

## Church Leadership

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## Sunday Services

For the foreseeable future we are planning to stream Sunday Services live on Facebook at 10am.

1. There will be live worship via Facebook at 10am with Adam, Josh and Emma.
2. The message will follow immediately on Facebook (10.10am) as a separate post.
3. Communion will be in Zoom Groups at 11am.



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



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**Intentionally adapting our spiritual lives to this very different season is important.** It's now over six weeks since we were able to gather at the church property. That's quite a while for most of us, who are used to being part of a vibrant community of faith. Our life with Jesus is designed to take place in Spirit-filled fellowship. This is why gathering in his presence for worship and releasing the life of the Spirit among us through prayer, teaching and exercise of spiritual gifts is crucial to personal growth and stability, and crucial to the mission ministry of any congregation. So, what do we do while gathering is not an option? To protect ourselves from drifting, we need to be intentional about at least three things, that may each take a little extra preparation than usual.

**1) Being intentional about our personal devotional life.** This looks different for everyone as it is how individuals interact with God. Make sure you are spending time daily in worship, in the scriptures and in prayer. Make a plan for what you are going to do. You could choose a book of the Bible to read through, have some of your favorite worship music on hand to sing along with, have a list of those people you would like to hold up in prayer, and also be in prayer for the crucial transitional season our church is engaged in.

**2) Being intentional about journeying with others.** People need to connect and share. Without this loneliness and mental health issues can arise. Encouraging one another can be as simple as a quick call, yet vital to staying strong. Refuse to be put off connecting by the physical isolation. Certainly use the phone - but where possible any of a variety of video platforms such as Skype, Zoom, WhatsApp etc. improves the sense of fellowship. Such online fellowship can be one-on-one or in groups. It could be purely social, but also lead to significant ministry times. Why not set up a weekly time for coffee online with a few friends today? Why not make a regular time to connect with a prayer partner?

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2) **Being intentional about participating with the activities that are running.** Its easy to let yourself skip things when we are operating remotely. However, church is still happening at the usual time of 10am every Sunday. In many ways it is more, not less, important than usual to be part of it. We have worship and a message live on Facebook followed by sharing and communion in Zoom groups. The messages are important as they contribute to the transition journey we are on together, as well as dealing with our new circumstances. If you have missed any messages you can catch them on the website. Using Facebook and Zoom is not quite the same as gathering physically, but way better than not meeting at all. We also have videos for our JAM kids being uploaded regularly on our website, a prayer meeting on Wednesdays and small groups through the week that are open to everyone.

So that we come out of isolation stronger than we went in, let's each be **intentional** about our **devotional** lives, our **connections** with others, and **participation** in the activities that are running.

A big thanks to those who are helping with worship leading, convening small groups and prayer meetings, making videos for the kids, attending to pastoral care, and participating in the transition team and church board.

Grace and Peace,

Rob



#### Prayer & Praise

- Alan McCormack – thanks for great healing so far and prayer for treatment to come.
- Donna Lia – praise for her protection in car accident and prayer for her recovery from minor injuries.
- James Nichol (in USA) – praise for healing from coronavirus thus far. James is now out of intensive care and has been communicating with his family in Australia. Prayer still required for rehabilitation process.
- Those of our congregation who are dealing with various ailments – Faye Enticott, Barbara Ridley.
- Prayer for family relationships as we are still in isolation.
- Prayer for the Transition Team.
- Thanks for protection from the coronavirus.

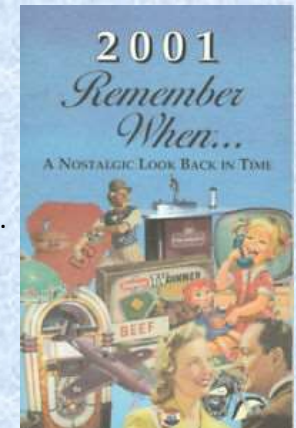
#### *A look back in time...*

The Transition Team is looking back at the history of our church and it has been interesting while perusing copies of newsletters from 20 years ago, to note what activities were taking place in the church back in 2001.

In March 2001, the positions of leadership were:

**Elders:** Ron Beach and Bernard Purse.

**Deacons/Board:** Carys De Marchi, Laurel Harris, Marge Beach, Ted Gray and Victoria Nichols.



A typical week of Church Activities:

<b>Sunday</b>	10am	Worship & Communion
	4pm	Singing at Hawthorn Village every 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday
	7pm	Prayer meeting 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month.
<b>Monday</b>	2pm	Know Your Bible
	7.30pm	Board Meeting 3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month.
<b>Tuesday</b>	11am	Worship at Hawthorn Village - 1 <sup>st</sup> Tues of the month.
<b>Wednesday</b>	6.15pm	Powerhouse Prayer Meeting
	7.30pm	Home Group Study
<b>Thursday</b>	10am	Morning tea then Bible Study in the Cottage.
<b>Friday</b>	1.30pm	Missionary Prayer Time - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month.
<b>Saturday</b>		- For High School Age – Y.A.C. (Youth Action Club)
		- J.A.M. (Jesus and Me)
		- W.R.A.P (Worship, Rejoice and Praise)



*A little boy's prayer from the past...still so relevant!*

Dear God, take care of my family, take care of the whole world, and please take care of yourself, or we're all sunk.