

# Pentecost Sunday

**Theme: Transitions (Passover to Pentecost).**

**Scripture: Acts 2.1-13**

**Message: 'Rest On Us'**

There is a dip, a gap, a lull, between Christ's ascending and the Holy Spirit's descending. What we might call a delay, down-time, a cooling off period, was in truth a space of *holy transition*, explicitly commanded by Christ in His last earthly words before ascension.

Christ puts waiting before receiving.

He tells the disciples to wait, to stay put, until they receive the Holy Spirit.

The whole world, and the church worldwide, are in a time of transition.

We are transitioning from Pre-Covid (Cherished Normal)

.... to Living with Covid (No Normal).

Pope Francis, author of 'Let Us Dream: The Path to a Better Future', writes:

*"By its very nature this crisis presents us with a choice: we make a grievous error if we try to return to some pre-crisis state. But, if we have the courage to change, we can emerge from the crisis better than before."*

God leads us into times of challenge and change for specific reasons.

He wants time to minister to us in the process of change.

He wants to prepare us.

He wants to guide our plans and guard our unity.

He wants to deal with our fear and grow our faith.

So that, when the *fire* falls when the *Spirit* moves, we will all be ready!

Change and transition are all part of His formation and discipleship process.

**"Fire and wind, come and do it again  
Open up the gates, let Heaven on in  
Come rest on us."**

Orrell.



*Come Holy Spirit*

## The Vine

5 June 2022

## New Series: 'God Is Calling'

*Your 'Call' (really) is important to us!*

In June/July we are offering a five-week guided tour of our church.

At the end of which - we are going to ask you a very important question:

***"In light of what you have heard over the past five weeks, do you sense God's 'call' on your life?"***

There's absolutely no doubting that God is indeed calling you, but there's often a great deal of doubt and ignorance surrounding that call.

It's helpful to note that God's call always has a context! God's call contains a specific *time*, *place*, and *purpose*.

- ***It is never ambiguous or all encompassing.***
- ***It is do-able.***
- ***It is personal.***
- ***It is relational.***
- ***It is older than you.***
- ***It is older than your Granddad.***
- ***Your call was formed before the foundations of world.***

*'Your call (really) is important to us'* pun definitely intended.

We can help you discern your call, discover your gifts, and assist you in moving into a mission shaped life, regardless of where that mission may be. Our intent is not to shoehorn you into a program or to use you to fill gaps in our rosters.

We will, if called upon, create a new missional project or ministry platform to facilitate you in answering God's call.

**Frederick Buechner regarding 'Discerning Your Calling'**

***"The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet."***

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### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - JUNE DONATIONS

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This month we're collecting **Something to Play With**. Toy cars, yoyos, skipping ropes, slinkies, tennis balls, finger puppets, etc ... small enough to fit in a shoebox with lots of other things. Thank you for your wonderful support.



# One Church ✦ One Service ✦ Once a Year

## Welcome to our Pentecost Sunday Communion Service followed by a Congregational Meeting.

You'll see a Rose wrapped in a blue ribbon on the communion table today . . . an announcement to our church family of the birth of Xavier John Mahaffey, a wonderful gift from God and our responsibility as a church (it takes a village to grow a child). As our church family grows, we look forward to seeing more roses with blue or pink ribbons.

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### Q & A SESSIONS

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As a follow-up to today's meeting, dates & times have been set aside providing you with the opportunity to ask questions and/or share ideas appertaining to the Concept Plans, Corporate Identity and Operational Guidelines.

All are welcome and encouraged to take part in this important exercise.

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2022, 10:30am – 12:00pm.

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2022, 6:00pm – 7:30pm.

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2022, 1:30pm – 3:00pm.

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2022, 5:00pm – 6:30pm.

} At Gympie Regional Uniting  
Church, Red Hill Rd, Gympie



*"We are so proud and excited to share the safe arrival of our gorgeous son . . . Xavier John Mahaffey (Xavier pronounced as though it's Z) 9 lb 8 oz, 57cm." Congratulations Bethany, Jason, Theo and Mayah!*

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### BIBLE SOCIETY GYMPIE BRANCH ~ JUNE APPEAL

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During this month, the Bible Society is seeking financial support from our Gympie churches. You can give via the blue donation boxes located in our church foyers; use a separate envelope marked 'Bible Society' to place in our offering bowl/box; or by bank transfer: BSB 064416 Account No: 00906891 Account Name: Bible Society Australia - Gympie Branch Reference: Your Name or Gympie UC

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### OFFICE INTERNET & NEW PHONE NUMBER

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We're upgrading our Telstra account structure saving us money. Our apologies if you had difficulty in reaching the team by email or office phone over the past week - our temporary disconnection occurred suddenly. The internet is back up and running and we anticipate having office phone connection later this week. The new office landline number will be **07 5481 1908** (the other numbers have been disconnected)



**UNITING 4570**  
**So we can be one**

Our primary purpose is to fulfil our calling ... the calling of exhibiting the character of Jesus, spirit of humility, love, and unity, coupled with resurrection power, proving that the church is truly 'The Body of Christ' inhabited by God Himself!

## GYMPIE REGIONAL UNITING CHURCH CONTACT DETAILS

### WORSHIP

**Gympie:** 15 Red Hill Road - Together at 9am + Kidz Church

**Imbil:** 3 Elizabeth Street - 9am

### LIVE-STREAMING

Sunday messages livestreamed to facebook & YouTube; look up 'Gympie Regional Uniting Church'

### CHURCH OFFICE

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### PASTORAL CARE

Please contact the office or Jim Hall

Some  
dates  
to  
note

- ★ D'Café - Tuesdays & Fridays, 9.30am
- ★ Corporate Prayer & Communion - Thursdays, 8am, Gympie
- ★ Congregational Meeting - 5 June, 10.30am, Gympie
- ★ SHINE Women's Conference (Gympie) - 26 August
- ★ GROW Women's Conference (Brisbane) - 3 September

## OFFERING & ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

Attendance: Adults 91 • Children 6 Livestream audience: facebook 147 • youtube 11

Total Week's Offering: \$3772.00 ... Budgeted Offerings per week is \$3,792.00.

Tithes & Offerings by Bank Transfer: Westpac BSB 034 127 Acct: 29 4101

*(Please identify your bank transaction as either 'Tithe' or 'Offering', Thank you)*

**if my  
people...**  
2 CHRON. 7:14

### WE CAN CHOOSE TO BE A HOUSE OF PRAYER!

"True prayer is a way of life, not just in case of emergency". We would love to see you at **8am** on **Thursday** mornings. This has become a great time of fellowship, conversing with the Father and sharing in Communion.