

## Worship at St Luke's this weekend

Sunday 7 am: Holy Communion  
(Hymns: TIS 217, MP 67, MP 611, TIS 414)

Sunday 9am: Family Service (also streamed via ZOOM\*)  
(Hymns: MP 241, Spirit of God (Skye boat song), MP 502, MP 1004)

\* <https://zoom.us/j/7210725462> or by telephone (07 3185 3730, meeting ID 721 072 5462).

'Let anyone who is thirsty come to me,' says the Lord; 'and let the one who believes in me drink. For out of your heart shall flow rivers of living water.'

*Rev'd Timothy writes...*

Our text from Acts 2 is very familiar. The Day of Pentecost; the coming of the Holy Spirit, and Peter's first sermon, with Peter being heard in the languages of the "Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia..." . In my reading this week I found an interesting take on this; why didn't Peter just preach in Greek? N T Wright writes that "ever since the conquest of Alexander the Great, 400 years earlier, Greek had been to much of the world what English is for many people in the world today," in other words, pretty much everyone would have known enough Greek to get by.



But the first gift of the Spirit was the gift of language. This is telling. It is saying that the work of the Holy Spirit was not to subsume everyone else's culture, but to enter the culture of Parthians and Medes and Elamites, and enable the disciples to tell the story of Jesus from inside the cultures of those who heard. This is more grounding, this is Incarnation. Perhaps we need to learn how to speak the gospel in Australian?

## Can a Scientist Believe in God?

With Sarah Sweet and Chris Mulherin

When: Friday 29 May 7 – 8.30 p.m. followed by supper

Where: St Luke's Anglican Church, 193 Ekibin Road East, Tarragindi, QLD

University of Queensland astronomer Sarah Sweet and ISCAST executive director Chris Mulherin will lead a discussion of how the sciences and Christian faith can be meaningfully integrated. Sarah will give a visual presentation of some of her work as an astronomer and reflect on how her profession connects with her faith. Chris will then expand on the theme, showing how the relationship between the sciences and faith can be a harmonious one. There will also be books for sale and an opportunity to make a donation to the work of ISCAST. Supper will follow the discussion. This event is free.

*Let Rev'd Timothy know if you would like to come to this and I'll add you to the RSVP for catering purposes.*



## Readings for Day of Pentecost

Pentecost is a celebration of God's expansive Spirit—a Spirit that refuses to be contained.

Acts 2:1–21 The feast of Pentecost (or Shavuot in the Jewish calendar) was a time of drawing together despite differences in language, customs, and history. The longing expressed by Moses bursts into life as the Spirit comes upon people from every place and language.

Psalm 104:24–34, 35b contains the delightful image of the Leviathan—or sea creature—playing in the sea which God created. The psalmist sings of a creation alive with God's breath.

1 Corinthians 12:1-13 Here Paul gives a great description of the centrality of the Spirit to all aspects of the work of the church.

John 20:19–23 While the psalmist sings of a creation alive with God's breath, Jesus speaks of living water flowing from the hearts of believers.

Together, the readings on Pentecost Sunday invite us to imagine a community where the Spirit is poured out widely and generously, calling each of us to speak truth, dream boldly, and join God's renewing work in the world.

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### *First reading (7 am & 9am)*

A reading from the book of Acts

<sup>1</sup> When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup> Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem.

<sup>6</sup> And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup> Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these

who are speaking Galileans?' <sup>8</sup> And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup> Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' <sup>12</sup> All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' <sup>13</sup> But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

<sup>14</sup> But 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. <sup>15</sup> Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only

nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken through the prophet

Joel:

<sup>17</sup> "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.

<sup>18</sup> Even upon my slaves, both men and women,

in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup> And I will show portents in the heaven above

and signs on the earth below,

blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

<sup>20</sup> The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

<sup>21</sup> Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

*Acts 2:1-21*

*Psalm 104:26-36 (7 am only)*

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

<sup>27</sup> There is the wide, immeasurable sea: there move living things without number, great and small;

<sup>28</sup> There go the ships, to and fro: and there is that Leviathan whom you formed to sport in the deep.

<sup>29</sup> These all look to you: to give them their food in due season.

<sup>30</sup> When you give it to them, they gather it:

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

<sup>31</sup> When you hide your face, they are troubled:

when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

<sup>32</sup> When you send forth your spirit they are created:

and you renew the face of the earth.

<sup>33</sup> May the glory of the Lord endure for ever:

may the Lord rejoice in his works.

<sup>34</sup> If he look upon the earth, it shall tremble:

if he but touch the mountains, they shall smoke.

<sup>35</sup> I will sing to the Lord as long as I live: I will praise my God while I have any being.

