

## Church Leadership

### New Pastor from 1st February 2021

**Matt Hornby**

#### Elders

Graham Wells  
Margaret Hartley  
Rob Vandenberg  
Linda Vanderwert

#### Deacons

Carys De Marchi  
Adam Lindsay  
Joslyn Mauchline  
Bruce Neilson  
Ernie Vanderwert

## Sunday Services

We gather together for worship each Sunday at 10am to celebrate Jesus as our Lord and Saviour!

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February:** Michael Vanderree (Communities Team Leader from CCVT) will be conducting the commissioning of Matt Hornby and preaching during the service.

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February:**

Message: Matt Hornby - "Take me back to Egypt"

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February:**

Message: Matt Hornby Series - "We Walk" Week 1

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February:**

Message: Matt Hornby - Series "We Walk" Week 2



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February Newsletter 2021

*Welcome to February Church Family, it's such an honour for me to be sitting here in my new office on my second day - thinking, praying and planning for our journey together as a faith community in the weeks and months ahead. In his final newsletter contribution last month Rob Newton shared a scripture from Isaiah, that said;*

*"This is what the Lord says - he who made a way through the sea, a path through the mighty waters.... 'Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.'" (Isaiah 43:16-19)*

*And I thought it was particularly fitting for the new chapter that lay ahead of us for a couple of reasons. I love that God says he's doing a "New thing" and the creativity and freedom that comes with that. I love that God isn't doing version 2.0 of what has already been done before here at Bright Church of Christ, a version that maybe is a little more efficient, or irons out some of the previous "bugs", but instead is breathing, creating, and pouring out His Spirit in and through us in an entirely new way! That excites me! As a community we are going to tread new ground, undertake new opportunities, find new favour, build new relationships, serve each other and our community in new ways, and see the power of God break into our marriages, parenting, and friendships in New and life-changing ways! I love too, that God says that "Now it springs up" - that we don't have to wait for months or years for God to break through, that he has already begun his new work NOW. That he is already at work in hearts and lives in our community, that His Kingdom is ready NOW to break out in and through us as a Church.*

*So, let me encourage you as we begin this new season- to lean in afresh, and incline your heart to what God may be wanting to do in and through your life this February 2021, so you not only "perceive it" but position yourself to receive all that the Spirit is wanting to do in and through you, New, and profound.*

*Matt Hornby  
Senior Pastor  
Bright Church of Christ*

## MISSION IN OUR CHURCH

**Eyes, elbows, knee-caps, fingers, arms, necks and feet needed!!**

No, there isn't an organ donor Ministry at Church - but what we do have is a need for YOU! - All the different parts that make up the body of Christ, helping to bring about the good news of the kingdom in their own special and unique way. We are praying that you, our church family, will consider how you might partner with what God wants to do here at Bright Church of Christ and complement the many other 'body parts' faithfully serving, so we can operate as one whole and healthy community in our effort to see the kingdom of God break out in our community!

Some of these opportunities include:

- **JAM (our kids ministry) contact Joy**
- **Cleaning & morning tea, contact Linda**
- **and numerous other ways to be a part of this body**

Make sure you connect with one of our leadership team, Linda or Joy Gray - so we can get you involved in whatever capacity you're comfortable with!

## WHAT'S HAPPENING DURING FEBRUARY 2021

**Women's Coffee Morning** which takes place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in the month. Next one will be 18<sup>th</sup> February at Blackbird at 10.30am. Come along for a catchup on what has been happening since we last met and please also come with ideas for future meetings.

**Men's Coffee & Chat** - This takes place every Friday morning at **Blackbird Café** commencing at 8am. All men are very welcome.

**Home Groups** that meet weekly

- (i) Tuesday Afternoon @ 2pm – Leader Joslyn
- (ii) Thursday Evening @ 7.30pm – Leader Linda
- (iii) Thursday Evening @ 8pm – Leader Adam

## Pray CONTINUALLY

### Prayer & Praise

- Prayer for our **church members from Myanmar** who must be anxious about what is happening over there. Prayer for the general situation in the country.
- Pray for sale of **Matt and Bianca's home in Brisbane** and a permanent home becoming available for them quickly.
- The act before Parliament which will **restrict the liberty of the church** to pray for gay people. This is seen as an attack on religious freedom and our ability to pray for whom we like.
- Prayer for those of our members who struggle with **health issues** – **Ron Osborne, Rita Baldwin, Geoff Cook.**
- Praise for **Rita Rodgers** settling down well in Hawthorn Village and prayer for comfort at night when she is alone.

### Financial Matters

Tithes and offerings received for January were \$7,365.50.

**Tithes and offerings can be transferred electronically to the CBA Bright BSB 063645 Account 10022514.**

## REMINDERS

**Linda** is wanting to compile a **roster for Church Cleaning** and **Sunday Morning Tea**, volunteers are needed to be part of these rosters. Please see Linda if you are willing to be involved.

**Joy** is asking for people to volunteer to **assist in JAM (Jesus And Me)** not every week, but to go on a roster to help occasionally. Please see Joy if you wish to be involved in this important work with our youth.