



September 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.*

While our Rotuman friends concluded their long life of worship at Drummoyne recently, we will share in the next phase of their life becoming part of our congregation. The practical aspects of this change are still being worked through but it is a joy to share worship with you.

Diary Dates



Monday Afternoon Bible Study

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

Sunday 20 September

A ***Congregational Meeting*** will be held following the service. As the Annual Report will be presented to the Congregation, individual reports will not be required for this meeting. Elections for Congregation Office Bearers will be held at this meeting. Agenda and meeting papers will be available on Sunday 13 Sep.

Monday 28 September – Friday 2 October

Uniting Youth Camp at Tea Gardens.

The camp is for high schoolers and Grace and Jireh are attending as leaders.

Sunday 11 October

Frontier Services

The theme this year is “Changing Times”.

A lunch will follow the service.

The ***2026 National Church Life Survey*** will be completed after the service.

Minutes of the recent Property and Administration Committee, Worship Committee and Church Council meetings are on the Church noticeboard

Welcoming the stranger starts long before someone reaches our shores. When Maya fled Syria with her children, she arrived in Jordan carrying more than a few belongings. She carried uncertainty, fear and the overwhelming responsibility of trying to rebuild a life from nothing. Like many refugees, Maya wanted what every parent wants; safety, stability and hope for her children's future. But starting again in a new country with limited opportunities made that feel almost impossible.

Then something changed. Through the FORSA project, supported by Act for Peace and local partners, Maya joined vocational training in food preparation and productive kitchens. She gained practical skills, confidence and eventually a small start-up grant to launch her own home-based catering business.

Refugees are not defined by what they have lost. They are people with skills, resilience, leadership and dreams for the future – people rebuilding their lives with dignity when given the opportunity and support to do so. We need to look beyond the headlines and see both the realities and possibilities facing displaced communities around the world. Right now, more than 123 million people around the world have been forced from their homes by conflict, disaster and climate change. People who have experienced displacement are not strangers to fear, hope, grief or courage. They are our global neighbours.

For generations, churches across Australia have responded through prayer, hospitality, advocacy and practical support. Through Act for Peace, that legacy continues today alongside trusted local partners supporting refugees and displaced communities to find safety, rebuild livelihoods, strengthen resilience and restore dignity and belonging. Act for Peace's CLEAR program assists local communities prepare before disaster strikes. It means families are more likely to remain safe in places they call home. Children can continue attending school and parents can continue earning an income. Communities can recover faster and remain connected to one another.

Five Dock Drummoyne Uniting Church has supported Christmas Bowl for many years. Christmas Bowl giving has now been absorbed into Act for Peace. Act for Peace is the international humanitarian agency of the National Council of Churches in Australia. Information can be found at actforpeace.org.au