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Keeping in Touch

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WELCOME!

We welcome all visitors with us today and pray your time with us will be a blessed one. Stay for morning tea after the service!



9:00 am service

Preacher:	Rev Bruce Cornish	1st Reading	Acts 3: 12—19
Reader:	Helen Beck	2nd Reading	1 John 3: 1—3
		Gospel	Luke 24: 36—49

We aspire to be a people of God led by the Holy Spirit to practice and spread the love of Jesus Christ in the world

Richard's Rambling 18 April 2021

A couple of at-first-glance unconnected episodes in The Life of Lance have served to validate (at least anecdotally) my long-held theology of Grace, undeserved divine favour.

Dog-carers among you will be familiar with the first. Leisa, our visiting niece and I went to Magnetic Island for the day on Friday last week. We promised Yannie as we left that we wouldn't be very long. That was a well-meaning fib. Of course we were out all day, leaving her alone, and she's not very well right now, an old dog who needs reassuring company. But when we came home, did she sulk and make us feel guilty for our day-long neglect? Not a bit of it, she cavorted all around the place, licking and loving any human in tongue-reach, saying with her body language, "Don't worry about how I've been, I'm just happy to see you now, and I want to demonstrate unconditional, no mention of the past, love."

The second is more difficult to wrap our doctrinal minds around, but I think is related to the first. Someone on social media posted that they had asked a 7 year old what was Jesus doing during the three days in Hell between his crucifixion and resurrection. The answer? "He was looking for his friend, Judas."

Look, I don't know about whom you're despairing, yourself or someone dearly loved, but God's grace in Christ trumps whatever you fear for yourself or, for that matter, the whole world.

Romans 5: For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!

Bible Study restarts Wednesday 21 April, 7:30pm in the church or back room. We will look at John Ch 21. Jesus catches up with his friends after Easter.

For Leaders in Ministry with Children & Families

Thursday 29 April 7.15pm-9pm

⇒ Session: **Unpacking the BIG questions of life and faith with children**

Friday 30 April 9am-12.30pm - 2 sessions!


⇒ Session 1: **The Power of Story**

⇒ Session 2: **Games that teach; Games that reach; Games for fun**

Guest Presenter: Terry Williams

Children's Ministry Specialist, SU Qld & SU International

Venue: Willows Presbyterian Church, **Carthew St,** Kirwan



Aitkenvale Uniting Church invites you to a

WOMENS' MORNING RETREAT
SATURDAY 8th MAY
from 8:30am to 12.00pm

Come for coffee at 8:30am and worship at 9.00am. Join us for an enjoyable morning of fellowship and worship as we encounter God's presence through the Scriptures. Morning tea provided.

What is it that makes the women who follow Jesus, so unique? Is it girl power; feminism or something else? Let's talk about our identity as women of grace and how we might share this good news with our daughters and other women in 21st century culture.

"...and put on the new self, created after the likeness of God." Eph 4:24

Young or old and all ages in between are welcome. Bring your bible, pen and notebook, a pillow for your comfort (optional).

RSVP to Ann-Louise, Kate, Wendy by 4.00 pm Wednesday 5th May.

Dear God
Is "impossible" just a punctuation problem?
Amen

I'm Possible



Roster for 25 April 2021

9:00 am service:

Preacher:	John Short
Reader:	TBA
First Reading:	Acts 2: 1—21
Second Reading:	Rom 8: 22—27
Gospel:	John 15: 26—27 16: 4—15
Greater / Door Steward:	Margaret Lowe
Offering:	Wayne Paul
Announcements:	David B-T
Morning Tea:	Susan Burton, Chitra Madhavan
Flowers:	Tominica Taumololo

