



Services – Sunday 23 May, 2021

Pentecost

9.30am Five Dock – Rev Don Everhart

Reading: Acts 2: 1-13

Theme: "Come, Holy Spirit"

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 will meet in the church

Monday 24 May at 3pm

Monday Bible Study will meet in the church.

Topic: 'The new Old Command'

Reading: 1 John 2:3-14

COVID-19 UPDATE

From this weekend (23rd May 2021) singing without restriction is allowed, facemasks are not necessary and morning tea will be served following worship.

The congregation is reminded by Government and Synod not to become complacent as a result of the easing of restrictions. Reference is made to our COVID Safe Plans and the importance of following the stated guidelines to protect each other and the community.

The congregation must continue to maintain attendance records, adhere to one person per 2 square metres, maintain a physical distance of 1.5m at all times even when talking with each other, maintain our cleaning regime, maintain hand hygiene, maintain cough and sneeze hygiene, stay home if unwell and get tested if symptoms develop.

"Saltbush" Uniting the Scattered Community

This is a Synod project supporting small and isolated faith communities within the Church. We support this work by providing an annual donation of \$1,000. "Ruminations", a quarterly publication of this group is received for reading and circulation. When read, initial and return for others to read.

More and more we hear of developments in "precision" or "personalized" medicine, where treatments are tailored to the genetic and biological makeup, the environment and the lifestyle of each individual instead of "one size fits all" therapies.

Rapid advances in "genome mapping", where the location of genes in an organism's chromosome are tracked, have proven promising in treating diseases previously despaired of, such as certain cancers with greatly varying genetic make-ups. As other advances have reduced the time and cost of genetic mapping, confidence is growing in this approach being used in regular practice to inform treatment decisions.

We can marvel at these discoveries, but let's remember that we as individuals are made to God's design as part of his plans for us –

*"Before I shaped you in the womb,
I knew all about you.
Before you saw the light of day,
I had holy plans for you:"*

Jeremiah 1:5

*"God, you are our Father.
We're the clay and you're our potter:
All of us are what you made us."*

Isaiah 64:6

"It's in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for. Long before we first heard of Christ and got our hopes up, he had his eye on us, had designs on us for glorious living, part of the overall purpose he is working out in everything and everyone."

Ephesians 1:11-12

"No, we neither make nor save ourselves. God does both the making and saving. He creates each of us by Christ Jesus to join him in the work he does, the good work he has gotten ready for us to do, work we had better be doing."

Ephesians 2:10

Don't we owe God our attention? Let's turn to him much more regularly and often!

all verses quoted from *The Message*