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Sunday **2nd June, 2024**

Issue (19)

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:

[1 Samuel 3:1-10 \(11-20\)](#)

[Psalms 139:1-6,13-18](#)

[2 Corinthians 4:5-12](#)

[Mark 2:23-3:6](#)



Next Week's Lectionary Reading:

[1 Samuel 8:4-11\(12-15\)16-20 \(11:14-15\)](#)

Psalm 138

[2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1](#)

[Mark 3:20-35](#)

Those worshipping at Hervey Bay please be patient as we work to change the physical area that all the electronical equipment is in. This is a work in progress and will take a little time until we see what our requirements are.

Burrum Heads

7:30am

Hervey Bay

9:30am

Active in the
Kingdom of God
Rev. Willem Smit



Howard 9:30am
What is
The Holy Spirit
Rev. Wes Furness

Preaching at Burrum Heads and Hervey Bay is **Rev Willem Smit**
Reading is Mark 2:23-3:6 **Message:** Active in the Kingdom of God
Preaching at Howard is **Rev. Wes Furness**. Readings are: John 3:1-13
Romans 8:1,4-11 **Message:** What is the Holy Spirit

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
27th July
Hervey Bay
11am


Presbytery Meeting
20 July 2024
Venue Gayndah UC

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 admin@hbuc.org.au
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 **(07) 4125 5233**
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 livestreaming is suspended until July due to technical issues.
Older services are available on our YouTube Channel. So you are welcome to check them out.
[Click here to go to our YouTube channel.](#) Please subscribe



35 DAYS OF PRAYER ACROSS THE UNITING CHURCH

Across the whole of the Uniting Church congregations are uniting in prayer up to the next national Assembly meeting..

Through out The Bible we are encouraged to pray for our needs, for others, and for God's will to be done. We are told not to be afraid of anything and bring everything to God from our smallest concerns, not to be afraid and bring everything to God, from daily concerns to bigger worries. ([Philippians 4:6](#), [Matthew 6:9-13](#))

We have been approached by **Gospel Hall Melbourne asking if they can pray for us for us and we have given a prayer list. We have in return asked them to send us a prayer list, which I will detail both of them below. First I will give you some details on the Gospel Hall Melbourne so you understand who they are and their situation.**

[Click here if you want to find out more about them.](#) This will take you to their website.

Gospel Hall Melbourne Church is the oldest evangelical Chinese church in Melbourne as well as in the whole of Australia. It originated during the Victorian Gold Rush era and has a history of over 150 years. It was the fruit of the Wesley Mission to spread the gospel to Chinese miners. In 1872, a Chinese church was planned and the building was established on July 14.

We have asked them to pray for the following:-

- ✠ Rev Willem Smit and his wife Christi-Mari and their ministry to us here at Hervey Bay, Burrum Heads and Howard
- ✠ Howard UC is celebrating 140 years of Worship this year pray for us to reach the community and bring them back to church.
- ✠ continual growth in our multi-cultural services that are held at Hervey Bay which are Korean and Afrikaans.
- ✠ our Bible study groups,
- ✠ our group Time for Me that give preschool parents/cares some timeout to talk while the children do activities.
- ✠ our 2 outreach groups, Oasis and Sewl sisters that bring people to the church for a chat, game and/or craft.

May all that we do bring people into a closer relationship with Christ.

The following is Gospel Hall Melbourne's prayer request.

We thank God for placing us as a Chinese congregation in Melbourne Chinatown, our ministry as a church having begun during the Victorian Gold Rush years, and to our knowledge we are the oldest continually functioning Chinese congregation since its conception in Australia, if not the world; and we look forward to celebrating our 152 years of ministry to the Melbourne Chinese community in July.

- ✠ We ask for divine wisdom to guide the process of succession planning for our beloved Minister of the Word, Tony Lai, who has served with us for over a decade, and whose upcoming retirement will leave a gap in the crucial position of Minister in our almost 200-member congregation of English, Cantonese and Mandarin speakers, a role which our own Presbytery currently has difficulty resourcing for an appropriate replacement.
- ✠ We ask for an English Services pastor also, someone who understands Chinese culture but skilled in English, for the second generation members of Gospel Hall, who in faith initiated a worshipping service of their own, aiming to meet the spiritual needs of second generation Chinese Australians who long to glorify God in English also, their heart language, as a result of having assimilated in Australia.
- ✠ We also need wisdom to adequately reach out to our current sister congregation in South

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Prayerfully consider becoming our Pastoral Care Co - Ordinator

Hervey Bay Uniting Church is in need of a new Pastoral Care Co-Ordinator.

The role of our Pastoral Care Co-Ordinator is to oversee the pastoral care of our church members (attending and no longer able to attend services) through our Pastoral Carer Team.

Our Co-Ordinator will be in regular contact with our Pastoral Carer Team through phone calls, face-to-face catchup and regular meetings with the Team to discuss concerns or issues of the Team.

Our Co-Ordinator also provides a report to the Church Council at scheduled meetings on the activity of the Team or special support that may be needed from the Church Council to further the Pastoral Care of our church members.

Each member of the Pastoral Care Team has been assigned a number of our church members, usually close to their residential area, who they are asked to be in touch with regularly to see how that person is going, call in for a short visit to have a chat and share a prayer or passage from the Scriptures and to meet with other Carers on a regular basis for their own spiritual well-being and to discuss any concerns they have about one of their people.

Please pray about whether you are able to take on this critical position within our congregation. For any further information, please talk with Coral Deeth who has recently stepped down from this role.

Pastoral Carers needed if you feel you have a calling for this please contact our

previous Pastoral Care Co-Ordinators either Coral Deeth or Lorrelle Dimmick who will talk to you about it.

