



28 JULY 2024

Welcome

Welcome to church this morning, we hope you enjoy being with us.

A special welcome to Rev. Ben Gilmour, the Director of the Vital Leadership Team, NSW/Act Synod, who will be our guest preacher this morning.

Lectionary readings

This week 28 July, 2024

2 Samuel 11:1-15
Psalm 14
Ephesians 3:14-21
John 6:1-21

Next Sunday 4 August, 2024

2 Samuel 11:26—12:13a
Psalm 51:1-12
Ephesians 4:1-16
John 6:24-35

Do you have a spare fridge?

One of our Hands & Feet clients needs a replacement fridge, if you have a spare fridge in good working order that you no longer require, please see Gail.

Volunteers needed to visit Allity Aged Care Pemulwuy, Tuesday 17th September 10.30-11.30 am.

I have recommenced visiting Allity once a month for a casual worship service. There is one Tuesday this year I cannot be present for and I wondered if a few of the members of the congregation would like to spend an hour with the residents. Instead of a service the staff will play your favourite hymns on Youtube and then you could chat to everyone about what the hymn/song means to you. If interested see Gail.

Community Prayer Dinner

It's not too late to purchase your tickets for Cumberland Community Prayer Dinner on Tuesday 27 August at 7pm in the Swan Room at Merrylands RSL.

The guest speaker is Angela Shanahan, a Canberra-based freelance journalist and mother of nine children. She has written regularly for The Australian for over 20 years, and formerly for the Sunday Telegraph, the Sydney Morning Herald and the Canberra Times.

The evening also includes prayers for the community, a two-course meal and a chance to chat with members of other churches in our area. Tickets are \$50 a head but must be purchased by August 13. See Sue for the Eventbookings link to purchase tickets or use the QR code on the flyer on the back notice-board.



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Who is God?

A recap of Intercultural Neighbouring Sunday, 21st July 2024.

- ◇ God is our Creator, and we are all made in God's image. (Genesis 1-2)
- ◇ God is intent on blessing all the nations of the earth. (Genesis 22:17-19.)
- ◇ God is the One who brings salvation to the ends of the earth. (Isaiah 52:10)
- ◇ God is the One who has acted throughout history to make Israel a light to all nations.
- ◇ God is the One who works in surprising ways through surprising people like Rahab the prostitute, who lived in Jericho and Ruth, another foreigner. Both women feature in Matthew's genealogy of Jesus Christ. (Joshua, Ruth, Matthew 1)
- ◇ God is the One who sent Jonah to the foreign city of Ninevah and patiently put up with Jonah's stubbornness and sulky moods. (Jonah)
- ◇ God is Jesus Christ and God was pleased to fully dwell within him. (Colossians 1:19)
- ◇ God is Jesus, who was full of praise for a woman from outside of Israel who gave him a clever, snappy answer. (The Syrophenician woman who knew she was entitled to Jesus' grace and healing)
- ◇ God is the One who unites all of us, as unique individuals, through and in Jesus Christ. (Galatians 3:28)
- ◇ God is Spirit. (John 4:24)
- ◇ God is the One who in Jesus Christ ate with sinners, allowed women to sit at his feet as disciples, dared to touch those regarded as unclean, was moved by compassion, who wept, who laughed, who feasted and who ventured beyond the limits of his own cultural identity and traditions.
- ◇ God is good. (everywhere throughout the Bible God's goodness is proclaimed and praised, in the Psalms)
- ◇ God is love. (1 John 4:16)