

Services – Sunday 7 July, 2024

Pentecost 7

9.30am Five Dock

Preacher: Rev Wattson Pualilo

Reading: Ephesians 4: 20-32

Theme: "Extreme Makeover"

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.

Welcome to our Rotuman Friends

The Rotuman Congregation will be worshipping with us on the first Sunday of the month for the next 3 months and will share communion with us. We look forward to worshipping with you. The shared services will begin on Sunday 7 July 2024.

Diary Dates



Monday Bible Study

Usually meets at 3pm in the church foyer. The group will break for the school holidays and resume on Monday 22 July 2024. The current study guide is still "Growing through Life's Challenges". All welcome.

Sunday 14 July

Worship Committee Meeting after Service.

Sunday 21 July

A **Carer's Meeting** will be held after Service

Wednesday 24 July at 11.30am

A **PAC Meeting** will be held in the Church foyer. Please note change of date from 17th July.

Annual Reports

Annual reports are required from the Minister, Church Council, Treasurer, Congregation, Property and Administration Committee, Worship Committee, Pastoral Carer's, Small Group and Meals on Wheels. The deadline for these reports is **Wednesday 24 July** at the Church office. The 2024 Annual Report can then be compiled.

Life and Witness Consultation

Dr Andrew Thornley, Team Leader, L&WC, reports that the Team has read through and are currently summarising the surveys. The Team have reviewed the considerable and valuable information provided to them and have been moved by the faithfulness of our Congregation. The Team hope to submit their report to the Presbytery Pastoral Relations Committee in August

Sunday 7 July to Sunday 14 July

NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia in the first week of July to celebrate and recognise the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC Week is an opportunity for all Australians to learn about First Nations cultures and histories and participate in celebrations of the oldest, continuous living cultures on earth. This year the theme is: **Keep the Fire Burning! Blak, Loud and Proud.** More info: <https://www.nswact.uca.org.au/resources/naidoc-week-resources-for-your-church/>



Praise and Prayer Points.

Did you know?

In the late 1980's and into the 1990's banners became very popular and were hung in churches across the country.

The Drummoyne church congregation had some gifted young Mums who created some amazing banners during that time and often the Sunday School children were involved in the making of them. The Five Dock congregation also had some gifted banner makers.



On Pentecost Sunday, 26th May, 1996, the Rotuman Fellowship officially became the third Congregation of our Parish at a combined Service held in the Drummoyne Church and this was followed by a shared meal.

Our Parish Secretary at the time, Fay Hunt, recorded in the 1996 Annual Report: "This was indeed a time of celebration and we give thanks to God that after months of planning and backed by prayer that the longings of the Fellowship to become a Congregation became a reality".

This special day deserved some creativity and Helene Forsyth with the help of others designed and made the banner (photographed) which now hangs in the Five Dock Church.

The predominant beige to brown coloured fabrics symbolised our diverse skin tones and backgrounds, some patterns depicted Creation, the various widths from children to adults and the flow from dark up to light was to remind us of how God's love has brought us from the depths of darkness in to His wonderful Light.

You will notice that there are three separate banners and on the day, the Sunday School children from the three congregations brought the three banners forward and they were placed on the rod and then symbolically joined together with the cross, a constant reminder of God's unifying and great love in Christ.