

ACTS 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

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ROMANS 8:22-27

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

JOHN 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning." b" I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."



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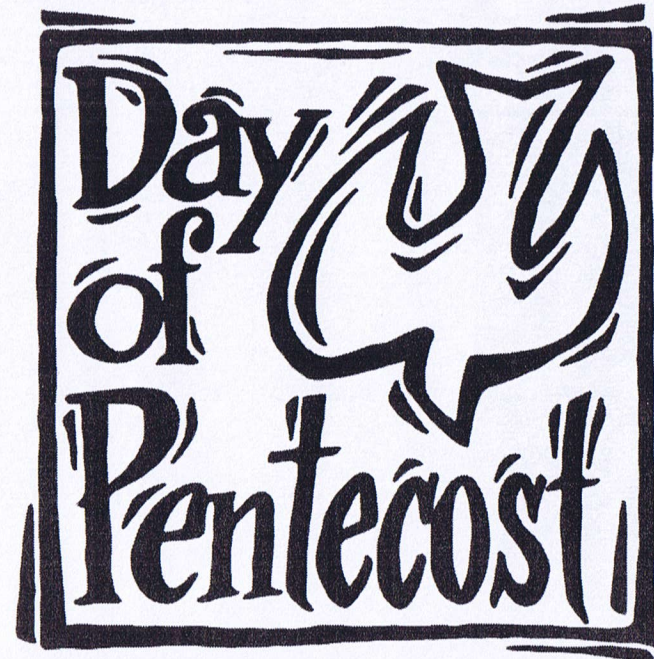
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Morning Worship: Roster

	19 th May 2024	26 th May 2024 Communion
Leader	Dr John Williams	Rev Ian Diamond
Music	Elizabeth Prosser	Rosemary Akesson
Entry of Bible	Robyn Herdegen	Ailsa Liffman
Acknowledgement of Country	Julie Russell	Iris Ballard
Stewards	Colin & Margaret Manley	Julie Russell Beryl McGrath
Reader	Julie Russell	Joan Lovett
Pastoral Prayer	Shirley McLennan	Ailsa Liffman
Morning Tea	Joan & Royce Lovett	Meryll Davey Iris Ballard
Projection	Jeff Haynes	Jeff Haynes
Flowers	Ailsa Liffman	Robyn Herdegen
Lectionary	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 1 John 5:9-13 John 17:6-19	Isaiah 6:1-8 Romans 8:12-17 John 3:1-17

Regular Activities

Morning Worship: 1st, 2nd, 4th, & 5th Sunday/month: - 10am

Holy Communion: 3rd Sunday/month - 10am

Wyndham Service: 2:30pm - 3rd Sunday/month

Imlay House Service: 2:00pm, 3rd Thursday of the month - helpers would be appreciated - see Rev Jean.

Tura Beach Op Shop: Open Monday to Friday 9:00am to 4:00pm.

Uniting Church Tai Chi 108: Thursday 10-11am in the hall. Contact Shirley

Uniting Church Dance Group: Tuesday evenings at 7 pm and Friday mornings at 9 am Contact Pam Jordan 0475 191 923 for details.

'Blokes United' Coffee Morning - 1st, 3rd & 5th Wednesday each month - 10am at MorMors

Church Bring-and-Share Brunch - 1st Sunday/month (Mar, Jun, Sep, Dec.)

Birthdays this week:

21st - Joan Winwood

22nd - Gloria Grant



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The roster for June, July and August will be prepared this week. To assist with preparation, please mark any known absences on the sheet on the noticeboard, by this morning.

With the coming week being **Volunteers Week**, it is timely to recognise all those in our church community who volunteer their time to assist in the running of the church, the Op Shop and our Aged Care Volunteer Visitors Scheme. There are many tasks, both visible and invisible, that are carried out on a regular basis to keep things ticking along. To all those who help, be it in a small or large way, your efforts are very much valued and appreciated. Thank you!



Teamwork

Acknowledgment of Country workshop - details are on the noticeboard regarding a free online workshop on Thursday 30th May at 3.30pm for those who would like to improve their skills and understanding in this area. Register to receive the Zoom link.

Discipleship Thought - One of the defining features of the Day of Pentecost story in Acts is that people from many cultures and language groups experienced the good news in their own home languages. This was so appropriate for that moment. The feast of Pentecost brought Jews and adherents from across the known world to Jerusalem every year. There would have been so much fragmentation, so much separation of peoples. Perhaps, so much mistrust and wariness. This miraculous moment is a sign of the radical unity that the good news is always all about. Everyone hearing truth in the language that makes the most sense to them! Everyone experiencing recognition and welcome! Everyone knowing they are part of the one human community!

My teachers told me I'd never amount to anything because I procrastinate so much. I told them "You just wait."