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Differently now!

Sunday **11th February, 2024**

Issue (3)

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 Reading:

2 Kgs 2:1-12

Ps 50:1-6

2 Cor 4:3-6

Mk 9:2-9



Next Week's Lectionary Reading:

Gn 9:8-17

Ps 25:1-10

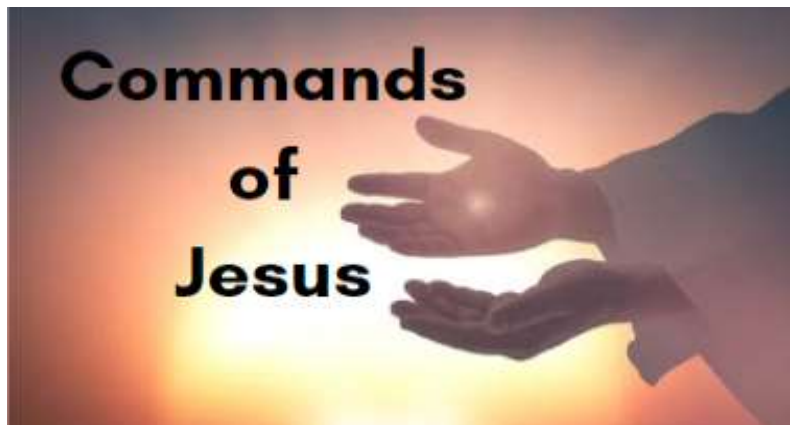
1 Pt 3:18-22

Mk 1:9-15

Rise Up Be transformed

**Hervey Bay
Message By Rev. Willem**

**Howard
Message By Rev. Wes**



Preaching at Hervey Bay is Rev Willem
Readings are **2 Kings 2:1-12 & Mark 9:2-9**
Message: **Rise Up – Be Transformed**
Preaching at Howard is Rev. Wes Furness.
Readings are **1 Corinthians 7:17-19 & Matthew 19:16-24**
Message: **Commands of Jesus**

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:
To grow Spiritually and numerically. Through prayer and forming active and accountable disciples of Jesus. We seek to grow our Congregation into effective missional church that will engage with the community and beyond.





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
20th April
Hervey Bay
11am


Presbytery Meeting
16 March 2024
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Office Hours Tuesday-Friday 9am - 12pm

Do you need prayer Today?
Please contact one of our Church Council Members
or your Pastoral Carer to pray with you.

Sunday's service is now livestreamed, when possible, on our YouTube Channel
and is also available for viewing afterwards.
[Click here to go to our YouTube channel.](#)
please subscribe to our YouTube channel.

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Ecumenical

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WEDNESDAY

7pm • Wed 14 Feb • St John's Anglican

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday
25th February
11:00am

**Nominations for Church Council
are closed**

Everyone is invited to attend

**Only, confirmed members,
baptised members and members in
association are eligible to vote**

Visitations 2024

Our Minister would really like to get to know you, the person reading this UC and worships at Burrum Heads Christian Community Church, Hervey Bay Uniting Church, and Howard Uniting Church. To do this our minister, Rev. Willem Smit would like to pay you a visit during the next year. For some, this will be a second or even a third visit, for others it may be a first visit. The visit can occur in your home, but if you are not comfortable with that, we can arrange the visit to take place in a public space (at one of the church buildings or in a coffee shop in town) where you will feel comfortable.

What Happens during a Visit?

A visit can range from anything between 50 minutes to an hour and a half. During this time minister will ask some questions about your story and your journey of faith. He will also ask if you are happy in the church. Towards the end of the visit the minister will share a Scripture Reading with you and conclude with the most important question during the visit: "May I pray for you?" In this space you can share your prayer request and the minister will pray with you.

What should you do if you want a visit?

The visitation program happens from east to west. Starting in River Heads and ending in Howard. Please ensure that your contact information is up to date at the Church Office. Louise Crittenden our Office Secretary will contact you for a visit, but only if she has your correct number. Let us say you live towards the west of the town but would like to receive a visit earlier (because life happens). In this case you can contact the Church Office or simply fill in a Care Card and Louise will arrange a visit.