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

*Second Reading (7 am only)*

A reading from the first letter to the Corinthians

<sup>1</sup> Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. <sup>2</sup> You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak.

<sup>3</sup> Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup> Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup> and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup> and there are varieties of activities, but it is the

same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup> To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup> To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup> to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup> All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

<sup>12</sup> For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup> For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all

made to drink of one Spirit.

*1 Corinthians 12:1-13*

### *Gospel reading*

A reading from the gospel of John

<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

*John 20:19-23*

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### Word for the Day

Pentecost invites us into a moment when God's Spirit moved with such power that everyone—young and old, insiders and outsiders, expected and unexpected voices—became bearers of the Good News. Moses longed for and dreamed that God's people would be prophets. At Pentecost, this dream ignites into reality. The Spirit breaks through barriers of language and custom, offering gifts to every person. That same Spirit still surprises, still speaks through unlikely people and in unlikely places, and still empowers us to join God's work in the world with courage and imagination.

### **Ideas for Reflection**

In Numbers, two unexpected voices prophesy in an unexpected place. The Pentecost experience went even further as the Spirit filled people in ways no one planned.

Where might the Spirit be moving today in surprising ways?

The Pentecost story breaks open the idea that there is one correct way to speak, worship or understand God. How might we practice deeper listening—to stories, customs, and people whose lives differ from ours? What steps might we take to en-


courage prophetic witness within our faith communities? Whose voice do we need to prioritise, and who is playing the gatekeeper to real growth?

The prophet Joel imagines old and young, women and men, empowered to dream boldly. What dreams are stirring individually or in our community that might be the Spirit's invitation toward new life, justice, and change? What are the dreams that we are afraid to dream? What are the dreams that we are reluctant to share? What are the dreams that we have held close to our hearts?



Pentecost empowers speech, but it also creates a community that listens in wonder. What might it look like for us to speak truth with courage, and also hear truth with humility, especially when it comes through unexpected voices and in unexpected places? How would you know that the Spirit is speaking into your life? What might God's inspiration lead you to today?

In the readings on this Pentecost Day, the Spirit is abundant, free, uncontained. How might we—as individuals and as a community—participate in the same generosity? What might it look like to live open-handedly with our presence and gifts?

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St Luke's Theatre Society



# ROPE

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## For our Prayers

### *Prayer for the day*

Almighty God, at the feast of Pentecost you sent your Holy Spirit to the disciples, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: empower us with that same Spirit to witness to your redeeming love and draw all people to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

### *The World*

Pray for the work of the World Health Organisation, and for scientists developing life-saving vaccines .

### *The Anglican Communion*

The Episcopal Church in the Philippines

The Diocese of The Murray: †Keith Dalby; Clergy and People

The Parish of Gympie: Shaji Joseph

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### *Our missionary partners*

David and Zoë Browne, Bush Church Aid in Gladstone

### *Local Schools and colleges*

Marshall Road Primary, Salisbury Primary, Yeronga Primary

### *Our parish*

Pray for the Spirit's guidance as we move forward in all the activities on our precinct.

### ***Those who are sick, frail or emotionally stressed***

Ryan, Sharon L, Rev'd Shane, David F, Sharon, Peter G, Lauren, Rita, Don, Margaret, Peter F., Maxine and Robyn McEInea, Glen and Rose, Mon McNeill, Ian Basjam, Rex Holden.

### *From the Parish Book of Remembrance*

24 May: Joseph Bell; 26 May: Dianne Elizabeth Bitz; 27 May: Charles Morley Rye, Matthew John Austin McGuigan-Lewis, Tegan Margery McGuigan-Lewis; 28 May: Leonard Neville Trace, Kerry Joseph Broomham; 29 May: Judith Anne Foreman; 30 May: Edna Pearl Karger, Dorothy Olive Houston, Raymond Cecil Dodd.

Children's Church  
continues each Sunday  
in term 2. All welcome.



## St Luke's Connect

The next St Luke's Connect is this week  
on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May.

Service at 9.30am,  
followed by  
morning tea.



Last call: Church News June 2026  
Please send articles and photos to Honor  
TODAY 24<sup>th</sup> May 2026.  
Email: [phlawler@optusnet.com.au](mailto:phlawler@optusnet.com.au)  
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## Services This Week:

Tuesday-Friday

6pm: Evening Prayer on Zoom

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May

1.30pm: Holy Communion at Regis,  
Salisbury

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May

9.30am: Holy Communion at St Luke's

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May: Trinity Sunday

7am: Holy Communion at St Luke's

9am: All-age Service with Holy  
Communion

*(children will stay in church)*

*Readings: Exodus 34:1-8, Song of 3YM 29-34  
(APBA P399), 2 Corinthians 13:11-13,  
Matthew 28:16-20*

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