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NOTICE SHEET

Five Dock Drummoyne Congregation



Praise and Prayer Points

Services – Sunday 25 April, 2021

Easter 4

9.30am Five Dock – Rev Don Everhart

Reading: Luke 4: 16-21

Theme: "Be Imitators of God"

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



Lest we Forget This is a day not of celebration but of national memory. It's a day when we learn, and learn again, of the horror of war. It is a day for looking after your mates, cherishing your home, your neighbourhood and family. It's a day for realising how rare and precious this wonderful country of ours is.

Uniting World's 7 Days of Solidarity ends.

Our opportunity to be inspired by and learn about the work of God's people around the world.

Stand Firm Rev Santino, Principal of the Nile Theological College in Juba, South Sudan which is currently training 101 students for leadership and pastoral life says: "We are currently training both men and women to help extend God's kingdom in South Sudan and beyond. We do the theological studies to prepare the ministers, as well as equipping leaders to work toward peace." We must stay hopeful", Rev Santino says. "I am always encouraged in my work by the words of the Apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians, 15:58: "Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord... is not in vain"

Monday 26 April at 3pm

Monday Bible Study group will meet in the church. Psalm 104 is the chosen passage for the day, the Psalm which Prince Philip chose to be sung at his funeral

Donations Distribution.

With the Notice Sheet today you will receive a statement of suggestions for distribution of donations. Please read this carefully. If you know you will not be attending worship on Sunday 9 May, the day voting is to take place, please speak with Lindsay Brockway for guidance on how you may give your selection.

Minutes of Worship Committee meeting held on 11 April are on the Notice Board.

At the Heart of indigenous culture is Story Telling

The newly released Pitjantjatjara Bible app enables listeners to hear Bible stories in their heart language – as well as serve to strengthen literacy levels among communities.

"The app features a dramatized audio recording of the New Testament in the Pitjantjatjara language. The beauty of the app is it actually highlights the text as it's being spoken aloud. So it's going to be a great literacy aid. If people don't know how to read (Pitjantjatjara) they can follow along on the app and at the same time hear the Scriptures being read aloud) - Dave Barnett, Bible Society.

Pitjantjatjara is the first language of about 3000-5000 people, with up to another 5000 people speaking it as their second or third language. It's one of the strongest languages in central Australia.

Dave Barnett has seen first hand the impact it has made in local communities. "We were living in Ernabella and one day we had 15 local kids on our trampoline, all having a great time. Just as a bit of an experiment, I went outside, put the audio Bible on and pressed play. Within seconds the kids were silent. Every one of them stopped and listened to the Scriptures. These were 6 to 8 year old kids who didn't know how to read. They were absolutely amazed to hear these Bible stories in their language. For a lot of these kids, these were brand new stories and they were fascinated to hear, in their language, stories about Jesus and the disciples."

Even when people live remotely, most have Wi-Fi and internet connection, so while they may not have the printed word, with the app they now can access the Scriptures.

Thank you, loving God:

For the translation team who have translated the New Testament into the Pitjantjatjara language. Uphold them as they work on translation of the Old Testament.

For the use of technology that provides ready access to audio, telling about Jesus and his earthly life. We pray that the Living Word will enter people's hearts.

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