

THE ROCK

SUNSET ROCK

A Generate Church

**To know Jesus and make Him known
through worship, fellowship, and
engagement in the community.**

Hello Sunset Rock

From the Pastors

THE CHURCH OF THE SPIRIT

The Nicene Creed, speaking of the Holy Spirit, says,

*... And we believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life.
He proceeds from the Father and the Son,
and with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified.
He spoke through the prophets...*

The same Spirit that was there in the beginning, is with us now.
The same Spirit that raised Christ from the dead, is with us now.
The same Spirit that came at Pentecost, is with us now.
Eternal Spirit, giver of life and power.
Who guides, helps, advocates, comforts, teaches, and convicts us.

Jane Mitchell,
with Greg Pearce and Izzy Rogers

PRAYER

Father, I thank you that I am embedded in my own church. It is the form of the body of Christ that I know. You love this church. Christ loves it as his bride. So let me love and treasure my church. Let me find among my brothers and sisters, old and young, the ministry of Christ to me. Let me be open to the comfort of one, the correction of another, the teaching of one and the prayerful faith of another, the common encounter we have with you at the communion, the call that comes through the faithful to live obediently and to be together in offering Christ to those who are yet to meet him.

A DEVOTION WORTH SHARING

S (Colossians 3:2)
"Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth."

O There is so much more that is beyond me and the 'here and now'.

A My eyes, thoughts and desires need to be opened, broadened and enlarged to see, think upon and yearn for all that God desires of me, and for me.

P Gracious Father, I pray that this world will not envelop me so much that my eyes are diverted from you and your majesty. Your sovereignty needs to be made known in all I do, say, and pray for. Not my will, but yours, dear Lord and Saviour. Amen.



Have you written a SOAP or a devotion arising from the daily readings, something that you think is helpful for others as well as yourself? We would like to see it and consider it for publication. Please send it to Izzy or Jane.

Click [HERE](#) for a Pentecost Message from the Moderator of the Uniting Church

NOTICES

May 23rd, Church Service 10am.
Preacher: Greg Pearce

UPDATES

Name Tags: Do you have one? Would you like one? If there isn't one in the wooden cabinet in the entrance hall (or in your car console, or the bottom of your handbag), then speak to Jane and we can organise for a new one!

Tea and coffee may now be collected when you order. Please remember to observe social distancing when queuing and keep the servery area as clear as possible. If you want to stand and chat while you drink, please move into the Foyer, or outside so as not to cause congestion.

FROM THE CHURCH COUNCIL

Pastoral Care: If you would like someone to talk with, visit you, or need help in any way, please contact Jane Mitchell in the first instance.

Hohidiai Appeal: Our second, quarterly appeal for missions, will be happening in June. More information to come shortly about the amazing ministry being carried out in this remote area of Indonesia.

COVID REGULATIONS

Each room has maximum numbers indicated on the doors to each area.

Physical distancing of 1.5m. We still need to avoid physical closeness (hugging, handshakes etc) except with immediate family members.

Please avoid congregating in doorways, corridors and aisles.

GUIDELINES

If you check in with the QR code, please show the green tick to those on welcome. Others are to sign in on single check-in sheets.



Wash hands and sanitise often.



Observe Govt guidelines: **Stay home if you have cold or flu symptoms.**



Observe **social distancing**

EVENTS

WEDNESDAY MAY 26

4-5:30pm - Youth Group (12-18yrs).

7:30pm - Marshall's Bible Group.

SUNDAY MAY 23

10am Church: Preacher, Greg Pearce.
Pentecost!

THURSDAY MAY 27

10:30am - Bible Group led by Greg Pearce.

7:30pm - Elders' Meeting.

FRIDAY MAY 28

3:30- 4:30pm - Pastoral Care Team meeting.

5:30-6:30pm - Prayers at the Rock.

HAPPENING SOON!

31 May - 13 June.
Greg and Raylene will be on holidays.

5 - 11 July.
Izzy on holidays.

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

STEPHEN RAISON - GETTING MORE BENEFIT AND ENJOYMENT FROM READING THE BIBLE.

For the last three weeks a bunch of 25 or so have been gathering on Wednesday night. We have been hearing from Stephen Raison about reading the Old Testament.

The first night was 'Reading sacred songs—lyrics to move people and God'.

The second was titled 'Reading sacred narratives - challenging outlook through (truthful) storytelling.' The third 'Reading the prophets—the art of convicting, persuading and encouraging.' Each night brought its own insights and newfound understanding of the bible and how we can connect to God through it. One of my favorite reminders from these three nights was that God's attributes are relational they are not objective but connect with us, His people.

The video's for each night will be available by next week.

If you wish to have access to the notes from each night or a specific night please email Izzy.

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

BUSH TRACK OPENING

A huge thanks to everyone who helped at the opening of the Bush Track last Sunday, especially those who fed us! Thankyou Raylene for all the wonderful photos. If you wish to see the walk of the track [Click Here](#).

Chris Giles was MC-ing the opening and did a wonderful job introducing everyone and the track.



Ivan Copley welcomed us to the land and its original people. He taught us about the importance of history and how we can see this through the trees that have been present for generations.



Kate McSkimming told the story of how the bush track came to be and the processes we took to develop it.



Greg Pearce prayed over the track and the possibilities it may bring to our community.



Rebekha Sharkie shared the importance of tracks to her and what they bring to a community. She officially opened the track.



OUR COMMUNITIE



We had a wonderful lunch put on for us by the Gowers and Marshalls and other helpers. It was a great time to fellowship with others and enjoy the nature we have.

THE WALK OF THE TRACK



After the official opening we walked the track together. This was the first walk for many and I can say that we all thoroughly enjoyed it!



A wonderful bench that Margret Baker donated in remembrance of Brian Baker.

Live bush music played by Jane, Paul and Chris to set a great bush atmosphere.



LAST WEEK'S MESSAGE

Last week's and other past messages are now available as audio podcasts.

To access them, [Click Here](#)

Need help Accessing the podcasts? Give us a ring or ask Izzy on Sunday for some instructions.

BLESSINGS FROM GOD

A reminder of the **SOAP** method of noting your daily reading:

S = Scripture. The key verse.

O = Observation. What the writer meant.

A = Application. How this applies to you.

P = Prayer.

The weekly readings:

Psalm 68:1-19 or 118

Monday OT: Is 44:1-6;

Epistle: Acts 10:42-48a; Gospel: John 3:16-21

Tuesday Acts 2:42-47

Wednesday Acts 3:1-10

Thursday Acts 4:6-21

Friday Ephesians 2:17-22

Saturday Acts 8:14-25

**THE CHURCH OF THE
SPIRIT**
God poured out His love
into our hearts by means
of the Holy Spirit,
who is God's gift to us.
(Romans 5:5)

These daily readings and evening prayers are provided on Sunset Rock Church website, go to resources and click on the devotions tab. There are readings and prayer, which are evening devotions prepared by Greg. [Click Here](#)

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With thanks.



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