

**August 2026**

*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******Monday Afternoon Bible Study***

meets at 3pm in the Church foyer, led by Rev Wattson Pualilo. All are welcome.

Sunday 16 August

Ferragosto (10am to 5pm)

Great North Road in Five Dock will be closed to traffic with pedestrian access only. Please allow extra time to get to church. Best approach to the church will be Garfield Street through the road block and use the Church driveway, not Thompson Lane. Park side by side on the driveway.

Wednesday 19 August

The next meeting of the ***Property and Administration Committee*** will be held at 11.30am in the Church foyer.

Sunday 23 August

The next meeting of ***Church Council*** will be held after Service.

Ministry Placement Profile

A special meeting of Church Council was convened to review the Congregation's Ministry's Placement Profile. Church Council finalised the Ministry Placement Profile which has been forwarded to Sydney Presbytery. Church Council thanked the Profile Committee (Kay, Lea, Richard, Sue, Ian plus 3 reps from Sydney Presbytery) for their work on the original profile.

Sunday 1 September to Sunday 4 October

Each year Christians around the world join in the ***Season of Creation*** – a time of prayer, worship and action as we celebrate God's beautiful earth and renew our calling to care for it.

www.commongrace.org.au/season_of_creation_2026

2026 National Church Life Survey

will be held in **September 2026**

***When we walk with the Lord
in the light of His Word***

What a glory He sheds on our way!

When we do His good will,

He abides with us still

And with all who will trust and obey

Trust and obey, for there's no other way

To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey

Recently Wattson encouraged us with the reminder that Psalm 119:105 tells us 'Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path' which immediately brought to mind the first words of this old hymn.

Those words still ring true today but did you know that this Hymn was written in 1886 after a revival meeting led by the well known evangelist Dwight L. Moody and supported by his music leader Daniel Towner who overheard a young man's simple testimony as He gave His life to Christ and that was 'I am not quite sure but I am going to trust and I am going to obey!'

Towner sent these words to his Presbyterian Minister friend and hymn writer Rev John H Sammis with the explanation of the reason for the words.

Once Rev Sammis wrote the words Daniel Towner then composed the catchy tune.

The text and the tune first appeared in the 1887 'Hymns Old and New' collection and we oldies still sing it today reminding ourselves that trusting and obeying as we read God's Word and staying close to Jesus is the way to live.