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✠ Camberwell. South Camberwell Gospel Hall has reached out to Gospel Hall Melbourne as our two congregations, not only having a common history, but are at a stage where an exploration of potential partnership may become strategic for the flourishing of both our continuing ministries.

✠ We also thank God for the continuing support of Wesley Church Melbourne since the 1970s, whose continuing support for Gospel Hall Melbourne has been consistently provided for us with full trust and minimal intrusion of our aims and activities, as they continue to allow us to use their worship space for the overflow of our worshipping community's needs, even as they continue to function as a worshipping community themselves. We pray for a continuously harmonious partnership with Wesley Church to flourish and to benefit both congregations.

Loving God, we thank You for attending to our prayers: may they find favour in Your sight.

In Christ's Name,
AMEN



Wesley LifeForce Suicide Prevention Training

We deliver a robust and evidence based program which focuses upon educating people about suicide, challenging attitudes and teaching basic engagement and engagement and suicide intervention skills.

Participants will have increased confidence in their ability to identify people who may be at risk of suicide, communicate appropriately with a suicidal person, ask a person if they are considering suicide and conduct a suicide intervention.

Participants will learn:

- Awareness of the requirements for classification of a death as suicide
- Knowledge of the occurrence and demographics of suicide in Australia
- Be able to identify risk and protective factors
- Differentiate between risk factors and warning signs
- Capability to be able to implement the SALT suicide intervention strategy
- Identify national and local suicide prevention resources

"The workshop was so beneficial for me personally and professionally. It was presented with genuine authenticity and care towards everyone attending. I will be recommending the training to my colleagues." Recent Participant

Date & Time: Tuesday, 11 June 2024,

9:00 am – 1:00 pm AEST

Location: Hervey Bay RSL, 11 Torquay Road, Pialba, QLD 4655

Click on poster to register

Register with this link: [Wesley LifeForce Suicide Prevention Half Day Workshop - Hervey Bay, QLD Tickets, Tue 11/06/2024 at 9:00 am | Eventbrite](#)

Email LifeForce@wesleymission.org.au or call Glen Wallwork at 0439 050 559 for more information

This program is accredited with Quality Innovation Performance Limited (QIP), assessed against the Suicide Prevention Australia Standards for Quality Improvement.



Wesley LifeForce Suicide Prevention Program gratefully acknowledges the funding provided by the Australian Government

USE OF HALL, SEMINAR ROOM AND OUR CHURCH

If your group is gathering in the hall, seminar room or the church for a meeting or fellowship, please ensure the following is complied with:

- Tidy the area after use which may include repositioning chairs/tables to how they were when you arrived
- Clear any rubbish that may result from your gathering, e.g., disposable cups, food containers, etc.
- Empty any rubbish bins as needed
- In kitchen areas, please clear and wipe down surfaces, hang tea-towels and dish-cloths on hangers available, put away any crockery or other kitchen items used
- In hall, please sweep the kitchen and hall floors after use
- Ensure all doors are secured, this includes external doors but especially the sliding door between the church and the OASIS room

Thank you for your compliance with our request as it will ensure that our facilities are kept in a clean and presentable condition ready for next user which includes external hirers who are paying for use of our facilities.

Visitations 2024

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 should you do if you want a visit?

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. 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).

**An exciting and fulfilling experience if you are able to help our
More details Manila Barnett details below.**

Re:Expression of Interest to Become an International Homestay Family

Fraser Coast Anglican College's Homestay Program facilitates a cultural exchange between international students and local individuals or families.

We are confident you will enjoy the cultural experience of hosting an international student in your home.

If you are interested, please contact us on (07)4197 93 88,

via email: homestay@fcac.qld.edu.au

or through our link:

<https://>

www.fcac.qld.edu.au/homestay/



Warm Regards
Manila Barnett
Homestay Coordinator

Let us pray.

The Church's One Foundation

Jesus, our rock and our foundation,
we know that:
wherever there is welcome,
wherever there is love,
wherever there is true kindness and friendship,
wherever there is justice and peace,
wherever there is lasting and abiding hope,

there will always be you.
May the same be said of us,
your church and your people.

When people meet us, may they meet glimpses of you and the one who sent you. May they experience welcome, love, friendship and hope, as we strive to continue your movement of love and justice in a broken world.
Amen.

Alydia Smith (the Rev. Dr.) The United Church of Canada

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.



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



GRIEF and LOSS

Have you experienced the death of a loved one?

An 8-week Grief and Loss Program to help you work through your grief.

Starting Wednesday 5 June 2024



For registration or more information phone Sharon Kirk 0448 115 227.

 **BlueCare**
Live life your way

Justice of the Peace (JP)

Between the hours of 11.00am to 1.00pm on Fridays when the **Oasis Group** is meeting a JP will be available to sign documents.

This is open to all Hervey Bay Uniting Church Congregations and those attending the Oasis Group.

This is a trial to see the viability.



*Scheduled
Groups*

Monday

Morning Prayer - **Church Seminar Room** 8:30 - 9:00am **(in recess)**
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)

KYB 'Know Your Bible' Hervey Bay - **Church Seminar Room** 2 pm
(Contact Lynn 0427 809 224)

Wednesday

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)

Rev Willem's Bible Study - **Church Seminar Room** 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 - **Church Hall** 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.

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 - Hervey Bay **Church Hall** after service
1st Sunday of the Month— if you are able please bring a plate to share
Join a group. As it says in Ephesians 5:30
'because we are members of his body.'

Adult Fellowship

June 21st 2024
Church Seminar Room
All Ladies
Welcome
to come along.



Used Stamps, please
leave a boarder on
them
and Recipes please