

## **NOTICE SHEET**

# Five Dock Drummoyne Congregation

### **April 2025**

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 Bible Study is held Monday afternoon at 3pm in the Church, led by Rev Wattson Pualilo. It is a stimulating and spiritual time for attendees. Our numbers are growing. All welcome

#### Lent Event

During Lent our services include a Lent Event session with videos of the effects of climate change in Tonga. Kay has envelopes available for donations. Please let her know if any members make a direct donation. The Congregation will also make a formal donation.

#### Easter Services

Good Friday at **9:00am** Easter Sunday at 9:30am

**ANZAC Day** will be acknowledged in the service on **Sunday 27 April**.

# **Profile Committee meeting** (Wednesday 2 April at 11.30)

Rev Carolyn Thornley and Sanchita Dayal represented Presbytery at a meeting of the full committee. Carolyn introduced Rev. Joy Steele-Perkins who is taking over Carolyn's role in Presbytery and will attend future profile meetings. Joy was previously Minister at St David's Haberfield. The committee worked through the Five Dock Drummoyne Profile and completed it with assistance from the Presbytery reps.

### St David's Uniting Church Haberfield

holds a Communion service every Wednesday morning at 9.30am. The service takes about an hour and then moves to the coffee shop opposite the Church. All are welcome to attend either or both events.

### Cancer Council Biggest Morning Tea 2025

The Congregation will again host this event, to be held on a date to be decided in May 2025. Kay is the co-ordinator.

Minutes of the recent **PAC and Congregation** meetings are on the Church noticeboard.

### Praise and Prayer Points.

# GOD IS FAITHFUL WHATEVER THE OUTCOME

In a troubled world, it is pertinent to reflect on the fact that God is with us in both moments of despair and triumph. God's faithfulness stands as a constant beacon of hope and strength. His unchanging character and promises provide comfort when life goes well and solace when circumstances are painful or confusing.

Understanding God's faithfulness is essential in a world of change and unpredictability, where our own sense of stability often seems fragile. In times of both joy and sorrow, His steadfast love is the anchor for our souls, reminding us that we are never alone.

In seasons of triumph, God's faithfulness is a source of gratitude and humility. When life unfolds in beautiful ways, with successes and blessings we've dreamt of, it can be easy to forget the One who made it possible. When achievements come, they are not merely the result of our own wisdom or strength, they are gifts from a loving God.

On the other hand, God's faithfulness becomes a vital source of hope and strength in times of despair. Life inevitably brings trials that test our faith, whether they are personal struggles, losses or injustices that seem insurmountable. This is when the promises of God take on a special significance. God's faithfulness is also a reminder that despair is not the end of our story.

The resurrection of Jesus serves as the ultimate demonstration of God's ability to bring hope out of hopelessness. Through Jesus' death and resurrection, we see that God can transform even the greatest sorrow into the ultimate triumph. This gives us the assurance that no situation is beyond God's power to redeem. This does not mean that every outcome will align with our desires, but that God's purposes for us is always good.

When we experience joy, we are invited to celebrate with God, acknowledging God's hand in our lives. In times of sorrow, we are invited to rest in God's arms, trusting that God will carry us through.

Proverbs 3:5-6, 1 Corinthians 4:7, Psalm 34:18, Hebrews 6:19, 2 Corinthians 12:9, 2 Timothy 2:13.

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