

OUR MISSION:

*Living and telling the good news of Jesus Christ,
reaching out to all in love and service.*

OUR VISION:

To be an outward looking Church



PENTECOST SUNDAY

Come, Holy Spirit

8th June 2025

Send your Spirit, O God, for the birthing and re-birthing of our faith. Send your Spirit, O God, that we may hear and speak and live anew. Send your Spirit, O God, for the renewal of your blessed creation. Send your Spirit, O God, to gather us – and then send your Spirit, O God, to send us forth in mission. Amen.

Sentence & Prayer of the Day

Sentence: God's love has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. Romans 5.5

Prayer of the Day: O God, who in smoke and fire upon Mount Sinai gave the law to Moses, and who revealed the new covenant in the fire of the Spirit: grant, we pray, that, kindled by that same Spirit which you poured forth upon your apostles, we may fulfil with joy your commandment of love. We ask this through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings: This Sunday

Acts 2.1-21

Ps 104.26-36

Romans 8.14-17

John 14.8-17

Next Sunday

Proverbs 8.1-4, 22-31

Ps 8

Romans 5.1-5

John 16.12-15

Sunday Services in our Region

- **Gympie:** St Peter's Church ► 8.30 am & 5.30 pm (In person & via Zoom) (See pg 8)
- **Rainbow Beach** - Good Shepherd Church ► 9.30 am
- **Tin Can Bay** - St John Vianney's Catholic Church ► 7.30 am (1st & 2nd Sunday's)

Prayers

Pray for the Church:

Worldwide: *The Anglican Church of Melanesia*

National: *The Diocese of Bunbury*

Our Diocese: • *The Parish of Sherwood-Oxley* • *Oratory of the Good Shepherd, Society of the Sacred Advent, Society of St Francis* • *Matthew Flinders Anglican College, Buderim*

Local:

Ministry: *Fr Shaji, Frida and family*

MU Ministry: *Pray this week for the Dioceses of Willochra, South Australia and Newcastle, NSW. Lord we thank you that in spite of huge distances separating members in Willochra they are committed to AMUA aims, and their communities. Pray as they seek to serve you through visiting, supporting local Op Shops, and Community Cafe, and Aged and Nursing Home visits. Pray too, for members in Newcastle as they seek to reach out in their community particularly through the hospitals. Help them as they share the comfort and hope that only you can bring. Amen.*

In Need: *Jim Alford; David Arthur; Azzrah; Nicholas Barrett; Bruce Barton; Eveline Crase & Family; Pam Dorman; Joyce Gall; Allan Gall; Peter Gall; Baby Louis; Jenny; Val McClurg & Family; Shirley Summerville; Graham and Beris Trainer; Robyn Vagg; Melodie Zylstra.*

ABM Reflection

The hubris that resulted in the Tower of Babylon, and the divisiveness of multiple languages is healed by the coming of the Holy Spirit. People from all around the then-known world suddenly could understand one another as language barriers melted away. From a sermon of a sixth-century African preacher, name unknown: 'If anyone says to one of us: "You have received the Holy Spirit. Why do you not speak in tongues?", he should reply: "I do speak in tongues. For I am in the Body of Christ, the Church, which speaks in every tongue. For what did God signify by the presence of the Holy Spirit if it was not that His Church would speak in every tongue?"

- *Lord, help me to speak intelligibly to those around me about you, your Son and the Holy Spirit.*
- *Give thanks for the work and witness of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.*

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Fortnight Ahead

8/6 2 nd Sunday	9/6 2 nd Monday	10/6 2 nd Tuesday	11/6 2 nd Wednesday	12/6 2 nd Thursday	13/6 2 nd Fri	14/6 2 nd Sat
PENTECOST 7.30 am Tin Can Bay 8.30 am St Peter's 9.30 am Rainbow Bch 5.30 pm St Peter's & Zoom	9.30–12 Mainly Music	5.00 pm Meditation @ St. P	Noon Gympie Minister's Network meeting Noon Service @ St P Evening Bible Study Pls enquire	3.00 pm Bible Study @ St.P 5.30 pm Pitch-In Choir		
15/6 3 rd Sunday	16/6 3 rd Monday	17/6 3 rd Tuesday	18/6 3 rd Wednesday	19/6 3 rd Thursday	20/6 3 rd Fri	21/6 3 rd Sat
TRINITY SUNDAY 8.30 am St Peter's 9.30 am Rainbow Bch 5.30 pm St Peter's & Zoom	9.30–12 Mainly Music	5.00 pm Meditation @ St. P	Noon Service @ St P 9.30 am Cooina Aged Care-SJ Evening Bible Study Pls enquire	10.00 Homeless Connect 3.00 pm Bible Study @ St.P 5.30 pm Pitch-In Choir		9.00 am Parish Council @ St P

Readings

First reading from Acts 2.1-21

¹When 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."

