

NOTICE SHEET

Five Dock Drummoyne
Congregation

October 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 11 October

Frontier Services with the theme 'Changing Times'. The Congregation is invited to a salad lunch and our usual trivia fun. To help with catering numbers for lunch **please sign up** on the sheet at the door.

The **2026 National Church Life Survey** is to be completed following service before lunch.

An Extraordinary Congregation Meeting will be held, following service and before morning tea, on **either Sunday 18th or 25th October**. The Joint Nominating Committee will present their recommendations for future ministry to the Congregation who will then vote on the recommendation.

Minutes of the recent Congregation Meeting are on the Church noticeboard.

One Body, Many Parts – Together in Christ

"For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ."
1 Corinthians 12:12

The past few months have not always been easy as we have worked through the transition of the Rotuman Congregation from the Drummoyne church site to Five Dock Drummoyne Uniting Church, with our transfer taking effect from 1 September 2026. Through it all, we Rotumans remain deeply grateful to our faith family at Five Dock Drummoyne for the warmth, kindness and acceptance that has been shown to us. **For decades, the Rotumans and Five Dock Drummoyne congregations have shared in ministry, worship and fellowship in many different ways. So, while this transition has brought change, being here feels very familiar — almost like coming home to roost!**

Over these past few Sundays, we have enjoyed sharing in the morning worship and fellowship with our Five Dock Drummoyne brothers and sisters. We have especially appreciated the ministry of **Rev.**

Wattson Pualilo, whose sermons have been powerful, insightful and so relatable. As we continue this new chapter together, we look forward to worshipping, fellowshiping and serving alongside our wider church family at Five Dock Drummoyne, while continuing to celebrate and share our Rotuman faith, language, culture and traditions.

Thank you for welcoming us home. We are grateful to be part of this FDDR Congregation and look forward with hope and joy to what God has in store for us together.

With love and blessings from the Rotuman members.



Praise and Prayer Points

Learning to live our best lives for all

"It's in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for. Long before we first heard of Christ and got our hopes up, he had his eye on us, had designs on us for glorious living, part of the overall purpose he is working out in everything and everyone."

Ephesians 1:11-12

We like to see ourselves as respectful of our world including the natural world, but by all accounts, we aren't doing well. We pride ourselves on doing no harm, but this too hasn't worked out. An environmentalist penned newspaper article provides interesting lessons from the natural world on how best to live and take care of each other.

Ms Kyriacou's examples include: -

- In winter, emperor penguins huddle together but constantly rotate so no-one is left freezing on the outside. The message – to survive we must share tough times leaving no-one alone.
- Ravens learn about the behaviour of others and where cheaters persist, they are not socially promoted.
- Honeybees inspect potential sites for new homes and dance to share location options, thereby choosing a new home by consensus. What could we learn? Healthy democracies hinge on open participation and evidence with no one individual controlling information.

Our God dearly wants us to turn to him and follow his teachings in serving each other for the greater good.

Let's get better at asking for God's help every day to do this.

Be blessed, God; train me in your ways of wise living. I'll transfer to my lips all the counsel that comes from your mouth; I delight far more in what you tell me about living than in gathering a pile of riches.