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**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2023**

**Issue (17)**

## 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 additional costs of consumables.

### Lectionary Reading:

[Acts 1:6-14](#)  
[Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35](#)  
[1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11](#)  
[John 17:1-11](#)



### Next Week's Lectionary Reading:

Acts 2:1-21 or Num 11:24-30  
Ps 104:24-34, 35b  
1 Cor 12:3b-13 or Acts 2:1-21  
Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 7:37-39

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven  
hallowed be your name  
Your kingdom come

## Burrum Heads & Hervey Bay Message Theme



power, and the glory  
are yours, now and  
forever,  
Amen.

## Howard Message Theme

CAST  
ALL YOUR  
*Cares*  
UPON  
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## 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](mailto: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](mailto:shiree.tropix@gmail.com)






**Church Council**  
**17th June**  
**11am**  
**Hervey Bay**




**Presbytery Meeting**  
**22nd July 2023**  
**Venue: Glasshouse**  
**Mountains 8am**

### Church Contact

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 [www.hbuc.org.au](http://www.hbuc.org.au)  
 Facebook

 **(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 is now livestreamed 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.



# 10 Days of Prayer 18–28 May 2023



Acts 1:14

They gathered frequently to pray as a group,  
together with the women and with Mary the  
mother of Jesus and with his brothers.



Hervey Bay  
Uniting Church

## Prayer services

10 am and 6 pm Monday 22nd

10 am and 6 pm Tuesday 23rd

10 am and 6 pm Wednesday 24th

56 Exteter St Torquay

# Program for 10 days of Prayer

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|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 22 May 2023 | 10:00 am & 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting<br>Praying for the Local Church—<br>Revival                   |
| 23 May 2023 | 10:00 am & 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting<br>Praying for the Local Church—<br>Evangelism                |
| 24 May 2023 | 10:00 am & 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting<br>Praying for the Local Church—<br>Church Growth             |
| 25 May 2023 | Praying from the Guide<br>Praying for the Global Church—<br>A World under Oppression            |
| 26 May 2023 | Praying from the Guide<br>Praying for the Global Church—<br>A World in Poverty                  |
| 27 May 2023 | Praying from the Guide<br>Praying for the Global Church—<br>A World in Need of Leaders          |
| 28 May 2023 | Pentecost<br>9:30 am Pentecost Service<br>Pray for the Work of the Holy Spirit in our<br>Lives. |

## First aid course

Please contact the office if you wish to do your CPR update or full course. Until we get the numbers we will not know the cost of the course and the location. If you don't have your first aid certificate and would like to get it please let us know.

**"To let love and kindness be the barometer, let go of inflammatory issues. Let go and let God."**

**Source:- Uniting Church Assembly Website <https://uniting.church/meet-sylvia-and-don-wright/>**



### **What's your Uniting Church story?**

**Don and Sylvia:** During our married life we worshipped at South Rockhampton Parish and Capricorn Coast Uniting Churches. For the past seven years, we have been part of a Spirit-led, loving and outward-looking church family at Hervey Bay, Burrum Heads and Howard Uniting Churches

### **In what ways do you volunteer?**

**Don:** I am a member of the Orphans and Vulnerable Children, Zambia, support team (Port Lincoln) which was well assisted in setup by UnitingWorld. I have had three placements there since 2011 and write a worldwide newsletter for this project quarterly.

**Sylvia:** With Don, I have volunteered, pre and post-retirement in Tonga, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Cambodia and Zambia; some church-based and some with NGOs; teaching, student support, finance, pastoral care of staff and anything we could help with. Currently, we are volunteers and advocate for UnitingWorld in the Mary Burnett Presbytery and beyond, such as Carpentaria and NSW, as we feel called.

### **What enlivens your faith?**

**Don:** Seeing our Creator God at work in the world and His working in the lives of faithful people.

**Sylvia:** Knowing the Lord is present in everything I see, do and say and forgives me when I get things wrong. I am strengthened by prayer and Christian Meditation. I lead an ecumenical Christian Meditation group.

### **What's one thing happening in your community that's really exciting for you?**

**Don:** Thursday morning coffee on the waterfront with a group of 10-12 men, some are non-church – great shared hospitality.

**Sylvia:** Well, Saturday, 13 May, Hervey Bay Uniting Church had a Market Day where a cooking competition, stalls for craft, plants, food, bric-a-brac and elephants stall brought the community to our church. AND we made about \$2000 for UnitingWorld!! Very exciting and great fun.

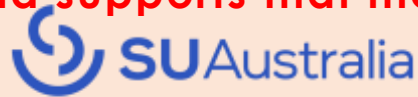
### **What's one great thing about being a volunteer?**

**Don and Sylvia:** Being a volunteer opens us up to the needs of others less fortunate than ourselves in a practical, hands-on way. And it's supported by our prayer life. There are heaps of things we could do in our small unit – painting the walls, for example – but no time. This is not a problem but a blessing because we are thankful that at 73 years of age our fairly good health enables us to volunteer. **(continues on next page)**

Retiring Offering for May we are supporting  
Scripture Union Queensland  
School Chaplaincy

Cards for sale in foyer.

**100%** of the sale goes into that months Retiring Offering.  
Each card sold supports that months mission.



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**What's one thing you love telling people about the UCA?**

**Don and Sylvia:** The UCA spreads Christ's message of love not only in local Church life but widely through its agencies –

UnitingWorld, Frontier Services, UnitingCare, UnitingJustice  
and the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress.

