(Contact Wes 0412 235 815)

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

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

Adult Fellowship first meeting 21st February

Please collect Stamps for 2025

All Ladies are welcome!

Come for fun fellowship and fundraising.

