



Col's Corner

18th May 2025

Theme: Salt and Light

Bible Reading: Matthew 5:13-16 (NIV)

Jesus used the analogy of **salt and light** as part of His **teaching ministry**. Salt had at least **three special qualities**:

- it was **pure**;
- it could be used as a **preservative**; or
- it could be used as a **flavouring**.

As Christians, we are called to **share these attributes in our lives**. **Lights** have been used for centuries as a **guide** in many different situations. A light needs to be **seen to be made use of**.

We need to **shine the Light of Jesus** in our **daily activities** wherever that may be.

Blessings,
Your Pastor, Col.





TODAY ... 18th May, 2:30pm in our Gympie Church.

Bring your friends and family to enjoy singing your favourite hymns. We'd appreciate you bringing some afternoon tea to share.

May Christmas Shoebox Collections

This month we're collecting '**Personal Care Items**', such as ... toothbrushes, nail clippers and emery boards, face washers and soap bars, hair brushes, combs, hairbands, etc. Please don't include anything that may leak such as toothpaste, shampoo, hand cream, etc. *Thank you for your wonderful support.*



*We hope you can join us again next Sunday
with David Wright in Gympie or
Rev. Col Shenfield at Imbil*

Fundraiser Dinner Supporting RI in Qld

The Alliance of Christian Religious Education (ACRE) has partnered with the Gympie Ministers' Network to provide a paid Christian RI Instructor in our local schools. They are holding a fundraiser dinner in Gympie on **Monday 2nd June, 6:15pm**, at Kingston House Impressions Restaurant (11 Channon Street). Guests will be treated to a delicious two course meal with drinks and a presentation/update on the work of Christian RI across Queensland and the Gympie area.

ACRE actually funds the dinner - anyone who attends is welcome to pay the restaurant for their meal (\$70 each) on the night of the event on top of any donation they make to RI.

Please RSVP to angela.davis@christianri.org.au by tomorrow, the 19th May 2025.



*We are told to let our light
shine, and if it does,
we won't need
to tell anybody it does.*

*Lighthouses
don't fire cannons to call
attention to their shining -
they just shine.*

~ Dwight L. Moody ~



A New Study Group

Would you like to be a part of a new group meeting weekly over a cuppa? Jill is offering you this opportunity, starting on **Monday, 26th May, 1.30pm** in the CE Room. The first study will be on Psalm 23, 'The Lord is My Shepherd'. This beautiful and well-known psalm offers valuable insights into God's care and provision and helps to understand His role as Shepherd.

This will be a group for everyone, a great opportunity for fellowship and learning together through interactive discussion. If you're interested or would like to know more, please see Jill or contact the office.

Tewantin Uniting Church's 75th Anniversary

.... and they are celebrating!! On **Saturday 31st May** they're planning a community event from midday until 3pm - including stalls, sausage sizzle and an historical display at the church (41 Poinciana Ave, Tewantin).

On **Sunday 1st June** there'll be a special worship service at 9am with the Moderator, Rev. Bruce Moore, as special guest followed by brunch. If you have worshipped with Tewantin UC at some time in the past and would like to take a walk down memory lane, you are very welcome to join in the celebrations.

Church Office This Week

The office will be unattended tomorrow, Monday 19th May - back on Tuesday.

Joy Circle

Linda will be hosting Joy Circle at her home on **Thursday, 29th May**. If you're planning to come, please **meet at the church at 9.15am** from where car-pooling will be organized for the drive to Linda's place. You can expect to have an enjoyable time together and a delicious morning tea in her garden.

- ★ 38th Synod in Session Joan is representing Uniting 4570 this weekend.
- ★ Joint Nominating Committee, the process and our next minister-in-placement.
- ★ Combined Local Churches Prayer Meeting - this **Tuesday, 20th May, 6 - 6.30pm**. Rev. Rafal is hosting this month's meeting at the Catholic Church (14 Church St. Gympie).
- ★ Tuesday Corporate Prayer - If you have or are aware of a prayer need, please advise Joan or our church office or join us at 8am in the CE Room.



Our Church

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



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Better Together

God's Goal

"God's overarching goal is to produce men and women who demonstrate the character qualities of Jesus Christ.

God does not want a church filled with white robed saints.

He does not want a church filled with theological authorities or cultured clergy.

He wants a church filled with ordinary men and women who exemplify the extraordinary integrity, temperament, wholeness, compassion, individuality, boldness, righteousness, earnestness, love, forgiveness, selflessness, and faithfulness of Jesus Christ!" *Ray Steadman*

Worship

Worship Services... **Gympie Uniting Church:** 15 Red Hill Road: 9am + Kidz Church
Imbil Uniting Church: 3 Elizabeth Street: 9am

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

Contact Us

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Office Hours... Mon & Wed 8.30am-12pm; Tue 9.30am-3pm; Thu 8.30am-3pm

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

- Need the services of a Justice of The Peace?
... Glenda 0418 187 698
- Need a lift to church? ... Jill 0421 333 538
- Need prayer? ... call the church office 0493 442 250
or join us at 8am of a Tuesday in the CE Room.



Offering and Attendance Last Sunday

Attendance: Adults 79 ♦ Children 6 ♦ Facebook 48

You can give your tithes & offerings by direct transfer into the church's bank account Westpac BSB 034 127 Acct: 29 4101 (Please identify your bank transaction as either 'Tithe' or 'Offering', 'Shoeboxes', etc. Thank you).