Many Uniting Church folk do not know this.

**What's one thing you'd like to change, or something you hope for?**

**Don and Sylvia:** For Christians to be more open to God's call outside of church attendance; to open our hearts and reach out in discipleship. Yes, the Great Commission, so let's not sit on our hands!

For Christians to know the power of Prayer.

**What's one thing you would like the rest of the Uniting Church to pray for?**

**Don:** Marginalised people, people who don't feel included or who are put off by the church.

Presenting a stronger face/image of Christian faith in our communities across Australia – and to not be complacent in our faith journey but to speak out.

Communities who have been strong and faithful and now struggling to keep churches going – the impact of Covid, natural disasters and ageing. For Ecumenism, churches working together, in country areas.

**Sylvia:** To let love and kindness be the barometer, let go of inflammatory issues. Let go and let God.

**Office hours for the coming week**

Monday 22nd 8-12

Tuesday 23rd 8-12

Wednesday 24th 8-12

Thursday Office Closed

Friday Office Closed Fraser coast Show day

**Your weekly tithes/offerings** are important part of worship it helps pay for or 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

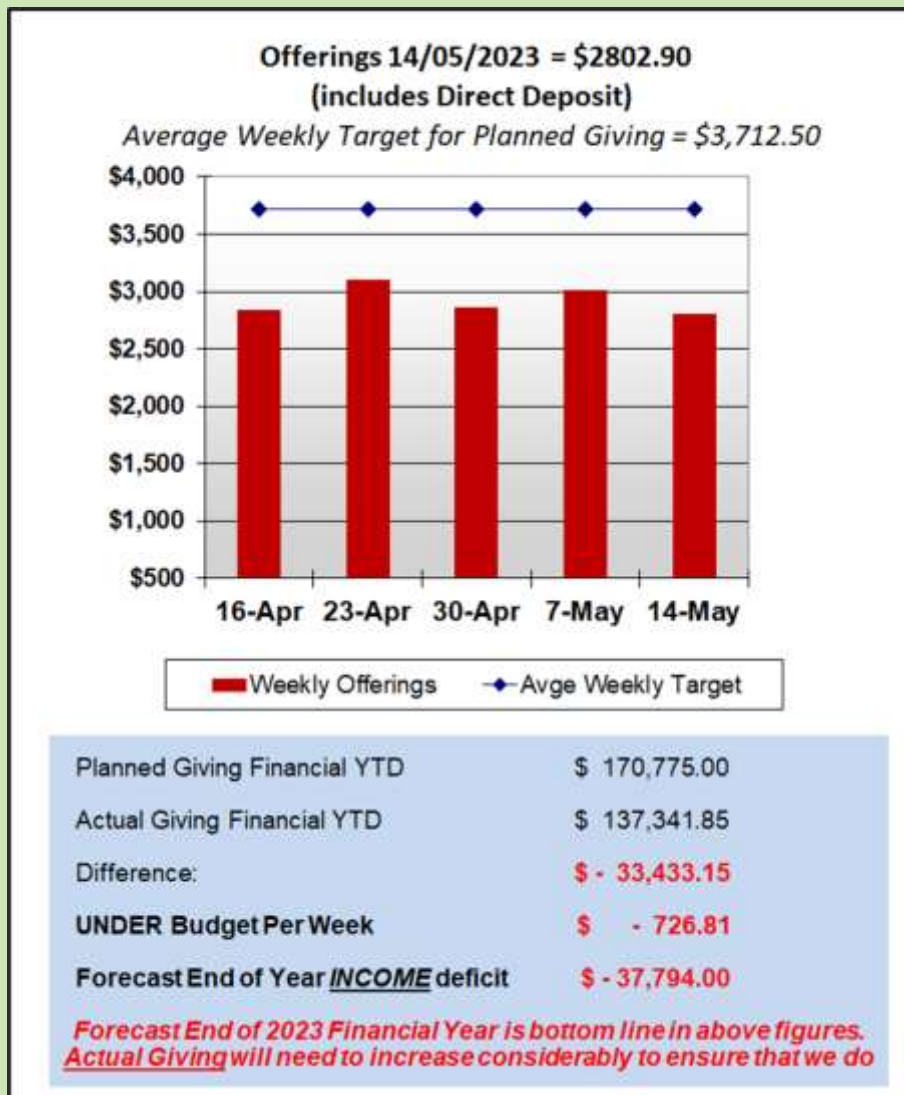
Or **Giving can be banked directly into our ANZ Account**

**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

### Bible Studies and Prayers

#### Monday

Morning Prayer - 8:30- 9:00am

#### 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 2pm(Lynn 0427 809 224)

- KYB - Know Your Bible Howard 2pm (Contact Robyn 0428 819 128)

#### Wednesday

- Wes's Bible Study 9:00 am (Contact Wes 0412 235 815)

- Rev Willem's Bible Study 6:00pm (contact Willem or the Office)

#### Thursday

- Time for me 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.

**10:00am to 2:00pm** (Contacts Gwyn 41255242 or Office 4125 5233)

#### Saturday

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

Join a group *because* Ephesians 5:30 *because* we are members of his body.



### **Adult Fellowship**

June 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.



Many Hands Make **LIGHT** Work