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NOTICE SHEET

Five Dock Drummoyne Congregation



Praise and Prayer Points

Services – Sunday 21 February, 2021

Lent 1

9.30am Five Dock – Rev Don Everhart

Reading: Deuteronomy 6: 1-9

Theme: "Repairing the walls and ancient paths: Commandments"

We are glad to have you with us today in worship. It is our hope that you will not only learn more about God, but that you will encounter Him and experience His presence, love and grace for you.

DIARY DATES

TODAY after Service
Church Council meeting



Monday 22 February at 3pm
Monday Bible Study will meet in the church.

Topic: "What Discipleship Involves".

Readings: Genesis 17: 1-7,15,16; Mark 8:31-38

Friday 5 March at 10am
World Day of Prayer will be held at Abbotsford Presbyterian Church.

Sunday 14 March after Service
Congregation Meeting – Reports from the following groups: Minister, Treasurer, Property, Pastoral Carers' Group, Choir, Worship Committee, Meals on Wheels, Small Groups, Mission in the Community and Church Council are to be given to Sue Brockway, Congregational Secretary, by next Sunday 28 February so that the agenda and papers are available on Sunday 7 March.

A **Breast Screen Van** will be parked in Garfield Street, adjoining the bus stop and close to the church driveway exit. It will be there for two weeks commencing Friday 19 February.

Minutes of Worship Committee meeting held on 14/02/2021 are on the Notice Board for your perusal.

COVID UPDATE

As from Friday 12th February 2021, the wearing of face masks is no longer mandatory, except on public transport.

What does this mean for the congregation?

Synod still strongly recommends that face masks be worn inside for worship services, particularly for members of the congregation in the vulnerable age groups. The final decision is the responsibility of each individual.

Singing is still not possible.

"... We Learnt to Speak Your English Fluently ..."

Many may remember that these were some of the softly spoken words within an acceptance speech for Senior Australian of the Year 2021.

Dr Miriam-Rose Ungunmerr Baumann, an Indigenous educator from Daly River near Katherine, Northern Territory, was the recipient of the award and her speech helps to remind us that perhaps we should be doing more to learn the language and culture of the First Nation's People in our community.

Dr Ungunmerr Baumann urged non-Indigenous Australians to come closer to First Nations communities.

"We learnt to speak your English language fluently, for years, we have walked on a one-way street to learn the white people's way," she said. "I've learnt to walk in two worlds and live in towns and cities, and even worked in them. Now is the time for you to come closer to understand us and how we live."

"When you come to visit or work in our communities and leave your comfort zones, I ask that you bring your knowledge and wisdom.

But we ask that you also learn and understand how we live and function in our communities, and listen to what are our needs."

Surely after 250 years since First Nations Peoples' first contact with "white fellas" it is time to stop and listen rather than telling.

I am thankful that I have lived long enough to realise that everything I learnt as a child, about First Nation Peoples, was an untruth and is gradually being replaced by the richness of knowledge and understanding our First Nations Peoples had and have about our land.

We don't own the land but we belong to the land.