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Sunday 23rd 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:

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

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

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

[Luke 6:27-38](#)



Next Week's Lectionary Readings:

[Exodus 34:29-35](#)

[Psalm 99](#)

[2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2](#)

[Luke 6:27-38](#)

Preaching at Hervey Bay is Rev. Allan Smith

Preaching at Howard is Rev. Willem Smit

Church Family Luncheon

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

Speaker: From the Fraser Coast Hospice



1st March 2025

11:30am

Donation: \$10.00



Hervey Bay
Uniting Church

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
26 July 2025
Hervey Bay
10am



Presbytery Meeting
Caloundra
19th July 2025

Church Contact

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Torquay QLD 4655
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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



Transformative power of love and growth



Inspired by 1 Corinthians 15:35-38
Luke 6:27-38

In a world where conflict often takes centre stage, the idea of loving one's enemies stands out as a beacon of hope and transformation. This revolutionary concept challenges us to rise above our instincts and embrace a higher standard of compassion and empathy. Imagine a society where, instead of retaliation, forgiveness becomes the norm. When wronged, our natural reaction might be to retaliate, but choosing peace over conflict requires true inner strength.

Generosity, too, plays a pivotal role in this philosophy. Giving without expecting anything in return transforms relationships and communities. It fosters an environment of abundance, where kindness multiplies and returns to us in unforeseen ways. This creates a ripple effect that can change lives, including our own.

By withholding judgment, we free ourselves from negativity. Choosing mercy over judgment opens us to understanding and connection. This practice doesn't mean we ignore harmful behaviours but encourages us to approach others with an open heart, seeking to understand rather than condemn.

These principles taught by Jesus—loving our enemies, giving generously, and withholding judgment—are pathways to a fulfilling life. They invite us to experience the world with grace and hope, reminding us that the measure we use for others is the one used for us.

This transformative journey is echoed in nature, particularly in the life cycle of a seed. Consider the tiny grain of wheat—a seemingly lifeless object that, when planted, undergoes a remarkable transformation. This process, akin to leaving behind the old to embrace the new, mirrors the potential for growth within us all.

As seeds transform through shedding their outer layers, we too can grow by embracing change and trusting our journey. Each of us holds the potential for unique transformation, much like the seeds in nature.

Next time you see a plant, appreciate the incredible process that brought it to life. It's a reminder of the endless possibilities within us and the power of transformation that lies in embracing change with the help of the Holy Spirit. In both love and growth, we find that all things are possible in God.

Louise Crittenden

Prayerfully consider participating in the Church Council.

To get involved, submit your nomination

by Thursday, February 27th,

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

Ecumenical



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

TIME FOR ME Playgroup

Are you a parent or carer with preschool children looking for a little break? Join us every Thursday during school terms for "Time for Me," a welcoming group where you can unwind with a cuppa and a bikkie while your little ones engage in fun activities.

Why Join Us?

"Time for Me" offers a perfect opportunity to relax and connect with other parents in a friendly environment. It's a chance to take a breather, share stories, and enjoy some adult conversation, knowing your children are having a great time too.

When and Where?

We meet every Thursday from 9:30 am to 11:30 am at the Hervey Bay Uniting Church Hall, located at 56 Exeter St, Torquay 4655.

Cost?

All it takes is a gold coin donation for a morning of relaxation and connection.

Contact Us

If you have any questions or need more information, feel free to contact the office at 4125 5233. We can't wait to see you there!



World Day of Prayer

**This Year, the Prayers will take place
at
Hervey Bay Seventh-day Adventist
Church
39 Hervey Street, Scarness
Friday 7th March 2025 at 9:00am**

Each year, the World Day of Prayer brings together Christian women from around the globe, creating a powerful tapestry of faith, unity, and understanding. In 2025, our focus turns to the enchanting Cook Islands with the inspiring theme, “I Made You Wonderful,” drawn from Psalm 139:14. This theme invites us to embrace the profound truth that each of us is crafted with divine care and attention, inherently unique and deeply cherished.

Embracing Our Divine Uniqueness

The message of Psalm 139:14 resonates deeply: "I will give thanks to You, because I am awesomely and wonderfully made." This verse reminds us that our uniqueness is a testament to the wondrous works of the Creator. Recognising this truth transforms our perspective, filling us with an inner glow and encouraging us to appreciate others as beloved creations of God.

A Global Movement of Faith and Solidarity

The World Day of Prayer is more than a day of worship; it's a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women committed to fostering peace and justice. By participating, we connect with sisters worldwide, gaining insight into their cultures, concerns, and biblical interpretations. This enriching process expands our faith, deepening our understanding and empathy.

Join the Global Worship

On the first Friday of March, communities worldwide will gather in spirit and prayer, focusing on the Cook Islands. Through this shared experience, we celebrate our diversity and unity, standing in solidarity with women everywhere. As we open our hearts to these stories and prayers, we not only honour our unique creation but also strengthen the global fabric of Christian faith.

Join us in this spiritual journey, and let the World Day of Prayer 2025 inspire you to recognize and celebrate the wonderful creation that you are.

Habakkuk 3:2

A Prayer of Habakkuk



O LORD, I have heard of what you have done, and I am filled with awe. Now do again in our times the great deeds you used to do. Be merciful, even when you are angry.

Habakkuk begins his prayer by acknowledging the awe-inspiring deeds of the Lord in the past. This recognition serves as a reminder of the power and presence of divine.

Habakkuk's prayer invites us to reflect on what renewal means in our lives and communities. It encourages us to seek out the remarkable, to be agents of positive change, and to approach challenges with both courage and kindness. As we navigate our own times, may we carry forward the spirit of Habakkuk's prayer, constantly seeking renewal and extending mercy in all that we do.

Join us Wednesday evenings as we pray for revival 5–5:30pm in the prayer room at Hervey Bay Uniting Church, if you can't make it still join us in prayer at home from 5pm Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to visit the church again with fire and power as He did in the early Church.

FAITH. FUN. FRIENDSHIP.

11-14th April 2025



Your donation helps send young people and leaders to camp. If you would like to support the Easter Madness appeal please click on the donate button below!
Thank you!

DONATIONS

Printer Cartridges need a new home

Our office recently received a donation of new printer cartridges that we no longer need. Instead of letting them gather dust, we'd love to find them a new home where they can be put to good use. They are Canon 640XL (barely used) Black, 2x 640 Black, 641 Colour.



These cartridges are in perfect condition and ready to breathe new life into your printer. Whether you need them for your home office or your creative projects, these cartridges could be just what you're looking for.

Feel free to take them off our hands. If you'd like to offer something in return, you can simply add it to your offering. However, the most important thing is that these cartridges find a place where they will be appreciated and used.

So, why wait? Give your printer the ink it deserves and ensure you're never caught without ink again.

SMILE

A teacher asked her students to use the word "beans" in a sentence.

"My father grows beans," said one girl.

"My mother cooks beans," said a boy.

A third student spoke up, "We are all human beans."



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](#)

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Offerings from All Congregations (Includes Direct Deposits)
16/02/2025 = \$3,998.80
Average Weekly Target for Giving = \$3,776



FROM 1 JULY 2024

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| Giving Target for 2025 Financial YTD | \$ 124,608.00 |
| Actual Giving for 2025 Financial YTD | \$ 113,201.75 |
| Difference: | \$ - 11,406.25 |
| YTD Difference to Target Per Week | \$ - 346.64 |
| Forecast End of Year Position | \$ - 17,973.48 |

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 March

Please collect Stamps for 2025

ALL LADIES ARE WELCOME!

Come for fun fellowship and fundraising.

