

Ministers Blog (Douglas)

The recent election of the JNC is the start of the process in calling a new minister to this church. The word "new" is largely overused these days to mean anything slightly tweaked or upgraded but on this occasion it signifies a new beginning for both the minister called and this church. We are looking at another new beginning for the church this week, the beginning of the church at Pentecost. It always saddens me that we only ever read the book of Acts at this time of year and then only chapter 2! There is a lot in Acts to encourage and inspire us today as we see how the first apostles empowered by the Spirit spread the message of Jesus to all.

Acts traces the church finding its feet in firstly Jerusalem and thereafter the surrounding cities and areas before Paul carries the message to the heart of the Roman Empire itself. It is a story of mission. It is a story of conversion. Both the mission and the conversions are made possible by the power of the Spirit.

Don't be fooled by only reading Acts 2 that this first church was perfect, they too had their own issues and concerns. What is significant is how they dealt with them by total reliance on the Spirit. Whatever challenges this church faces in the future may this never be forgotten. Everything is possible with God. When you are fuelled by the very Spirit of the Creator God, nothing is impossible. When we think we cannot accomplish something by ourselves we are correct. When we rely on the Spirit how much more will we achieve?

Small group this week FISH Group Last Sunday evening alternate months

Who are we: Retired people

What we do: Meet together to share fish, chips and fellowship

For information about any of our small groups contact Brett Gresham 0407 250 609 or Ruth 0425 109 972

Joint Nominating Committee

The initial meeting of the committee was held this week.

The Church profile was accepted and according to the Placements Committee process we will be provided with the profile of a minister for consideration.

The committee asks for prayers from the church people as it seeks God's discernment in this important matter.

PASTY BAKE.

Prices this year are: Pasties \$3.00 each and Plates \$8.00. Please place your orders with Pam Young by phoning 8352 5230.

The Henley & Grange Concert Bank Inc presents ABC In Concert.

Sunday 27th May at 2.00 pm in the Adelaide West Uniting Church.

Afternoon tea by gold coin donation.

Tickets \$12 at the door Enquiries 0430 099 198

Uniting Church Assembly 2012 – Adelaide 15-21 July 2012.

As you are aware Adelaide is hosting the 13th Assembly where our own Rev Prof. Dr. Andrew Dutney will be installed as President for the next three years. There will be a large number of overseas delegates attending this event and Synod are seeking help in finding volunteers to transport delegates around the venues and hosting them by providing meals or overnight accommodation during their stay in Adelaide. If you are able to help, please speak to Douglas who can provide forms and further information about what is involved"



Next Week

May 27th, 2012 : Easter 6

9.15 am Worship for Today

10.45 am Family Worship

6.00 pm Young Adults

Friday May 25th : 7.00 pm Youth

Readings Trinity Sunday

Isaiah 6:1-8

Psalm 29

Romans 8: 12-17

John 3:1-17

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9.15 am Douglas Monaghan

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Friday June 1st : 7.30 pm Youth

Acts 2:1-20

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them

were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.



⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴But 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. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷'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. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Readings for Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21 or Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Romans 8:22-27 or Acts 2:1-21

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