



### **MORE THAN JUST BEACH MISSIONS**

**Services – Sunday 4 August, 2024**

#### ***Pentecost 11***

**9.30am** Five Dock

*Preacher:* Rev Wattson Pualilo

*Reading:* John 6: 24-35

*Theme:* "Bread of Life"

*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 who are worshipping with us and sharing Communion on the first Sunday of the month.



#### ***Diary Dates***

**Monday Bible Study** has completed the study 'Growing through Life's Challenges' and from **Monday 4 August** will be commencing a new 10 week study entitled 'Follow Me' using Mark's gospel. The Group meets on Mondays at 3-pm in the church and welcomes any who would like to join us as we delve into God's Word.

**Sunday 25 August** after Service

**Church Council** – the Annual Report has been compiled and will be tabled at the Church Council meeting. No reports are needed for this meeting as reports are covered by the Annual Report. Agenda and papers for the meeting will be available from Sunday 18 August.

**Sunday 22 September** after Service

**Congregation Meeting** – the Annual Report will be presented to the Congregation.

**Life and Witness Consultation** has now concluded. A report will be presented to the Presbytery Pastoral Relations Committee in early August for recommendations to be made to the Congregation.

**Sunday 18 August**

**Ferragosto** takes place on Great North Road. Please allow extra time and be aware of road closures on Garfield Street and Great North Rd.

**The Uniting Church 17<sup>th</sup> Assembly** has made a series of decisions arising out of the Act2 Project, adopting three new visions for the life of the Uniting Church, establishing two new national Commissions, and requesting a further investigation into the Uniting Church's national structure.

<https://uniting.church/act2-decisions-summary/>

*"Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our Faith."*

*Hebrews 12:1b*

In churches it has been usual to hear about Scripture Union Beach Missions held during the summer when families settled into a beach holiday. These Beach Missions share fun and family friendly activities sharing God's Good News of Jesus with holiday makers. Scripture Union however is more than Beach Missions.

**SU camps** are run across NSW during school holidays. Campers learn about Jesus while participating in a range of activities around a theme, such as **Fishing and Diving** or **Rugby League** "the boys left energised with new rugby skills and a deeper understanding of what it means to be a follower of Jesus", **Ride Like a Girl Camp** "we had lots of returning riders including many accompanied by their younger sisters. Those attending learnt what it means to be a maturing Christian from the story of Joseph focusing on forgiveness".

**SU school groups**, SUPA clubs in Primary and ISCF for an older age group provide face to face opportunities for young people to ask big questions and hear the message of truth in the Gospel. Motivated by her love for Jesus, one young leader says "if you simply give your time and love them they might just keep coming to hear more.....then you get the privilege of witnessing God do his powerful work in their hearts."

School can be a challenging context for Christian students to keep shining brightly for Jesus. In most schools they experience some pushback and they may even be tempted to give up on their faith.

**Pray:** For the young people who witness to others their love for Jesus. Give them courage and keep their faith strong.