



## Pastor's Spot

Dear friends,

Over the last few months we've explored the letter of Paul to the Philippians and my hope is that you've have found it a great encouragement in your life and faith. I find the example of Paul and his words particularly helpful for me right now, when in this current lockdown. He continually points us to the freedom we have, the joy and the life there is, in our relationship with God through Jesus Christ. His words in Philippians 1:19 reminds me that Paul, in the midst of suffering and difficulties, was yet able to rejoice with hope due to two key things: prayer the provision of the Spirit. He says, "I will continue to rejoice for I know that through your prayers and God's provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance." Prayer and the provision of the Spirit.

Two wonderful resources that God has given us to enable us to have hope and to rise above our circumstances.

With this in view, I'd like to invite you to join with me for this new teaching series in our Sunday service gatherings, where we'll be focusing on "Living in the Spirit". Let me encourage you to commit to participating in this journey with us and to ask God how He might also use you to encourage others along the way.

In addition, we're relaunching our weekly prayer gatherings at a new day and time – Monday's 7:45-8:15pm. Please do consider coming along as we prayer for one another, for the church and our world. Finally, let me encourage you to enter fully into the experience of connection and friendship with other members of your missional community and the wider church. Whilst this is necessarily more restrained under lockdown, there are still ways of reaching out and blessing others with a note, a gift, or a thoughtful txt or phone call. Paul derived much encouragement from his relationship with the Philippians and we too can experience encouragement and support from our connection to one another at Plentylife. May you know God's blessings and leading with you through this time. You remain in my prayers.

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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.*

## **Plentylife Women's Ministry - Brunch 26<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

As Term 2 of this year comes to a close we are having a brunch to share time together and celebrate all that is good and joyous in life.

Please join us on Saturday the 25<sup>th</sup> of June at 10am

We will gather at:

Magnolia on Orchard  
Shop 8/121 Elation Boulevard  
Doreen VIC 3754

~RSVP by Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> of June to: ~

Sandy ~ 0408 310 022 or

Pat ~ 0438 229 811

## **Assistance for those affected by COVID restrictions**

With Victoria emerging from another snap lockdown, many are in need of assistance. Good Shepard is a Not-for-profit and they have launched Household Relief Loans Without interest. These loans are for people who are being impacted financially by COVID. This initiative is a collaboration with the Australian Government and the National Australia Bank.

The loans of up to \$3000 are paid directly to the applicant's creditors rather than a cash in hand payment. There are no credit checks and the borrowed amount can be repaid over two years with no interest or fees charged.

Further information is available at: [www.householdrelief.org.au](http://www.householdrelief.org.au)

Information about additional supports can be accessed at: [www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au](http://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au)

## **Love Thy Neighbour Collections**

We have high demand at the moment (8 deliveries in a few short days, and more enquiries).

You might remember we got a grant from the Anglican Foundation, but given our last shop for the pantry was \$900 the grant won't go far.

As well as food distribution, we have been working with Sarah (the chaplain at Ashley Park Primary School) and making up **bags of toiletries** for school mothers and families in emergency situations, such as domestic violence. These toiletries are put into drawstring bags, the size of (or made from) a tea towel folded in half.

*\*It would be a great help if we could have more drawstring bags\**

Currently we have a need for:

- kids snacks
- tinned soup
- homemade meals we can freeze such as pasta bake (things kids will eat)
- face washers
- brushes
- combs
- nail files
- tooth brushes
- hand cream
- small hand sanitiser
- drawstring bags

## **Connecting with your local community**

Cultural Activities in the City of Whittlesea celebrate the cultural diversity, history and heritage of our local area through a variety of informative events, cultural festivals and tours, and take place seasonally between March - December each year.

The program is developed in partnership with community and special interest groups to provide opportunities to collectively celebrate our:

- Aboriginal heritage
- Built heritage and early European history
- Environmental heritage
- Rich personal and cultural heritage

Activities include heritage home tours, basket weaving workshops, Refugee Week and NAIDOC week.

Details and information is available on the City of Whittlesea website Cultural Diversity page.



## Women's Weekly Bible study

The Monday morning Women's Bible Study group has been continuing to meet via Zoom at 10am during recent weeks.

Ladies from across each of our missional communities gather together for bible study.

They are currently studying the gospel of John, and you are welcome to join in.

Please text

Pat on 0407 333 737 or

Jo on 0409 475 657 if you would like to join the Zoom link.

## Plentylife Youth



Plentylife Youth have been enjoying some wonderful get togethers. As you can see by this image the camp fire was incredible. It even looks like the weather was reasonable mild with a few in shorts and tees.

There was also a lively games night. Young and young at heart joined in with enthusiasm.

## Weekly Prayer Meeting - New Time

We would like to invite you to join us for an online prayer night now *at a different time slot* - it's now on Monday nights from 7:45 - 8:15pm. These prayer times are simple, easy to access (txt Craig for the Zoom link on 0430505593) and all are welcome.

No praying qualifications required!

**HAVE YOU  
TALKED  
TO GOD  
TODAY?**



### 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



**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.

**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: June and July 2021**

<b>Services and Teaching:</b>	<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June @ 10am</b> <b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June @ 10am</b> <b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June @ 10am</b> <b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July @ 10am</b> <b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July @ 10am</b>
<b>Prayer Gatherings:</b>	<b>Every Monday @ 7.45pm-8.15pm</b> Prayer for our community and world on Zoom
<b>Missional Community Gatherings:</b>	<b>12/13th June and 26/27th June</b> <b>10/11 July and 24/25 July</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. If you are not part of an MC, check the website for more information.
<b>Women's Ministry Activities:</b>	<b>Every Monday (except school holidays) @ 10am-12pm</b> Women's Bible Study on Zoom Contact Sandy on 0408 310 022 for Zoom link

Print me out and stick me to your fridge or family notice board

