



**Services – Sunday 20 August, 2023**

***Pentecost 12***

**9.30am** Five Dock

*Preacher:* Rev Wattson Pualilo

*Reading:* Matthew 15: 21-28

*Theme:* "Save me some crumbs"

*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**



**TODAY**

***Worship Committee*** meets following worship.

**Monday 21 August** at 3.00 pm

***Monday Afternoon Bible Study*** will be held.

We continue with the study of 1 Timothy,

*Theme:* "Belief that Behaves"

*Reading:* 1 Timothy 1:12-20

**Sunday 27 August**

***Church Council*** will meet following worship.

Members of Council may take their meeting papers, available today and a copy of the Annual Reports booklet to read in preparation for the meeting.

The Reports Booklet is available for any who wish to have a copy.

***Be With Us***

*Creator of the earth and heavens  
Lord of the past, present and future;  
Be with us this day*

*God of times and seasons,  
Of fresh life and growth,  
And mellow times of fruitfulness  
Be with us on this day*

*God of hope and joy, God of the loving heart,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, and our God:  
Be with us on this day.*

*Bruce Prewer*

***FOOD FOR THE SOUL***

"If more of us valued food and cheer  
and song above hoarded gold,  
it would be a merrier world."

JRR Tolkien

At least three times a day, we pause for food. It's routine, necessary, fun. Food also means a process – planning ahead. Food has to be grown, bought, prepared and presented. It comes at a cost but there can be a strong sense of fellowship around each step of that process.

Much of the Bible describes events around food – seasonal feasts including the Passover Feast, wedding banquets including the wedding at Cana, feeding the hungry 5,000 and their families, and even a surprise breakfast of bread and fish with the resurrected Jesus on a sandy shore beside the Sea of Galilee.

Take a moment sometimes when you eat to close your eyes and place yourself on that shoreline, sitting in the sand, listening to the lap of water and the sound of oars on wood, smelling roasting fish and flatbreads – with Jesus nearby.

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