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Sunday 28th Jan, 2024

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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 Reading:

Dt 18:15-20

Ps 111

1 Cor 8:1-13

Mk 1:21-28



Next Week's Lectionary Reading:

Is 40:21-31

Ps 147:1-11, 20c

1 Cor 9:16-23

Mk 1:29-39



Hervey Bay - Burrum Heads - Howard

Please send in your report for the annual report.

A review for what your group has achieved in 2023 and your plans for 2024. Please keep it concise it has been suggest to 250 words or thereabouts. If you have any pictures you would like to attach

please do.

Please send by email in Word Document and pictures via email also.

Thanks

Groups in 2024

If you wish to continue running a group in 2024 or start a new group, contact the office to get a risk assessment form.

Without a completed approved risk assessment your group is not permitted to start in 2024 you and the church are not covered by insurance.

This is to ensure that our church provides a safe environment for everyone. Because everyone matters.

Preaching at Hervey Bay is Rev. Willem Smit.

Readings are Deuteronomy 18:15-22 & Mark 1:21-28 Message **Rise Up – God's Power**

Preaching at Howard is Paddy Walker.

Readings are **Deuteronomy 18:14-20 and Mark 1:21-28** Message: **Knowledge over faith or Faith over knowledge**

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
TBA
11am


Presbytery Meeting
16 March 2024
Venue TBA

Church Contact
56 Exeter Street
Torquay QLD 4655
(PO Box 5072)
 **(07) 4125 5233**
Office Hours Tuesday-Friday 9am - 12pm
 admin@hbuc.org.au
 www.hbuc.org.au
 Facebook

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.](#)


Church Family Luncheon



3rd February 2024



11:30am

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

Donation: \$10.00



Hervey Bay Uniting Church
56 Exeter St Torquay QLD 4655



Marj Fairlie

3rd January 2024 Aged 92 years

Beloved mother to Keith and Helen
Beloved mother-in-law to Mai and Michael
Beloved Nana to Tifan, Alexandra, Jacquelyn, Nicholas

Family and friends are invited to a

Memorial Service

Uniting Church
Tavistock St & Exeter St, Torquay QLD 4655
10am Friday 2nd February

It is a request that you wear a shade of purple
Following the service
Refreshments will be served in the Church Hall
Kindly provided by friends of Marj

We have a request from our Forbes Cancer Care Centre about any sewing groups or individual who would be willing to make some ladies head scarves to give to patients? Refer above right for styles.

Is there anyone that would be interested please contact the office for further details.



Volunteers CARE

Lend a hand ... become a pastoral care volunteer.

Do you want to become equipped with the skills to provide pastoral care and support to people in your church and local community?

The Volunteers CARE Essentials Course is a basic introduction to Christian pastoral care where you will learn the foundational skills needed to get started on your pastoral care journey.

Volunteers CARE Essentials is also ideal as a refresher course for Church leaders.

Venue	Hervey Bay Uniting Church 56 Exeter St, Torquay QLD 4655
Date	Saturdays 3 & 10 February 2024
Time	9am - 5pm each day
Contact	Rev Keren Seto keren.seto@uhealth.com.au

Register now

ucaqld.com.au/volunteerscare

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.



Hervey Bay Uniting Church

Click on form to go to registration page or type the ucaqld.com.au/volunteerscare into address bar.

Congregational meeting

The Hervey Bay meeting will be on Sunday 25th February 2024 at 11am.

Nominations for Church Council to be in before 12noon 8th of February 2024. Prayerfully consider taking on the role.

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 2023. 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.

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.



Seeking
Volunteers for
this ministry

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).



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For further information and to register contact - Julie Terry 0428289213 cri@hbcma.com.au

You must complete the safe ministries training at the Church to be able to be signed off by the church to do RI



Starts back the Thursday 8th February 2024

Group for Parents and Carers to have time out while the children are kept busy with activities.

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**

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) **Recess Back on 6 February at 8.20 am**
- WOW Lady's Fellowship 9:30am (Contact Thora on 0422 676 479) **Recess**
- KYB- Know Your Bible Hervey Bay 2pm(Lynn 0427 809 224) **Recess**

Wednesday

- Wes's Bible Study 9:00 am (Contact Wes 0412 235 815) **Recess**
- Sewl Sisters advanced sewing, special projects. 10am-2pm (Contact office) **Recess**
- Rev Willem's Bible Study 6:00pm (contact Willem or the Office) **Recess**

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) **Starts 8th Feb**

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) **Recess**

Saturday

- Church Family Luncheon 11:30 am **1st Saturday in the Month** unless otherwise advertised (Contact Wes 0412 235 815) **Not in January**
Join a group because 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.

