



# NOTICE SHEET

## Five Dock Drummoyne Congregation



## *Praise and Prayer Points.*

**Services – Sunday 10 September, 2023**

### ***Pentecost 15***

**9.30am** Five Dock

*Preacher:* Rev Wattson Pualilo

*Reading:* Matthew 18: 15-20

*Theme:* "Discipline in the Church"

*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**

**Thank you** – our warmest thanks to Grace for managing the computer desk, and to Jireh for playing the organ, during the two Sundays Phillip and Gwenda Cant are on holiday. Your gifts are greatly appreciated. We remember Grace in our prayers as Year 11 students are now beginning their Year 12 trials.

### **Monday Bible Study**

Bible Study group will not meet this week.

**Sunday 17 September** following worship A **Congregation Meeting** will be held when the Annual Reports will be presented to the Congregation. An Agenda and meeting papers are available for collection today. Please take a copy and read in preparation for the meeting.. Also take a copy of the Annual Report booklet to read, if you have not already done so.

### **Sunday 24 September**

Sydney Rotuman congregation will be joining in worship at Five Dock in a **Combined Service**. We look forward to sharing together in a time of fellowship and renewal of relationships

Interesting information about the Automated Electronic Defibrillator (AED) is given on the **insert sheet**.

**Minutes** of recent **Worship Committee** meeting and **PAC** meeting are on the Notice Board for your perusal.

## **WHERE IS REV DR KATALINA TAHAAFE-WILLIAMS SERVING NOW?**

In recent months the name of Rev Dr Katalina Tahaafe-Williams has been noted, first as a co-presenter at a seminar in Sydney and then as a contributor to the current issue of *With Love to the World* (23 October to 29 October).

Some may remember Rev Dr Tahaafe's participation in negotiations to bring the Drummoyne and Wesley Mission Rotuman congregations together as one, forming the Sydney Rotuman Uniting Church congregation worshipping at Drummoyne. The amalgamation of the two congregations was celebrated in a service at Drummoyne in early July 2015. The celebratory service was led by Rev Dr Andrew Williams, husband of Rev Dr Tahaafe, just before he resigned as General Secretary of the Synod of NSW and ACT.

Not long after this service Rev Dr Tahaafe left Australia for a position with the World Council of Churches (WCC) in Geneva, Switzerland. Her role was with migration, indigenous and multicultural ministry programmes. "I hit the ground running" Tahaafe-Williams said as two major crises hit in the first months of her taking up the position. The first was the European refugee crisis and then the terrorist attack on Paris. Since then churches in Europe have been catering to the needs of refugees as best they can, often with limited resources. WCC member churches are struggling to receive and integrate migrants in the face of xenophobia, racism and insularity. Events such as the Paris attack fuelled the fire of prejudice in folks who claim that "it is all the fault of the immigrants".

Since leaving her role in the WCC, Rev Dr Tahaafe-Williams was inducted as minister into the Nightcliffe Uniting Church, Rapid Creek NT in July 2019 and then in April 2022, at Trinity Uniting Church Perth, one of three ministers serving the Uniting Church in the City of Perth.