



Services – Sunday 9 July, 2023

Pentecost 6

9.30am Five Dock

Preacher: Rev Wattson Pualilo

Reading: Luke 13: 22-30

Theme: "Are we in or out?"

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 10 July at 3pm

Monday Afternoon Lenten Bible Study

meets in the Church. This week is the final study of our series on 'Grand parenting'.

Topic: 'When is it time to step aside?'

Reading: 2 Samuel 19: 31-40

Annual Reports time.

Groups are reminded to begin work on their written report for the Annual Reports booklet. Deadline for these being received is Friday 28th July. It would ease pressure if you are able to complete your report prior to this deadline.

A thought for the coming Referendum on

"An Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islanders Voice to Parliament" is found on the Collins Diary this week:

"Nothing will ever be attempted if all possible objections must be first overcome."

Dr Samuel Johnson

Thought for the week

Nothing in life is to be feared,
It is only to be understood,
Now is the time to understand more,
So that we may fear less.

Marie Curie



Today marks the end of this year's NAIDOC Week with its Theme 'For Our Elders - those who guide our generations and pave the way for us to take the paths we can take today.'

Rev Jennie Gordon has written words for this day and this theme which can be sung to the hymn 'O Breath of life'. (TiS 409)

O breath of Life

O Breath, O life-force of creation,
Spirit who speaks in ancient tongue,
come bring your blessing for our Elders
Past, present and the ones to come.

O breath of life, uphold and guard them.
Speak through their words the truth we need.
Open our hearts and lives to listen.
Weave us in love as we receive.

And from a prayer written by Alison Overeem:

Creator, today let the wisdom and knowledge of our Elders be heard in every surrounding. Voices of strength, whisper across *milaythina ningee*. We pray, and give thanks for and with Elders, today, tomorrow and in the forever time. Amen

(*milaythina ningee* meaning: mother earth)

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