



St Ives Uniting Church

29 September 2024

Pentecost 19

Call to worship and welcome

Hymn: 152 Joyful, joyful

Prayers of adoration and confession

Assurance of forgiveness

Hear Christs word of grace to us 'Your sins are forgiven'
Thanks be to God

Notices

Lawrence Peak

The baptism of James Ting

Do you believe in God?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

**the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Amen.

...I baptise you
In the name of the Father,
And of the Son,
And of the Holy Spirit
Amen

Sung Blessing: The Aaronic blessing

**The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious unto you;
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.**

Will you as the congregation of St Ives Uniting promise to maintain a life of worship and teaching, witness and service so that James may grow to maturity in Christ?

**With God's help, we will live out our baptism as a loving
community in Christ;
nurturing one another in faith, upholding one another in prayer,
and encouraging one another in service,
until Christ comes.**

Hymn: 724 Hosanna

Bible readings

Mark 9:35-37, 42-50

Rob Mayrick

³⁵ Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all."

³⁶ He took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷ "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me."

⁴² “If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them if a large millstone were hung around their neck and they were thrown into the sea. ⁴³ If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go into hell, where the fire never goes out. ⁴⁵ And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷ And if your eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸ where “the worms that eat them do not die, and the fire is not quenched.”

⁴⁹ Everyone will be salted with fire.

⁵⁰ “Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have salt among yourselves, and be at peace with each other.”

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

James 5:7-9, 13-20

Shirley Luttrell

⁷ Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord’s coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. ⁸ You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord’s coming is near. ⁹ Don’t grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door!

¹³ Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. ¹⁴ Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. ¹⁶ Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

¹⁷ Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years.

¹⁸ Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops.

¹⁹ My brothers and sisters, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring that person back, ²⁰ remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of their way will save them from death and cover over a multitude of sins.

*For the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God*

Sermon: Patience, prayer and praise

Hymn: 132 Glory be to God the Father

Offering and prayer

Prayers of intercession and the Lord's Prayer

Hymn: 155 How great thou art

Benediction and blessing

Threefold Amen

Postlude

Pianist

Deb Marshall