

# Outreach 31st May 2020

#### **Preaching**

Online Graham 9am 4.30 Online Graham

#### Readings

Acts 2: 1-21, Ps 104: 24-34, 35b 1 Cor 12: 3b-13, Jn 20: 19-23



#### WELCOME TO AUC!

Please join us for refreshments in the breezeway after the service.

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# Please pray for:

Our minister, Pastor Huth and members of the Church Council.

Our congregation members and families.

Students, Teachers and Parents as they cope with changes in their learning environments.

Reconciliation week.

Doris Senn, as she recovers in Respite.

Our discipleship Stream Team members, Kate Fred & Richard, in the planning stage of a Sunday school for 9am.

Co-coordinator & Assistants to shepherd our young ones.



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. (Acts 2:1-4)

"Pentecost . . . The Holy Spirit fills the disciples and they speak in tongues they likely do not understand themselves. It is an uncontrolled public witness - uncontrolled by human agendas as well as a transformative movement of God. It honestly feels like choosing between someone's corporate controlled image of a smooth, efficient machine and the somewhat chaotic, yet entirely creative, dynamic movement-making frenzy produced by the Holy Spirit's uncontrolled presence in the lives of a group of believers willing to risk it all for the Kingdom. I'll take the latter any day of the week." -Bill Mefford

'Pentecost is an invitation to dream. For when a community of faith quits dreaming dreams, it has little to offer either its members or the wider world. These dreams involve adopting a new perspective on what's possible, rousing our creativity to free us from conventional expectations. They help us see that maybe what we thought was outlandish actually lies within reach." -Matthew L. Skinner

"Pentecost means the glory of God's power and the power of God's glory. When the Holy Spirit comes upon you and enters into you, as He came in that Upper Room, filling the house and those sitting in it, you too will know both the glory of God's power and the power of His glory, and will worship Him."

-Marie E. Brown

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#### Your Discipleship Stream News Update

As you can imagine, setting up a Sunday School for the 9:00am children, involves putting in place many things: A name, time, curriculum, materials, roster, kid's safe procedures, and much more.

And then, there is the most important part of all, the people who will make it all possible. Inspiring and sharing and guiding these young

hearts and minds.

And so we ask you to pray, and consider, whether God has gifted you, for just such a time as this: To be a 'shepherd of the sheep' in the lives of these children who our heavenly Father has sent to us to nurture.

We need a person to be a Co-ordinator, and others to teach and help. We will then consider together, the over-all program including what the rotation cycle will be.

May God bless you each one where you are.

Kate, Richard, Fred.



A COVID-19 UPDATE

#### Current procedures for anyone attending the Church premises.

This is to update the congregation to the way ahead and back to a changed and new normality. Queensland Synod. Queensland Health, and Queensland Government have issued directions that MUST be followed to be able to come together again. Please follow these steps if you need to enter the church property.

- 1. Physical distancing 1.5M apart
- 2. A cleaning regime to be followed after each service/meeting/activity. There are signs around the church building advising of requirements. Please clean the following when you are finished:

All the door handles and areas around the handle, where hands could have touched the door surface.

Table surfaces including bench tops.

Light switches and areas around the switch.

Chairs that were used or touched.

All electrical equipment used or touched.

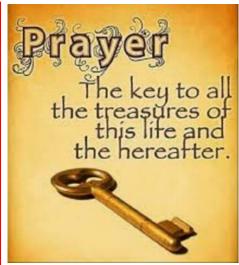
If equipment is shared, it is to be cleaned between users where possible.

(Spray bottles and cleaning materials are provided in all areas to make this as easy as possible)

- 3. You MUST sign in every time you come onto church ground. A sign-in sheet is on the round table in the church foyer. This is compulsory for anyone entering the church property.
- 4. Consideration for each other (personal hygiene) e.g. Wash hands
- 5. Strictly adhering to rules on the numbers attending. A notification of your intention to attend booking system will be in place soon. No groups are to use the church without confirmation from Pastor Graham ph. 0427 495 329. Unannounced visitors will not be permitted to attend. This is for managing room capacities.

We will keep you informed as we move closer to coming back. This is all likely to be the new normal for some time as we work to ensure the health and safety of all who visit our church.







COMMUNION NEXT SUNDAY 7TH JUNE 2020



# **SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES**

# **PENTECOST**

# Sunday Morning Service (9am) COMBINED SERVICE

This Sunday we look forward to seeing you again. Click on the link: <a href="https://aitkenvaleuc.online.church/">https://aitkenvaleuc.online.church/</a> If you miss it, or would like to share with someone the recordings are on our website.

# After Church Fellowship

After the 9am service, you are invited to our church fellowship page to catch up with any other of our church members for a catch-up – just like meeting over morning tea. It uses a simple video conference program called **Jitsi**. Simply go to the top of your screen after the service finishes and click on connect with us. We look forward to seeing you.

AUC website <a href="https://aitkenvale.unitingchurch.org.au/">https://aitkenvale.unitingchurch.org.au/</a>

**NO OPEN HOUSE TODAY 31ST MAY 2020** 

#### WHY DO WE LIGHT THE CANDLE IN WORSHIP? John 8:12

This was the first time Anna's twins Samuel and Mary had ever been inside a church. Everything was new and strange. On the way home, Samuel asked, "Mum, it wasn't dark in the church so why light the candle?" Delighted by Samuel's interest, Anna said: "We light the candle to remind us that Jesus is the light of the World". "What does that mean?" asked Mary.

Anna said "Remember our camping trip. We arrived at the site at night and you didn't want to go the shower block because of the darkness. So your Dad walked you to the showers with a torch to light your way.



The bible tells us that God is the source of all light and life and there is no darkness in God at all. Darkness on the other hand, is a life turned away from God. The bible calls this 'sin'. God doesn't want us to be stumbling about in darkness so he sent us Jesus - to be light for the world. Whoever follows him will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life. So in the same way that dad lit up the path to the showers in the dark, so Jesus came into the world, full of God's glorious light to lead us out of darkness into the light of God's love.

As Anna drove into the yard she said to the twins: "Jesus calls us to follow him. When we say 'yes' to Jesus, God's Spirit comes to live in us, to fill us with God's light and life, to teach and guide us in God's way of love. So next week when the candle is lit, remember that God knows you, God loves you, and makes you one of his own children." How special is that!!

With love from Fred, Richard and Kate - Discipleship Team