

Cranbourne Uniting Church

"We are a multicultural church, called to provide Christ's living bread in physical and spiritual ways to the Cranbourne Region."

Matthew 25: 35 - 40

THE GOOD NEWS

PENTECOST

Colour **RED**

Sunday 17th May 9.30am

Presider Robyn Tomkins (retired chaplain)



This Sunday we celebrate Pentecost, wear something **RED** to remind you of God's gift of the Holy Spirit.



Unity in Diversity

One of the things I love about the Uniting Church is its belief in '*unity in diversity*'. It's a belief that is reinforced by this Sunday's (Day of Pentecost) reading from the Acts of the Apostles which describes that first Pentecost day. (Acts2:1-21).

In verse 4 we read: "***All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.***"

Now whilst I believe there may have been some literal truth in the occurrence, I also believe there is an underlying truth that points to the unifying action of the Holy Spirit - ***unity in diversity!***

You know the Holy Spirit is at work when she crosses boundaries. Read the gospels and you will also see that Jesus was also a great boundary crosser. Being filled with the Holy Spirit calls us to listen, understand and connect with others, whose language and outlook may be different to ours. Our God, a god of relationship calls us to reach out to others with openness, realising there are many ways of coming to faith. It is at the heart of our Food Truck ministry. It's at the heart of Cranbourne Uniting Church. From many backgrounds, cultures and faith we come and celebrate our Pentecost God.



Sunday's Readings

Acts 2: 1 - 21

Psalms 104: 24 – 34, 35b

1 Corinthians 12: 3b - 13

John 20: 19 - 23 *Focus Text*



A Prayer for this week

Let the Spirit come and fill and pray and laugh in us, O God. Let the Spirit come and be in the silences between our words. As our lungs and lips breathe in and out and we consider how much a blessing that simple act is, may true needs, deep longings, unglimped hopes, and paralysing fears, be exhaled into your heart

through the Spirit's sighing. Let the Spirit come and lead us to one another so that we receive not just personal blessings, but the wonderful gathered vision and vocabulary of your Pentecost people, where the distance may be physical but never spiritual. AMEN
 (Source: Maren Tirabassi, Gifts in Open Hands)

Paul Wolsky – Prayer Chain

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Giving We appreciate your support and dedication to Cranbourne Uniting Church.

In April 2026 our giving was \$3,800.00
 and our expenses were \$6,073.82
 Balance **-\$2,273.82**



Multicultural Lunch

After church on Sunday 31st May

Celebrating our cultural diversity

Bring a plate of food to share from your home culture.

Study Group

Thursday 28th May 7.30pm at the church.

Theme – Following Mark

Led by Tony Duncam



Volunteers Needed

To pack up table and chairs at 7.00pm on Saturday nights

MAY Food Truck Wish List

We are collecting cereal, noodles and 600ml bottled water

Due to limited storage space the Food Truck can only take donations of Food. Can all other donations be given to Narre Warren Nth Op Shop. Open Wed, Thurs and Fri 9am – 3pm



Roster

DUTY ROSTER	Sunday 24 th May Pentecost	Sunday 31 st May
Liturgist	Chris Marsh	Paul Martin
Music	Elizabeth Hunt	Suzanne Giles
Readers	Sonja Giessmann Jenny Duncan	Cath Taylor Marg Williams
Sunday School	Paul Martin	Phill Start
Door	Peter Pryn	Peter Pryn
Steward	Chris Marsh	Paul Martin
Cleaners	Streckfuss Family	Taylor / Young

