



# St Ives Uniting Church

**3 August 2025**

## **Pentecost 8**

### **Call to worship and welcome**

**Hymn:** 96 Sing praise to the Lord!

### **Prayers of adoration and confession**

### **Assurance of forgiveness**

Hear Christ's word of grace, "Your sins are forgiven."

**Thanks be to God.**

### **The peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you

**And also with you.**

### **Notices**

Lawrence Peak

### **Bible readings:**

#### **Luke 12:13-21**

Margaret Jeffery

<sup>13</sup> Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."

<sup>14</sup> Jesus replied, "Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?" <sup>15</sup> Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions."

<sup>16</sup> And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. <sup>17</sup> He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.'

<sup>18</sup> "Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. <sup>19</sup> And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.'"

<sup>20</sup> “But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’

<sup>21</sup> “This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”

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

### **Colossians 3:1-11**

Philip Southwell

<sup>1</sup> Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. <sup>3</sup> For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

<sup>5</sup> Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry.

<sup>6</sup> Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. <sup>7</sup> You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. <sup>8</sup> But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. <sup>9</sup> Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices <sup>10</sup> and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. <sup>11</sup> Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

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

**Sermon:** The love of ... stuff

**Hymn:** 547 Be thou my vision

**Offering and prayer**

**Prayers of the people**

Jane Ann Tainsh

**Hymn:** 517 Hallelujah, sing to Jesus

## **Holy Communion**

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...And so we praise you with your people throughout the world and across the years, joining with choirs of angels and the whole of creation in the eternal hymn, singing:

**Hymn: 761**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

...With this bread and this cup we do as our Saviour commands: we celebrate the redemption he has won for us.

**Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.**

...Awaiting his coming in glory, we pray as our Saviour taught us:  
**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

...The gifts of God for the people of God.  
**May we who share these gifts be found in Christ, and Christ in us.**

...God has us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet prepared for all people, and so we pray together:  
**We thank you, Lord, that when we were still far off, you met us in your Son. He lived and died and rose again, declared your love and opened the way to everlasting life.  
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we who the Spirit lights give light to the world.  
Keep us in the hope we have in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray.**

**Amen.**

**Hymn: 216 Rejoice the Lord is king (Tune: *Darwall* TiS 371)**

**Benediction**

**Threefold amen**

**Postlude**

**Organist**

**Jim Abraham**