



## Pastor's Spot

How wonderful it is that we've been able to enjoy a lifting of restrictions and an increased experience of freedom in our lives over these past couple of weeks!

This has coincided with what historically has been the greatest lifting of restrictions, through Christ's great work on the cross. At Easter we reflect on how Jesus was willing to be bound and nailed to a cross in order that we might know true freedom from sin and death.

I would encourage us all to reflect deeply on this reality and to commit to living according to the ways of freedom in Christ, even as we continue to trust in God for whatever else might come our way this year. We can be sure that through it all God will be with us in his peace and love and power.

Over the next couple of months I'm looking forward to hearing more of what God will say to us through Paul's letter to the Philippians and learning from his example of how to live a life that is deeply committed to the gospel of Christ. I'm looking forward also to the various ways in which will hold out this hope to those around us through our missional communities, as we do life together with the risen Lord.

I feel truly thankful to be a part of our church community where there are so many wonderful examples of what it is to follow Jesus with deep conviction. I'm thankful to the many of you who have stepped up to the plate to serve in many different ways and to invest in one another. Like Paul's heart for the Philippians, I find a great sense of encouragement and joy in who you are as a church.

Let's continue to pray for each other and to love one another deeply as God continues to form us to be a people for His praise throughout the Plenty Valley.

Blessings, Craig

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*At Plentylife we exist for God's glory to know, love and serve Jesus; walk together in His ways as we engage with our local communities; and pursue His mission of sharing the fullness of life with all.*

## Celebrations - Reflections of our 10<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations 🎉

We officially marked our 10th Birthday during our online service in February, where we heard some wonderful testimonies from various members of the church and from Bp Kate Prowd, our regional bishop. It was a great time of remembering, but it wasn't until our last service that we could really celebrate – which we did over coffee and fudge! It was a fantastic morning and we're certainly keen to enjoy more celebrations over food into the year ahead.



## Plentylife Youth Update



The youth have had a fantastic term, really making the most of the opportunity to gather together again for some fun outdoors in the sunshine. Along with a pool party, bike ride and a round of mini-golf, Maddy and Jason have been leading some stimulating bible discussions online once a month. All youth Grade Six and older are very welcome to join in!

## Life at Work Forum - Under Pressure at work, passing the blessing on

About a month ago, Mel and I were blessed to sit down and participate in the Life at Work Forum from our own lounge room. It was incredibly well run, using a Church in Melbourne as the base, with guest speakers from Sydney and Perth, and people being interviewed from around Australia. It was all around a common theme, how can Christians not only just survive, but thrive at work even when they are under pressure from a wide variety of sources.

Some of the highlights included a great devotional start from Sam Chan on the topic, a great talk from Jenny George CEO of Converge, a great message from Eddie Woo (who has become a Youtube sensation in teaching Maths and who talks about his Christian faith) and amazing interviews from people who have had to work through dilemmas at work, and how God has helped them.

All this content (about six hours of content in total—but you can pick and choose) is available for \$10. We were so blessed, that we are happy to sponsor this to anyone who would like to access the content. All you need to do is contact us on [rmoore21@bigpond.com](mailto:rmoore21@bigpond.com) with your contact details and we can arrange this for you.

Alternatively, you can access the content yourself at: [Life@Work Conference - Under Pressure Collection City Bible Forum Plus](#)

Russell Moore

## Global call to prayer - Thy Kingdom Come 2021

Easter blessings to you all! Last year I spoke about Plentylife joining in the global Thy Kingdom Come call to prayer. This call is from the Anglican Archbishops of Canterbury and York to pray for five people to come to know the love of Jesus Christ across the 10 days between Ascension and Pentecost. Of course we can pray for these people at others times too! The dates this year are 13-23 May.