Visitations will mostly be arranged for Thursdays (because on Monday the minister has his day off, on Tuesday he prepares for the Sunday Service and Wednesday he prepares for Bible Study).

Morning Teas After Our Worship Services

Following the wonderful morning tea celebration last Sunday 4 February 2024, a suggestion has been received to have a special morning tea on every 1st Sunday of a month following the Communion Service. All other Sundays will be a cuppa and biscuits.

So, we ask that, on the 1st Sunday of each month after the Communion Service, next Sunday being 3rd March, you bring a small plate of food to share with your fellow congregation members.

If not able to bring a plate, your generous donation of gold coin or other spare coins would be most appreciated, so some food could be purchased. While there are some church funds available for morning tea, these are mostly to pay for coffee, tea and milk.

With 3 people usually rostered for morning teas, on these special Sundays, if you are able to help serve food, please do so.

And the Donations container will continue to be on the serving tables every Sunday so you can leave a donation, if you would like to, to help pay for biscuits or other items needed for our Sunday morning tea.



Maundy Thursday 2024

We are already planning for Maundy Thursday 2024. The reason why we are already planning for these services so early is simple. Food is involved. On Maundy Thursday (28 March 2024) we will again have two services. One at 12:00 pm and one at 6:00 pm.

We would like to have a meal during these services and therefore need your help in preparing for this.

The menu will not be too complicated however we do ask for contributions and hands to help and with the preparations.

The Menu

- Lamb (reminder of the Passover Lamb, and Christ the Lamb that was slain)
- Bread and unleavened bread (reminder of the Unleavened Bread and the Lord's Supper)
- Roasted Potatoes and Sweet Potatoes (reminder that they are delicious and mostly allergy free)
- (Cooked) Spinach and a green salad (reminder of the bitter herbs)
- Grapes and grape juice (reminder of the wine of the Last Supper)
- Apple pie for dessert (reminder of the Charoset, the bricks and mortar in Egypt and it is a festive day in the eyes of the Church)

If you can contribute (donating of food items) and or prepare any of the items, please let us know by placing your name on the list in the foyer indicate your contribution. Based on last year's services we are planning for 40 people per service.

For planning purposes, the cut-off date will be Wednesday 28 February 2024.

Planned Leave of Rev. Willem.

Last year October, Rev. Willem and Christi-Mari planned to take leave to celebrate the birthday of Christi-Mari's mother (2 March) (who have since passed away) and his birthday (13 March) in the Garden Route in South Africa. They planned to depart on Wednesday 28 February and to return to Hervey Bay on Sunday 17 March 2024. With the passing of Christi-Mari's mother there is a possibility that they may depart a bit later. If there are any changes this will be communicated ahead of time.

Rev. Allan Smith has agreed to minister on the Sundays that Willem is away.

Bible Study Term 1

Tuesday at 2:00pm
KYB will be exploring
the Gospel of Luke.

Wednesday at 9:00am
we will be exploring Prayer.

Wednesday at 6:00pm we
will be exploring
the Gospel of Mark.

You are welcome to join us at any of
our Bible Study sessions.



