

Services – Sunday 1 October, 2023

Pentecost 18

9.30am Five Dock

Preacher: Rev Wattson Pualilo

Reading: Exodus 17: 1-7

Theme: "Grumbling again"

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

Welcome to the first Monthly Newsletter for October 2023.

Due to problems gathering information for the weekly newsletter, the Congregation decided at the recent meeting 17 September to produce a monthly printed newsletter beginning with this issue. If warranted an additional printed weekly newsletter could be produced. Other information can be displayed weekly on the overhead during service.

Monday Bible Study will not meet on Monday 2 October due to long weekend. However, Bible Study meets every Monday at 3pm at the church.

Sunday 22 October

Frontier Services service and Lunch

The Congregation agreed to have a cold chicken and salad lunch. Catering to be decided closer to the date.

Joint Service with the Sydney Rotuman Congregation

It was a joy and blessing to share with our Rotuman friends at our service last Sunday 24 September. It was great to catch up with old friends and share fellowship over morning tea.

Congregation Update

Marie— our prayers and good wishes go to Marie after emergency hip surgery. Marie will be in hospital for a few days before going to rehabilitation

The minutes of the Congregation Meeting held 17 September meeting are on the notice board at the back of the Church for your perusal.

Referendum Pre-Poll will **not** be held in the church. The Pre-Poll for Reid will be held at Concord Community Centre, 1A Gipps Street Concord from 8.30 am Tuesday 3rd October until Friday 13th October.



Praise and Prayer Points.

To everything there is a season

We all experience the seasons of life or the changes that occur in their own time, whether we enjoy them or not. We love some of the changes and we can dread other changes. For example, we love the season of laughing or times of joy, but on the other hand, we do not enjoy the seasons of weeping. Yet, God has something to teach us in all seasons of life we must face.

This church has faced some seasons of weeping in the past. It has also experienced some joy together as we observed the Lord at work in our midst. You and your family have experienced the changes that make you rejoice and the changes that bring you sorrow. The important thing to remember is God is with us to bring good from all that we experience. Paul reminds us of this great truth in Romans 8:28 where he states, "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."

We must understand that God is always working on our behalf to ultimately bring good to us in all that we experience. We may not understand how He will do this, but we do understand that He has promised to do it, and we know He is omniscient and omnipotent. Therefore, He is able to fulfil His promise.

Since change is inevitable we must trust in God to guide us into tomorrow. For He alone knows the changes that we will face.

"God grant me the serenity to accept the things that I cannot change; courage to change the things that I can, and the wisdom to know the difference."

We must walk by faith in Him.

Blessings, **Wattson**