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Differently now!

Sunday 9th February, 2025

Issue (4)

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:

[Isaiah 6:1-8, \(9-13\)](#)

[Psalm 138](#)

[1 Corinthians 15:1-11](#)

[Luke 5:1-11](#)



Next Week's Lectionary Readings:

[Jeremiah 17:5-10](#)

[Psalm 1](#)

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

[Luke 6:17-26](#)

Preaching at Hervey Bay is Rev. Willem Smit

Preaching at Howard is Patricia (Paddy) Walker



As we move towards the start of the 2025 school year, we have an urgent need for volunteer RI instructors. Currently

approximately 1400 children in our local area have parent consent to attend weekly RI classes in our area, but only 900 are receiving RI lessons due to a shortage of volunteer instructors.

RI is currently offered in some form, in only 5 of the 8 primary schools in our area due to a shortage of volunteer instructors

30 minute RI lessons are usually presented weekly. Curriculum/ Training and resources are provided. Prospective RI instructors must be endorsed by their Church leader; hold a current Blue Card and complete the required training.

RI Training Day READY-SET-GO!

to be held on Friday
14th February 9am-12.30 at the Church of Christ 27 Neils St, Pialba.

Information flyers and forms are available on the bench in the church foyer.

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



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WEDNESDAY

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



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.

Back in the Swing

As the year unfolds, our church groups are back in full swing, offering a range of enriching activities and opportunities to connect with others.

Bible Study Groups: Dive deep into the scriptures and gain new insights while sharing thoughts with fellow enthusiasts. These groups are perfect for anyone looking to deepen their understanding of the Bible in a supportive environment. Find one that suits your time you wont regret it.

Oasis Gathering: Whether you're interested in crafting, solving puzzles, or just enjoying a warm cuppa and a chat, the Oasis room is the place to be. It's a great spot to relax, make new friends, and perhaps engage in a bit of playful mischief.

Time for Me: Know a parent or carer who would appreciate some adult conversation while their little ones play and explore? Our group offers the perfect setting for preschoolers to have fun while the adults connect and share experiences.

Adult Fellowship: Our Adult Fellowship group is always eager to welcome new ladies. Join with the other ladies to share the word of God, support one another, and strengthen our community bonds through fundraising.

Whether you're looking for spiritual growth, social interaction, or a bit of both, our groups offer something for everyone. Come along and be part of our vibrant community! Times and contacts for each group is on the last page of the 'UC differently now!' newsletter.

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

[Please click here to register](#)

Online event



Dear Church Family,

Sitting heavy on my heart is the devastating impact that is unfolding across some of the communities in the northern parts of Queensland who are currently

experiencing severe flooding due to record-breaking rainfall, leading to significant impacts across regional and remote areas. Hundreds of residents have already been urged to evacuate, with emergency services conducting multiple rescues. Tragically, a woman lost her life during a rescue attempt as emergency services navigated extreme conditions. Towns like Ingham are facing ongoing power outages, disruption in essential services due to submerged infrastructure, with roads being cut and noting that all this is further complicating rescue and relief efforts.

I want to acknowledge that our community and aged care services that are stewarded by UnitingCare are working around the clock trying to ensure that the vulnerable people that we support are kept safe and continue to receive a high standard of care. I also want to recognise that some of our staff and volunteers have also experienced significant personal loss whilst continuing to serve and provide critical care and support. I learnt today that some of our staff members made the selfless and conscious decision to relocate and make our residential aged care service their home in Ingham to best position them in providing continuity of care as the township became totally isolated from the rest of the region (now for four days).

Read more of the Moderator's Reflection at the [Synod's Stories & News page](#)

Source Uniting News 4th February 2025



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



Today I am
grateful for

INSPIRED BY PSALM 138

In a world bustling with endless to-do lists and constant demands, taking a moment to express gratitude can be transformative. A prayer of thanksgiving is not just a spiritual act; it's a conscious decision to acknowledge and celebrate the good things in our lives.

When we pause to give thanks, we embrace a mindset that focuses on abundance rather than scarcity. It's about recognising the constant love and faithfulness that surround us, even amidst challenges. Gratitude shifts our perspective, reminding us of the strength we receive in return when we call out in times of need.

Consider the powerful impact of expressing gratitude not just personally but collectively. Imagine all the leaders and influencers in the world coming together to praise the positive outcomes and promises fulfilled. Such collective gratitude can inspire and uplift communities, highlighting the great glory of shared achievements and mutual support.

Even as we navigate through life's troubles, gratitude serves as a beacon of hope. It reassures us that we are cared for, that we are not alone in our struggles. By focusing on what we have rather than what we lack, we harness a power that opposes negativity and empowers us to move forward.

Let gratitude complete the work it has begun in your life. Embrace the eternal love that surrounds you and let it guide you to fulfill your potential. As you express thanksgiving, may it not only transform your heart but also inspire those around you to do the same.

Louise Crittenden.

PSALM 138:1

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart;

You're Invited to Ladies Afternoon Tea

Saturday 22nd February 2025
2:00pm
Hervey Bay Uniting Church
Donation of \$5.00
Bring a plate to share if you can
Guest speaker: TBA

BRING A FRIEND

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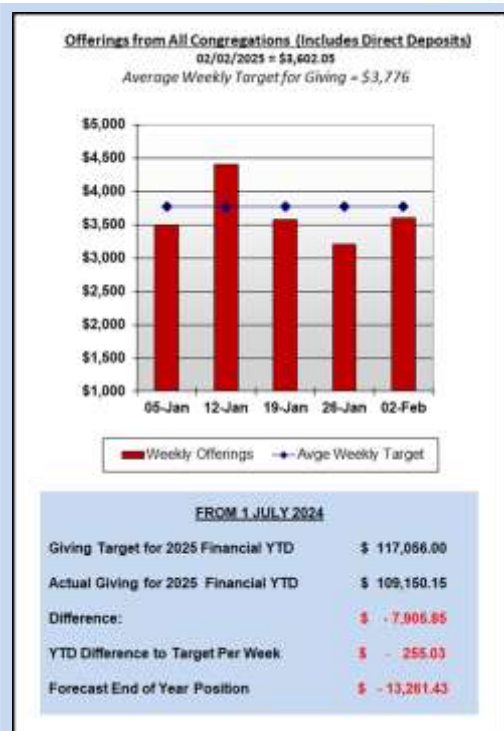
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On The First Sunday
 Of the Month
special
Morning Tea
After Sunday Service
 Hervey Bay Uniting Church
 Bring a plate to Share



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) **return 11th February 2025**

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 a welcome!

Come for fun fellowship and fundraising.