(Pause for reflection)

Hear the Word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD

Psalm 104.26-36

²⁶ Lord, how various are your works:
in wisdom you have made them all, and the earth is full of your creatures.

²⁷ **There is the wide, immeasurable sea:**

there move living things without number, great and small;

²⁸ There go the ships, to and fro:

and there is that Leviathan whom you formed to sport in the deep.

²⁹ **These all look to you:**

to give them their food in due season.

³⁰ When you give it to them, they gather it:

when you open your hand they are satisfied with good things.

³¹ **When you hide your face, they are troubled:
when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**

³² When you send forth your spirit they are created:
and you renew the face of the earth.

³³ **May the glory of the Lord endure for ever:
may the Lord rejoice in his works.**

³⁴ If he look upon the earth, it shall tremble:
if he but touch the mountains, they shall smoke.

³⁵ **I will sing to the Lord as long as I live:
I will praise my God while I have any being.**

³⁶ May my meditation be pleasing to him:
for my joy shall be in the Lord.

A reading from Romans 8. 14-17

¹⁴For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. ¹⁵For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. ¹⁶The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: ¹⁷And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

(Pause for reflection)

Hear the Word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD

The Holy Gospel

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 14.8-17

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

⁸Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' ⁹Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it. ¹⁵'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

(Pause for reflection)

For the Gospel of the Lord

PRAISE TO YOU LORD JESUS CHRIST

Pentecost

God's sending of the Spirit is not once-and-for-all but an ongoing gift of renewal for Creation and the church. Acts 2 narrates the Christian community's birth in sending the Spirit, while John promises the Spirit's ongoing dwelling. The psalmist imagines the very life of Creation in the sending of the Spirit. These narratives form the prelude to the Spirit's sending us for the sake of all.

Acts 2:1–21 Pentecost was a harvest festival in Judaism. It was one of three pilgrimage feasts that beckoned all Jews who were able to return to Jerusalem, accounting for the diverse crowd noted in 2:5. Pentecost derives its prefix (the Greek “pente-”), being the 50th day after Passover.

Acts 2 devotes surprisingly little to the actual account of the sending of the Spirit. The text uses metaphor rather than literal assertions to describe the signs accompanying the sending (“like the rush of a mighty wind . . . tongues as of fire”). However, the passage devotes far more material to the consequences of that gift.

At the centre of the passage's verses and meaning is the speaking in other languages. Unlike the “speaking in tongues” (glossolalia) that Paul says is not understood by anyone (1 Corinthians 14:2), the diverse languages uttered here enable communication with the equally diverse crowd gathered by the sounds. The list of peoples and nations in verses 9–11 goes in an east to west flow, a detail reflective of the narrative in Genesis 11. The inclusion suggested by this list is extraordinary. It includes at least two nations and peoples (Parthians and Elamites) no longer in existence at this point in history. The Spirit's gathering thus reaches not only beyond borders but even beyond time.

The focal point of this event narrows from the sounds of all the apostles speaking out to the account of Peter's preaching to the crowd. The “sermon,” which continues through to verse 40, begins with a defence against the charge of drunkenness generating the outbreak. The remaining fragment of the sermon consists of Peter quoting Joel 2:28–32 from the Septuagint (Greek Old Testament). The sending of God's Spirit is linked to the “last days,” a concern the disciples had earlier raised to the soon-to-be ascended Jesus (Acts 1:6–8). There, Jesus urged the disciples not to concern themselves with things they could not know but to await God's Spirit and the mission it would entail. Here in Acts, the sending of the Spirit, as foreseen by Joel, culminates in an act of preaching that launches the mission and births the community.

