

Series: Where The Wild God Is

We can't comprehend Him, but we can experience Him!

Message: Born To Be Wild

Scripture: Mark 1. 14-15 NIV.

John 3. 1-15 NIV.

- **When did we become so tame?**
- **How has 'the good life' and 'being comfortable' come to mean loving, serving, and trusting money more than God?**
- **Can we break free to become the joyful and prophetic people God calls us to be?**



In this season of Lent, I sense the Spirit is pushing us out into the wild, where we can better hear the heartbeat of an untamed God.

No longer trusting in structures alone, but in God and in the people He gathers at a particular time and place, for a particular purpose.

'A people on the way.'

Seeking the feral foundations of Scripture and the lessons the prophets and disciples gleaned from wilderness testing.

A church where all are valued and released to be church, not just a few leaders.

A church not frightened by opposition because it is resilient and has gritty determination.

A church moving in simple obedience and breathtaking power.

A church of disciples, not just congregants.

A wilder church!

Much Grace, Orrell

Joy Circle

We hope you can come! **Thursday, 22nd February, 9:30am.** Do you have an interesting, uplifting or funny 10-minute story to share? If so, please catch up with Jill. You are very welcome to bring your friends.



Join Us at The Long Table

Saturday, 24th February, from 4:30pm at our Gympie Church. Bring a meal to share, join the fun and delight in each other's company.

Urgent Kidz Church Update

Kidz Church is a vital ministry for Uniting 4570. Sophie and Narelle have been our Leaders for some time now and have done a tremendous job. We have a wonderful group of young children who have been thriving in this space and are a joy to work with - each Sunday we see how excited they are as they run out to Kidz Church.

We've reached a point where we urgently need additional leaders. Sophie is embarking on tertiary studies and we don't expect Narelle to lead more often than not - everyone must be given the opportunity to be a part of our full church services.

We aim to expand our pool of Leaders to a minimum of 4 people - so that each Leader is taking Kidz Church no more than once a month. Leaders will have at least one assistant. We have a children's program which comes with resources and training will be provided.

We ask that you prayerfully consider taking on a Kidz Church Leader Role. Please, don't feel daunted – you will be part of a team with a supportive approach. Have a conversation with Narelle or Sophie Collins who can explain what is entailed.

World Day of Prayer ♦ Friday 1st March

This is an annual, international, ecumenical Christian event. The theme for 2024 is ... *"I beg you, bear with one another in love"*.

Mary Valley - Kandanga Public Hall, 9.30am.

Gympie - Apostolic Church (cnr Atkinson Rd, entry off Old Maryborough Rd, Araluen). Fellowship and Cuppa from 5pm, Service starts at 6pm.



Rewilding the Church argues that our appetite to plan, manage, contain and control has not only led to an environmental crisis, but has also disrupted the natural patterns in the Church. The same human instincts that have disrupted our natural environment have also constrained the Church. What began as a Spirit-empowered movement has become hindered by excessively complex and risk-averse institutions. The Christian way has been domesticated and it is time to rediscover the adventure of faith.

Steve Aisthorpe

Rewilding the Church

- * **Prayer & Communion** - Tuesdays, 8am, in our Gympie Church
- * **Bible Society Morning Tea** - Wednesday, 21st Feb, 9.30am, The Coffee Club
- * **Gympie Community Breakfast** - Friday, 23rd Feb, 6.30am, Memorial Park
- * **Grand Friends** - recommences Wednesday, 6th March

Baptism and Reaffirmation

Resurrection Sunday 31st March 2024

Baptism identifies us with four key aspects of the gospel of Jesus:

- 1. His death,**
- 2. His burial,**
- 3. His resurrection,**
- 4. His witnesses**



Romans 6:3-7

³Or don't you know that all of us who were baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into His death?

⁴We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

⁵For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we will certainly also be united with Him in a resurrection like His.

⁶For we know that our old self was crucified with Him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin - because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.

“Renewing God, you are the one who invites us on a journey of renewal – the one who sees beyond, the one who calls us forward, the one who endeavours to constantly refresh our lives.

But we are not meant to simply rush into each new day, each precious moment. Instead, caring God, you invite us to pause before we move on.



THE PAUSE BUTTON:
LEARNING FROM THE STILLNESS

Within the Psalms, your people have written of this, when they encourage the reader to *selah*, to bring a pause to the movement of life.

Not a pause to sleep or a pause to just forget. But God, you invite us to pause and listen more clearly to your word to us in that moment, the first step of the new journey.

We thank you when the pause allows us to appreciate the beauty of your creation in which we live.

We thank you when the pause reminds us of the joy, we experience at being able to love and to be loved.

We thank you when the pause helps us to stop madly planning what could be and instead enjoy what you have given us to do.

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When challenges and hardship overwhelm us, when the future seems uncertain and frightening, we pray that the small pause, the *selah*, helps us to experience your loving grace that Jesus promised when saying, *“Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest”* (Matthew 11:28).

And a pause as comes from Psalm 3:4, to know you are there, ever-present God even when we feel lost, *“I was crying to the Lord with my voice, And He answered me from His holy mountain. Selah* (pause)”.
May we experience the refreshment and renewal that only Your love can bring, that it might bring a deeper connection with You and one another.

Amen.”

By Doug Foster, Synod Ministry Agent Coordinator



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Worship

Worship Services... **Gympie:** 15 Red Hill Road - 9am + Kidz Church (school term)

Imbil: 3 Elizabeth Street - 9am

Live-streaming... Sunday messages are usually livestreamed to facebook & YouTube; look up 'Gympie Regional Uniting Church'

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Pastoral Care... Please contact the office by phone or email

- Need the services of a Justice of The Peace? ... Call Glenda 0418 187 698
- Need help with your computer? ... Call Mike 0403 271 413
- Need a lift to church? ... Call Jill 0421 333 538
- Need prayer? ... Call the office 0493 442 250

Offering & Attendance Last Sunday

Attendance: Adults 86 ♦ Children 11 ♦ Facebook 95 ♦ YouTube 15

Total Week's Offering: \$2,427.00 ... Budgeted Offerings per week is \$3,270.00.

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

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