

A COMMUNITY CHURCH WITH A *BIG* HEART

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*"Be still and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth."
Psalms 46:10*

A word from our Student Minister

*"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying
heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."
Matthew 11:28*

I am sitting in the office on a Monday morning and realised I have a terribly busy week. Have I overbooked myself? My colourful calendar is full to the brim; full of appointments, meetings, lunches, work—night and day and kids and family.

Then it hits me. Where are the colourful allocations for time with God? There isn't any.

A sad realisation that I will not be the only one; how many others have not allowed time in their busy schedules for time with God: time for spiritual reflection in our relationship with the Father.

Strengthening our relationship helps us to remain in covenant with the Father; be refreshed with a clean heart and clean spirit; have renewed expectations of living in the Word. Strengthening our relationship creates a new life every time and encourages us to embrace new and existing relationships with others.

Time with our Father needs to include quality over quantity; listen not just read the Word; relish in your new routine in prayer; change your environment by making it portable; most importantly make it a priority.

We make everything else in our lives a priority, why then should we not make time with God a priority.

So what's your future plan?
Will you prioritise your time with God?

1 Thess 5:17; Ps 62:5; Philip 4:13; Job 23:12; Ps 90:12; Mark 1:35



A word from our board



Hello my fellow brothers and sisters in Christ,

Whither does the crucified one draw those whom His influence affects

The suffering, the glorified Redeemer, draws men away from sinful affections and sinful courses and draws them unto safety, peace and life. But it is observable that Christ declares his purpose to draw them unto himself; that is to enjoy his fellowship, to participate in his character.

A personal power draws men to a personal Saviour, Friend, and Lord. Men are drawn by the Cross, not by Christianity, but to CHRIST.

Praise the Lord.

By this small passage it inspires me to work at the church to serve Christ my Lord. Nearly all of you know my duties at the Church regarding the facilities, renters, maintenance, community support, treasurer assistant and just being there as support for the other office staff.

Of course there are situations where I have to go above and beyond the call of duty to my Lord and Master but the peace and tranquillity I feel afterwards is, in itself, my reward . Being a friendly face in the crowd is enough in the hearts of the people I touch are able to see the radiance of God's Love in my eyes.

May God bless each and every one of you.

Noel Turnham
Facilities Manager

'And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed.'

Mark 1:35



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The Pastor Is In:

Pastor Judi provides pastoral care to all who attend the church and overall site throughout the week. She is able to meet on or off site, depending on your preferences. Best contact 0423 375 714.

Fiona is also available at times to offer support through the week but also Tuesdays and Thursdays on Judi's day off. Best contact 0467 043 441.



Student Ministry

'Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in salvation, now that you have tested that the Lord is good.'

1 Peter 2:2-3

Alpha, a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith. Each session looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation. Questions such, Who is Jesus?; Why and How do we pray?; Who is the Holy Spirit?; lots of interesting questions when becoming new followers of Christ we have.

I have officially been a Christian for about 3 years and even though I have believed in God my whole life, I still am searching for the answers to these questions and more.

It is a very exciting opportunity to be part of a group of likeminded people to explore and discuss how we can better our understanding of Christian Faith and how we apply that to our normal every day lives.

*'... grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
To Him be glory both now and forever! Amen.'*

2 Peter 3:18

"And I, if I am lifted up from the earth,

Will draw everyone to myself."

John 12:32

CHAPEL LOUNGE

PRAYER MEETING - Friday 10am - 1030am

LADIES BIBLE STUDY - Friday 1030am - 11am

As we carry on the theme of Jesus as Game Changer weeks three and four we have explored 'Forgiveness' and 'Women and Children'. As we are reminded of Luke's (11:4) passage on forgiving those who sin against us, we looked at the challenges we face in forgiving which takes us to the command of love thy neighbour (Matt 22:36:40). We learn the significance of the roles women and children play in the life of Jesus within the surrounding conflicts of culture. Once again, taking us back to Matthew 22:36-40.



YOUR PANTRY

Wednesdays 7.00 to 12noon

As we approach another year in the Pantry we are once again faced with challenges of being self-sustained. This has been a difficult transformation in moving forward and how we can continue to assist those in need. New changes are being discussed, however if anyone has any input or would like to participate in redesigning the pantry's processes please talk to either Judi, Fiona or Di. All suggestions will be considered as the number of people we are assisting is increasing week after week.

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

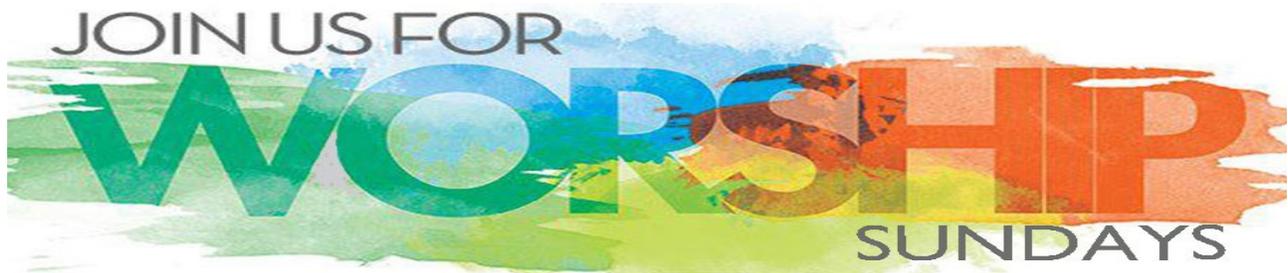
Wednesdays 7.00—10am

A message from Tony: Christmas has been and gone and we are now back into the full swing of breakfast again. Thank to the hard working team which includes the wonderful ladies who give up their rest time to come and help to feed those in need. During the three weeks are closed over Christmas, we are still offering over 40 meals. Pay-it-forward group have returned for another season holding their fortnightly meetings in the Chapel bringing our totals up by and extra 12-20 meals. We have been fortunate to maintain a consistent breakfast menu and we look forward to continuing this throughout the year.

ORANGE SKY LAUNDRY

Wednesdays 7.00-9am

Laundry services have been successful with the support of everyone on a Wednesday in washing loads up of 10 each week. The Orange Sky team are an integral part of Wednesday support and we look forward to continuing this through 2019.



Sunday Services for month of March:

March 3:	Preacher:	Judi
	Reading:	Exodus 34:29-35 (Noel) / Matthew 6:1-6 & 16-21 (Bob)
March 10:	Preacher:	Judi
	Reading:	Deut 26:1-11 (Ethel) / Luke 4:1-13 (Marg)
March 17:	Preacher:	Fiona
	Reading:	Genesis 15:1-18 (Leah) / Luke 13:31-35 (Val)