

Take a look at the report (preferably the full report found at Acts2+Report+Final+Full.pdf") and consider some of the options proposed for change. Many of these are administrative changes that just might release us for activities closer to our joyous mission to serve! Five copies of the final report have been printed for ease of reading and for circulation.

When you read the report, think about the options for change suggested and tell a member of Church Council your ideas so that these can be considered at Council's November meeting.



Praise and Prayer Points.
Scientists slowing down time to see more

*Open my eyes, that I may see
Glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;
Place in my hands the wonderful key
That shall unclasp and set me free.*

Clara H Scott (1895)

For most of us the passing of time prompts hardly more than an occasional comment. For scientists however the speed of time has long represented a barrier to understanding important chemical processes. They are excited by the possibility to study smaller and smaller slivers of time and unlock astonishing information about life and changes occurring faster than a blink using new powerful computer systems, called quantum computing.

A recent newspaper article* reported on Sydney University research into chemical processes occurring in a femtosecond, or one quadrillionth of a second. The language only gets more technical but it emerges that our scientists have made a practical breakthrough in slowing down chemical interactions so that matter previously invisible can become visible and therefore able to be understood. Scientists using the new technology can see new molecular structures, for example, those common in reactions involving light. Seeing these new structures is accelerating learning about how the human body and our world works – whether it be about the breakdown of smog, the process of photosynthesis or protection of our DNA.

Man is slowly uncovering long standing and wondrous mysteries of our world. God is the light of our world and as we try to live according to God's standards, we too bring light to the world pointing others to his greatness.

He set it all out before us in Christ, a long-range plan in which everything would be brought together and summed up in him, everything in deepest heaven, everything on planet earth

Ephesians 1:10 (The Message)

*Dalton, A., *Quantum breakthrough slows time, chemically at least* SMH, August 29.8.23

Services – Sunday 24 September, 2023

Pentecost 17

9.30am Five Dock

Preacher: Rev Wattson Pualilo

Reading: Luke 7: 18-29

Theme: "Beyond reasonable doubt"

*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

Welcome

A warm welcome to the members of Sydney Rotuman congregation as we share together in worship this morning. We look forward to the time of worship and also renewal of relationships during morning tea.

Monday Bible Study

Bible Study group will meet at 3.00pm tomorrow. The reading is 1 Timothy 5: 3-16 Topic "Caring for Widows"

Important Reading - ACT 2 UPDATE

The Uniting Church Assembly has been working on a whole Church Project named Act 2 giving possible Direction and Options for the Church to consider. All Congregations are invited to read the Report and respond to what has been learnt.

At our Congregation meeting held last Sunday, 17th September Lea Samuels offered to provide further information for reading and discussion by Congregation member.

Copies of the Summary Report are now available for members to take and read. Page 14 of the Full Report says

"Communities of faith identified seven key areas that were hard, frustrating or hindering ministry and mission:

- *Ageing and declining community of faith.*
- *Administration and compliance work.*
- *Decline in volunteer capacity and skills.*
- *Convoluting, time consuming wider church processes.*
- *Tired and burnt out leaders and volunteers.*
- *Effort and cost in maintaining buildings.*
- *Decline in finances"*

Other than the last point doesn't this sounds like our situation?