



Theme: Pentecost and The Holy Spirit

Bible Reading: Matthew 28: 18-20; Acts 1:3-5; Acts 2:1-39; (ESV)

Pentecost was originally a Greek word Πεντηκοστή, (*pentēkostē*), literally meaning “fiftieth”. In this case, fifty days after Passover. Pentecost was an important Jewish festival that remembered God giving the Torah at Mt Sinai after the Israelites escaped Egypt.

Just as the story of the Passover and being gifted the Torah foreshadows Jesus’ sacrifice and the gift of the Holy Spirit, so the manner of the Holy Spirit’s appearance is foreshadowed through the Old Testament, where the Holy Spirit’s presence and action is often symbolised by wind, cloud, or fire.

But ... why were the disciples ‘speaking in tongues’?

Pentecost was originally known in Hebrew as the Feast of Shavuot, one of the three feasts that God instructed that ALL males of Israelite descent must present themselves to the temple of God.

With the dispersion of Jews into the other nations when Israel was conquered for breaking God’s law, there were many people of Jewish descent who made pilgrimage back to Jerusalem for the feasts. Thus, there were thousands of international pilgrims present in Jerusalem. It is into this moment that the disciples, filled with the Holy Spirit, step out into the crowds, speaking languages they had never learnt, so that the crowds of people could hear the gospel of Jesus Christ in their own language!

Blessings,

Naomi

Reading for 29th June 2025

Acts 8: 4-25



Col's Corner at Imbil

Theme: Passion for a Cause!!

Bible Readings: Acts 6:8-15 (NIV)

Acts 7:54 - 8:1a (NIV)

What a **fantastic example Stephen is to the world wide Christian Church!!** Stephen was a man who **gave his all for the cause of Jesus Christ** and sharing the **Good News**. Although Stephen was being accused by his detractors, Stephen **appeared to have the face of an angel!!** This description is of a person who is so **close to God that it reflects some of His Glory** as a result of being in His **Presence**. Ex 34: 29-35.

Do I have a **burning passion for the cause of Jesus ??**

Do I **reflect His Glory ??**



Blessings,
Your Pastor, Col



Imbil Congregation There is a letter to you from Church Council included as an insert to today's issue of The Vibe. This letter was also emailed, last Tuesday, to those whose addresses we have on file.

Cooinda Aged Care 60th Anniversary

Cooinda was established by the community in 1965 and Lutheran Services is proud to continue the stewardship. They are inviting you to join in a morning of celebration from **9.30am - 1pm** on **Thursday, 10th July** at their facility located at 2 Cooinda Street, Gympie. There'll be live music, an animal petting zoo, face painting, balloon artists, complimentary food vans and much more. The formalities are scheduled to take place between 10 - 10.30am.



RSVP: Monday 30th June by email to: events@lutheranservices.org.au

If you would like to attend but don't have email facility, please let Cherylie know and we'll RSVP on your behalf from our church office.

Frontier Services

Be a part of the 'Ripple of Kindness' across Outback Australia. Frontier Services Bush Chaplains drive 3,103 kilometers daily to bring companionship and support to people living in remote Australia. Despite their efforts, they struggle to keep up with demand.

Your kind donation can fund fuel, maintenance and resources ensuring the Chaplains can keep turning up for people doing it tough in the Outback.

They send us their quarterly 'Frontier News' publications - which are made available from our church foyers. Please help share their stories and keep these Bush Chaplains and the communities they serve in your prayers.

There are donation envelopes in our church foyers or you can donate on their website: <https://frontierservices.org/>
Donations of \$2 or more before 30th June are tax-deductible in this financial year. Frontier Services thanks you for making a difference.



Joy Circle

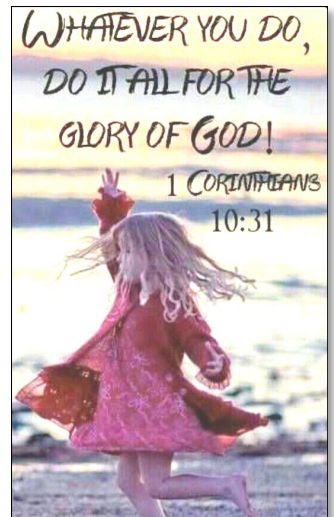
Come along to Joy Circle, **this Thursday 26th June**, 9.30am, in the CE Room. Agnus will be demonstrating preparation and cooking of traditional "flat bread" which will be served with morning tea. Hope you can come.

Combined Churches Prayer Meeting

The next meeting is on **this Tuesday, 24th June**, from 6 - 6.30pm at the Zion Lutheran Church (access and parking at 6 O'Connell Street, Gympie). This is a great opportunity to meet some local Christian brothers and sisters from other churches - praying together with a unified purpose.

Christmas Shoeboxes - June Collections

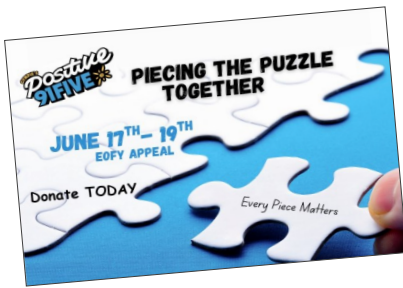
This month we're collecting brand new '**Toys**'. Nothing too big as they'll need to fit into shoebox-size gift packs. Here are some suggestions ... balls, yoyos, puzzles, skipping ropes, dolls, plastic animals, soft toys, cars, trucks, marbles. Thank you for all your support.



*Hope to See You
Next Week*

Gympie: Rev. Col Shenfield

Imbil: 4 of our church family sharing their stories



91.5 fm's End of Financial Year Appeal

'Every Little Piece Matters' ... 91.5fm relies on donations to help them reach our community for Christ. If you can support our local radio station in their amazing ministry, you can do so in 5 different ways:

- By dropping your donation into their shop at 131 Mary Street
- Phone the radio station on 5482 1769 and use a credit card
- Donate using the link on their website www.postivie91five.org
- Direct Deposit BSB: 633 000 Acct: 194 636 650
- Scan the QR Code displayed →



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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'

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Rev. Col Shenfield ... 0429 090 355 cklcshenfield@bigpond.com

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 on Tuesdays in the CE Room.



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Offering and Attendance Last Sunday

Attendance: Adults 65 ♦ Children 11 ♦ Facebook 71

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).