

Welcome!

Welcome to Auburn Uniting Church! We hope that your time with us is rewarding, whether you are here for worship or one of the many other programmes conducted in the church during the year.

Worshipping at Auburn Uniting Church

Worship is central to the life of the church, and the worship offered to God should be the best we can offer. We seek to incorporate both the church's worship traditions and contemporary worship practice. We follow a formal liturgy, which is outlined in the pew sheet given to worshippers on arrival.

Following the service, morning tea is served in the lower right-hand area of the church. *Please* join us there after the service! On the third Sunday of the month we also usually gather for lunch at midday in the hall at the rear of the church. You are most welcome to join us!

At the back (south) corner of the church there is an area where children may enjoy some quiet activities.

You can discover more about the buildings with the pamphlets "Notes for a self-guided tour" and "Notes on the Organ", both of which are usually available on the resources table at the rear of the worship space. Texts of sermons from previous weeks are also available from the resources table.

We also invite you to sign the visitors' book in the narthex.

The Choir

The choir makes an important contribution to the worship of the congregation. The psalm will usually be sung by the choir, as will an anthem which reflects one of the themes of the Bible readings for the day. If you're interested in being part of the choir, contact the music director, Bruce Macrae, on 9443 7063. Rehearsals are weekly at 8pm on Thursday evenings.

Study Groups

Two study groups are currently running in the parish. One group meets most Wednesday nights (not usually on the 1st Wed. of the month), 7.30pm in the Pawsey Room (part of the Hall complex behind the church). Another group meets Friday mornings, 10am at Kew

Uniting Church (Highbury Grove, Kew). Check the most recent Sunday notice sheet for information about other study and discussion times which may currently be on offer.

Other groups

Monthly Coffee Morning

This social group meets monthly on the first Thursday at 10.15am in the Pawsey Room. Details of some forthcoming events are given on the back of this brochure

Friends of the Tower

The Friends of the Auburn Tower Inc. is a non-denominational, not-for-profit body which seeks to raise awareness of the architectural significance of the Auburn Uniting Church complex of buildings and to support their conservation - the Tower in particular. To this end, the Friends arrange concerts and other programmes during the year. Membership of the Friends is open to all who have an interest in the buildings.

Disabled Access

Disabled access to the church is via the "right" (east-most) front door of the church. Wheelchair access to the Hall is via the Pawsey Room.

Toilet Facilities

Toilets can be found in either the external facilities adjacent to the hall complex behind the church (see the signpost!) or in two locations inside the main hall, behind the stage (these internal facilities include a disabled-access cubicle).



"Bling for Buka" 2009

The Bougainville interest group and the Auburn Uniting Church are joining to raise funds for the work of the Nazareth Centre for Rehabilitation run by the Congregation of the Sisters of Nazareth in Chabai (Buka) Bougainville. We are planning a giant second-hand "bling" (jewellery) sale in October at Auburn Uniting Church. Donations of costume jewellery you no longer use or want are being sought for this fund-raising initiative. We are looking for everything, whole, broken, new and old, and are collecting now. We are happy to collect your "Bling". All you need to do is contact us and we'll arrange collection or drop off.

The Sisters of Nazareth operate a rehabilitation centre opened after the Bougainville Crisis (1989 - 1999). Today the centre also provides counselling, community leadership training, peace and reconciliation negotiation, food security workshops and training to help women, girls and children in life skills.

Website

In addition to further information about the life and history of the congregation and its buildings, the website includes the texts of Sunday sermons and news of coming events in the congregation.

Facilities for hire

Inquiries about hire of the church or hall or use of the organ for individual practice can be directed to Alan Chuck on 9813 8175, fax 9813 8176, e-mail mail@auburnuc.org.au. Some cost and availability details can be found on the congregation's website.

The Minister

The parish minister is (Rev Dr) Craig Thompson. Craig is also minister at Kew Uniting Church. There is usually not much time after the Sunday service at Auburn before he has to leave for the 11am Kew service. Craig's contact details are on the front page of this leaflet.

Coming Events

(All are welcome at these events!)



Easter Services

Maundy Thursday April 9 7.30pm

Good Friday April 10 9.30am

Good Friday Apr 10 7pm

Charles Wood's St Mark Passion (The Passion of our Lord according to Saint Mark), presented by the Ad Hoc Singers, directed by Bruce Macrae. Admission by donation, with proceeds to the Uniting Church Lenten Appeal.

Easter Day April 12 9.30 am

Sunday April 19

Rev Dr Sandy Yule will speak on the Old Testament book of Judges.

11am, following worship and morning tea; all invited to stay for lunch afterwards!

Sunday April 19

Organ Concert presented by Thomas Haywood

Details to be confirmed: check the website

Sunday May 17

Rev Dr Peter Blackwood will speak on the use of the Psalms in the liturgy.

11am, following worship and morning tea; all invited to stay for lunch afterwards!

Bling for Buka

Saturday October 24

See over for more details

FRIENDS OF THE TOWER CONCERT PROGRAMME 2009

All events at Auburn Uniting Church
Enquiries and Telephone Bookings 9818 2119

Saturday 15 August at 5pm

Winter Delights

The Melbourne Mandolin Orchestra plays music for strings, and Pergolesi's Stabat Mater

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Sunday 13 September at 2.30pm

Spring Recital

Lachlan Redd, Organ, showing the splendour and versatility of Auburn's historic Fincham instrument on its 120th birthday.

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Sunday 25 October at 2.30pm

Pilgrim's Progress: Walking, Talking and Singing

Merlyn Quaife, soprano,
accompanied by Bruce Macrae, piano.

Meet a modern day Pilgrim and hear the tales of those she met along the way, enhanced by songs from Schubert, Weill, Willcock, Dvorak and Mozart.

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Sunday 22 November at 2.30pm

St Cecilia's Day Concert

The Australian Boys Choir presents a programme of choral gems and Advent carols

AUBURN UNITING CHURCH

INFORMATION FOR VISITORS

FEEL FREE TO TAKE THIS PAMPHLET!!



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