



Pentecost

The coming of the Holy Spirit.

The Bible tells us that before Jesus ascended back to the Father, he gave specific instructions to his disciples:

“Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about...”

(Acts. 1:4)

What was this gift that Jesus spoke about? This of course was the coming of the Holy Spirit. This Holy Spirit from God is what Jesus promised his disciples, that they will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes And that they will be his witnesses to the world. The Holy Spirit will enable them to fulfil their commission. The power of the Holy Spirit is needed to give a truly Christian testimony. The disciples of Jesus were equipped, lead, energised and inspired by the leading of the Holy Spirit.

With the departure of Jesus and the closing of his earthly ministry, it was now up to the disciples to continue the great work and the commission that was given to them by Jesus. The Holy Spirit will be their “helper” and “comforter” during this time. So important was this gift from God to the disciples, as Jesus knew the challenges and problems that awaits them.

By the same token, we the church also need the Holy Spirit to equip, to guide, to inspire and be completely energised/powerd by it. We cannot function as a strong Bible based church if the Holy Spirit is not present, the same way a car cannot function without an engine. If the Spirit of the Lord is missing in our churches, then we are just another club where people gather to pass the time away.

Finally, the coming of the Holy Spirit into the church to take up His residence and live in it is a one-time event, just as the work of Christ on Calvary is a one-time event. As born-again believers, the entering of the Holy Spirit into the individual believer as a dwelling place, happens at that one-time.

So important is the role of the Holy Spirit in the body of Christ today, just as it was in the early church. The sense of knowing and believing that the living God is alive within us through the Holy Spirit, therefore never are we alone and that he is always with us. The Spirit that enables us to live out our lives according to his Word, a new creation in Christ, no longer are we slaves to the bondage of sin and evil, for Jesus has already paid the price. His death and resurrection which we celebrated during Easter, is a constant reminder to all that we serve a God who has conquered all. His kingdom reigns forever and Jesus’s victory over death itself, proves that he accomplished what he came to do.

Services – Sunday 4 June, 2023

Trinity

9.30am Five Dock

Preacher: Rev Wattson Pualilo

Reading: John 1: 1-5; 14: 15-21
2 Corinthians 13: 14

Theme: "My name is Trinity"

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 June 5

Monday Afternoon Lenten Bible Study

meeting in the church at 3 pm

Reading: Genesis 20: 30-41; 37: 1-36

Topic: "The problem with favouritism"

Uniting in Prayer

The Uniting Church Assembly is inviting the whole Uniting Church to be part of 26 Days of Prayer across the national Uniting Church. This commenced on Pentecost Sunday 28 May.

Through Uniting in Prayer each congregation is being invited to pray for two other Uniting Church communities. The two communities Five Dock Drummoyne has been invited to pray for are Samford Valley Community Qld and Mount Dromedary Parish (Bermagui, Bodalla, Cobargo, Narooma NSW). These communities have been given Five Dock Drummoyne as the congregation to pray for.

The suggestion is that contact be made with the communities given to us, to learn of particular points to uphold in prayer. Prayer can be when groups or meetings are held, also at services of worship during Prayers of the People.

Community for Communities Fun Day

Come along to our free day on **Sunday 11 June** from 1pm to 6pm at Drummoyne Oval (Taplin Park entrance). There will be rides, food trucks, performances and community stalls. Fireworks begin at 5.50pm.

Minutes of PAC meeting are on the notice board for your perusal.