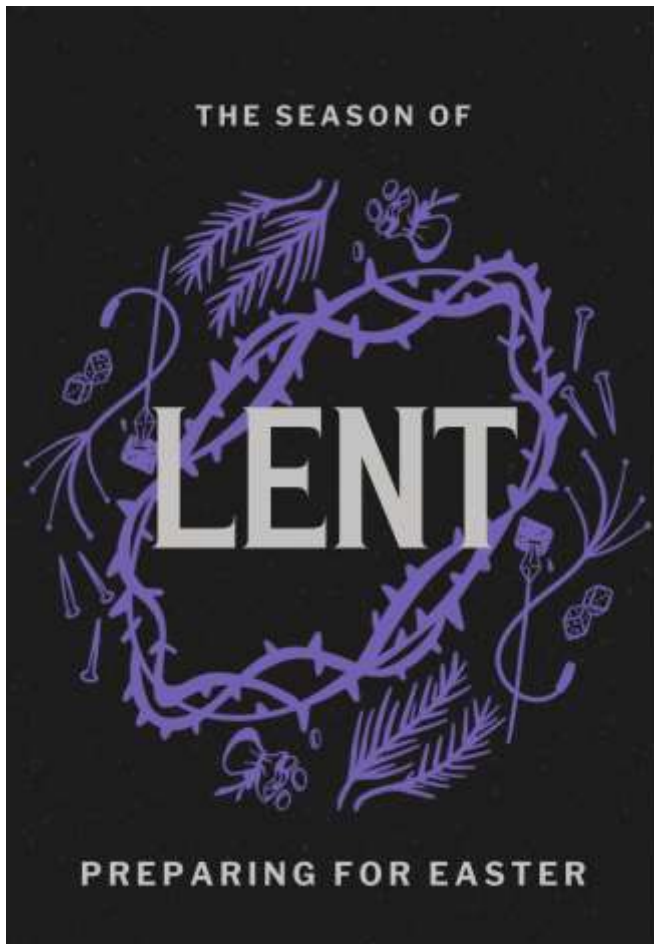
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Adult Fellowship



Friday 16th February
will be the first meet-
ing for 2024
Starts at 9:00am

All Ladies are welcome.
Come along and join the
wonderful group of ladies who
raise money for
various organisations.
Bring a plate to share for
morning Tea.



Join us for Lent as we prepare for Easter

18 February 2024 - Lent 1

Mark 1:9 - 15

Sorting out Priorities (Jesus in the Wilderness)

25 February 2024 - Lent 2

Mark 8:31 - 38

Counting the Cost (Bearing the Cross of Christ)

3 March 2024 - Lent 3

John 2:13 - 22

Decluttering the Soul (Cleansing of the Temple)

10 March 2024 - Lent 4

John 3:14 - 21

Moving from Darkness to Light (Gift of Light in the Darkness)

17 March 2024 - Lent 5

John 12:20 - 33

Freedom in Christ (A New Covenant)

24 March 2024 - Palm Sunday

John 12:12 - 16

Who is Jesus? (Jesus' Entry into Jerusalem)



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Lenten Appeal 2024

It has been decided, by Church Council, that we are not continuing with monthly Retiring Offerings but will return to the traditional Lenten Appeals.

This Lenten Appeal, the groups to receive your donations have been agreed as being:

- Frontier Services (Standing with People in the Bush)
- Uniting World (Supporting their annual Lent Event to make a real difference in the lives of those who need it most)
- Uniting Care (For health care and community services in the Hervey Bay region)
- School Chaplaincy in Hervey Bay and surrounding areas
- Fred Hollows Foundation (Focussing on treating/preventing blindness and other vision problems in Australia and many overseas countries)
- **Yoorana Women's Refuge, Maryborough (A safe place for women and children escaping abuse and violence)**

Envelopes will be available in church foyer from Sunday 18 February until Sunday 31 March 2024. As in previous years, all money received from this Lenten appeal will be equally split and dispersed across the 6 charities.



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.



Thank you for your generous giving

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.'

**Scheduled
Groups**

Monday

Morning Prayer - 8:30 - 9:00am (in recess)

M&M's 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 9:30am (Contact Thora on 0422 676 479)

KYB 'Know Your Bible' Hervey Bay 2 pm (Lynn 0427 809 224)

Wednesday

Wes's Bible Study 9 am (Contact Wes 0412 235 815)

Sewl Sisters advanced sewing, special projects. 10am-2pm (Contact office)

Rev Willem's Bible Study 6pm (contact Willem or the Office)

Thursday

Time for me Playgroup for families with preschool children.

Enjoy a drink and bikkie while the children play 9:30am—11.30am

(Contact Arlene 0447 359 288)

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.

10am to 2pm (Contacts Gwyn 41255242 or Office 4125 5233)

Saturday

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

Join a group. As it says in Ephesians 5:30

'because we are members of his body.'

Used Stamps
and
Recipes
please



Adult Fellowship

February 16th 9:00am

All Ladies Welcome
to come along

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.