Genesis 11:1–9 narrates the story of the Tower of Babel. The movement of people from east to west in Acts 2 is already noted as an echo of this older story. The more connective of the two is communication. Genesis 11 links the attempt to “make a name for ourselves” (verse 4) with the eventual confusing of language and scattering of people. Acts 2 reverses this. Language is no longer confusing but understood. People gather rather than scatter by an act of God. In the end, “making a name for ourselves” transforms into “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord” (Acts 2:21).

Psalms 104:24–34, 35b like Acts, emphasizes the inclusive nature of God's hand and works in Creation (104:24). At its centre, the psalmist affirms that God's sending of the Spirit is an act of Creation and renewal of Earth, not merely the human community.

John 14:8–17, (25–27) forms part of Jesus' farewell discourse to the disciples. The promise of the Spirit's sending is explicitly about the gift of Holy Presence that will endure and instruct (verses 15 and 25), and implicitly about the gift of peace that banishes fear.



The Spirit is sent for the sake of life. The Spirit births the Christian community in Acts 2 and empowers mission, which unfolds in subsequent chapters. The Spirit renews Earth and all God's creatures in Psalm 104. The Spirit is sent to be a companion, moving us from scattered isolation into a gathered community. What is your experience of God's Spirit: in your life, in your congregation, in the world?

Connecting scripture and life

God sends the Spirit on Pentecost, and the consequence is not simply the speaking of languages and the delivery of a sermon – but the creation of a community.

- **What is the evidence of God's Spirit in the origins – or renewals – of your congregation?**
- **In what ways do you and your congregation practice discernment for God's continuing sending of Spirit in settings of worship, administration life, service with and for others?**

The community God gathers on Pentecost Day is diverse, surpassing nation and ethnicity boundaries and, arguably, even time.

- **In what ways does the church today reflect and honour diversity as a gift of God's Spirit?**
- **In what ways does the church today resist diversity as a threat, and for what reasons?**

News & Notices



MU Gathering

The next Mother's Union gathering will be held on Tuesday, 24th June, at 9.30 am in St Peter's.

This will be a special event with a Communion Service to start then a presentation of long service certificates to Audrey Goldsworthy and Pam Dorman by Jenny Bullock our MU Diocesan President. Morning Tea will follow thereafter. All are welcome to join us for this event.

A Day Conference for Christian Women

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Saturday August 2

9:00am - 3:15pm

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Dear Parents and Guardians and interested persons,

I hope this letter finds you well.

I'm writing to share a joyful and significant opportunity for your child and family. On **Sunday, 31st August 2025**, our **Regional Bishop, The Right Reverend Sarah Plowman**, will be visiting **St Peter's Anglican Church in Gympie**. During this special service, we will be offering the **Sacrament of Confirmation at 9.30 am**.

Confirmation is a profound and beautiful step in the journey of Christian faith. It is a chance for young people to make their own public affirmation of the promises made at their baptism—promises originally made on their behalf by parents and godparents. In Confirmation, they affirm for themselves their commitment to Christ, and they are strengthened by the Holy Spirit for the life of faith ahead.

Our records indicate that your child may be eligible to be confirmed, and we would be honoured to include them in this significant moment of faith and growth.

We would love to walk this journey with you, your child and your family. If you would like to express interest or find out more, please get in touch or return filled form to me at your earliest convenience, and I will be in touch to provide more details.

It is our prayer that this season will be one of encouragement, growth, and renewal for all who choose to be part of it.

With every blessing,

Fr Shaji Joseph

Rector

CONFIRMATION Application form

Applicant's Full Name ↓:

[Please use Block Print]

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Male [] Female []

Baptism information *(if previously Baptised)*

Date of Baptism: _____

Place of Baptism: *(Church & Location)* _____

Home Address: _____

Postal Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Sponsor: *(Person who will be presenting you to the Bishop for Confirmation)*

Full name: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____

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Sunday's ZOOM information

Topic: St Peter's Sunday Evening Service **Time:** Each Sunday @ 05:30 PM

Join Zoom Meeting via computer or mobile device (*Click or type link into your web browser*) <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7246788483> **Meeting ID:** 724 678 8483:

No password required

Please note ZOOM connection information does not change each week.

How to contribute financially to our Church

For those who would like to contribute, please see the options below.

1) Deposits may be made by internet transfer from your bank direct to our Church

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Please use all the four zeros when entering the Acctn No.

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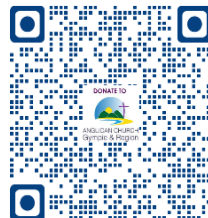
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