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## **Aspley-Albany Creek Anglican Church Stages First *U2Charist* in Queensland**

Not your usual Saturday night Band venue.

Looking for something different to do on a Saturday night? Do you enjoy live music, singing, dancing and helping a great cause? Well read on.

Aspley-Albany Creek Anglican Church will present what is believed to be Queensland's first ***U2Charist***, on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 6.30pm. The hour-long service featuring U2 music will be held at the Aspley-Albany Creek Anglican Church. Admission is free and it will be open to all, no matter what their beliefs.

"The ***U2Charist*** service will be supported by a band of young Anglicans who have been touched by the spiritual lyrics of U2 music," said Revd John Roundhill, Rector of Aspley-Albany Creek Anglican Church.

He further explained, "We want to attract the youth of Brisbane into church and allow them to express their faith in a manner that better supports their lifestyle. It is our hope to fill the Church with people singing and dancing. Instead of our traditional service, we will replace hymns with U2 music. Prayers will be offered by the young people and Holy Communion will be available to all."

***U2Charist*** is staged in support of the Make Poverty History campaign. At the end of ***U2Charist*** there will be an opportunity for people to donate to a number of charities including, ABM, The Micah Challenge, 40 hour famine, Oxfam and Compassion. Access Street Vans will also be present and will gladly accept donations of Tea, Coffee and Milo.

The Anglican Church has a long history and strong commitment in working for social justice and for the fight against Poverty and HIV/Aids, issues which Bono and U2 are dedicated to. Bono, the lead singer of U2 founded DATA (Debt, AIDS, and Trade for Africa) to continue to address the realities of extreme poverty and global AIDS, while also educating and empowering people to take further action.

Bono was named Person of the Year (2005), along with Bill and Melinda Gates, for his tireless work on behalf of the poor and people living with HIV/AIDS. "We're not asking for your money. We're asking for your voice." Bono constantly says. "We want to hear your voice too," concluded Revd John Roundhill