You can check out the resource webpage at <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/prayer-resources> which has resources for individuals, churches and families. I will be sending out ideas and reminders over the coming weeks. Feel free to contact me to chat further. May the Holy Spirit show us the five people He wants us to pray for. Melanie (0409 135 875)

Blessings, Melanie Moore



### Disrespectful and abusive behaviour is never OK.

If you're worried about behaviour that's unhealthy, abusive or violent in a relationship, you can call **1800 RESPECT (1800 737 732)**

*Love does no harm.*  
Romans 13:10



## Easter Sunday Service - BYO Hot Cross Buns

Due to the difficulty of sharing food during COVID restriction our usual hot cross bun morning tea will need to look a little different this year. Each family is encouraged to bring along their own hot cross buns (traditional or otherwise) so that we can share in morning tea whilst still adhering to restrictions.

**Plentylife Youth:** Go to: [www.facebook.com/PlentylifeYouth](http://www.facebook.com/PlentylifeYouth) or contact Craig on 0430 505 593

### **Missional Communities:**

**Balance:** Helping families live in a healthy balance between work, rest and play as they follow the ways of Jesus. Contact Leigh: 0429 138 932.

**KINect:** Building family relationships by having fun together. Contact Anne: 0407 223 905.

**Love Thy Neighbour:** Making disciples of Jesus by extending our hands in service and friendship to those in Mernda and Doreen – seeking to meet their practical and spiritual needs. Contact Nola: 0433 055 694.

**Thrive:** Connecting with the Mill Park community. Contact Sandy: 0403 362 003.

**Xinc:** Showing hospitality to asylum seekers, refugees and those looking for belonging through monthly luncheons. Contact Craig: 0430 505 593.

**Zest:** Building family with wisdom and love in Whittlesea and beyond. Contact Kylie: 0408 178 082.

### **Zoom Link:**

Unless otherwise specified, for all online activities please email [admin@plentylife.org.au](mailto:admin@plentylife.org.au) to obtain the Zoom link.

### **Giving Details:**

To give through the bank, details are:

Account Name: The Anglican Parish of St Matthias, Mernda

BSB: 633000

Account No: 142491679

To give through the Anglican Development Fund (ADF), please follow this link to the application form: <https://www.melbourneanglican.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Parish-Giving-Application-Form.pdf>

## Mark Your Calendar: October 2020

<p><b>Services and Teaching:</b></p>	<p><b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April @ 10am</b>            Good Friday Service            Hazel Glen Children and Family Centre            115 Eminence Boulevard, Doreen</p> <p><b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April @ 8pm</b>            Online - Liturgical Good Friday Service</p> <p><b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April @ 10am</b>            Easter Sunday Service - followed by traditional Easter Egg hunt            Hazelglen Children and Family Centre            115 Eminence Boulevard, Doreen</p> <p><b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April @ 10am</b>            Worship Gathering - the 3<sup>rd</sup> instalment in our Phillipians series            115 Eminence Boulevard, Doreen</p>
<p><b>Prayer Gatherings:</b></p>	<p><b>Every Wednesday @ 8pm-9pm</b>            Prayer for our community and world on Zoom</p>
<p><b>Missional Community Gatherings:</b></p>	<p><b>10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> April and 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> April</b>            Check with your leaders for activity details or go to <a href="https://plentylife.org.au/calendar/">https://plentylife.org.au/calendar/</a> for more details.</p> <p>If you are not part of an MC, check the website for more information.</p>
<p><b>Children's Activities:</b></p>	<p><b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April @ 10am</b>            Join together and enjoy our uplifting all-age story "The Garden, the Curtain and the Cross"</p>
<p><b>Youth Activities:</b></p>	<p>Please check the <a href="#">calendar</a> or contact Craig, <a href="mailto:craig@plentylife.org.au">craig@plentylife.org.au</a> or 0430 505 593</p>
<p><b>Men's Activities:</b></p>	<p><b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> October @ 8pm</b>            Blokes, Beer &amp; Bible            Contact Glen on 0409 334 556 for information and the Zoom link</p>
<p><b>Women's Ministry Activities:</b></p>	<p><b>Every Monday (except school holidays) @ 10am-12pm</b>  <b>First meeting this month will be Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April</b>            Women's Bible Study at Sandy Burden's home            Contact Sandy on 0408 310 022 for address</p> <p><b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> April @ 7:30pm-9pm</b>            Women's Bible Study - Women of the Bible            Contact Robyn or Michelle on 0416 024 566</p>

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