

## Church Leadership

### Intentional Interim Pastor

Rob Newton

### Elders

Graham Wells  
Margaret Hartley  
Rob Vandenberg  
Linda Vanderwert

### Deacons

Carys De Marchi  
Adam Lindsay  
Joslyn Mauchline  
Bruce Neilson  
Ernie Vanderwert

### Pastoral Search Team

Graham Wells  
Ted Gray  
Margaret Hartley  
Adam Lindsay  
Joslyn Mauchline  
Lorna McCrae  
Rob Vandenberg  
Linda Vanderwert

## Sunday Services

For the foreseeable future we are streaming Sunday services live on Facebook at 10.00am.

1. There will be live worship via Facebook at 10.00am 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 11.00am



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



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### Prayer changes the future!

*“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. <sup>8</sup>For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.” (Matthew 7:7–8, NIV)*

**We believe God is bringing a new pastor to our church, yet right now we don't know who that person is! So, how can we pray?**

**We can pray personally effective prayers for our new pastor.** Although we don't know them, God does. He already has His hand on someone He is preparing for this role. We can release additional grace into this process as we pray with the leading of the Holy Spirit. Prayer points might include that our next pastor will respond to the advertising, and have a good connection with the Pastoral Search and Leadership Teams. Also, that they'll receive a strong sense of God's call, vision, and love for this church, the grace needed to take a step of faith into the unknown, and that the practical issues of relocation to Bright will fall into place.

**We can pray for our Pastoral Search Team.** We have a great team of people in place to work through the process of screening and interviewing applicants, and to ultimately make a recommendation to the church. We can all support this team as seek the Holy Spirit's leading in prayer. Prayer points include the team having a united sense of God's will, grace for engaging with and interviewing candidates, willingness to wait on God's timing, and that personal agendas and preferences would be surrendered to God.

**We can pray for our congregation.** There will still be some time to navigate until new leadership is in place. This can be a fruitful season as we continue to seek God's direction. Prayer points include that we will all be patient with the search process, and the various ministries of the church will continue to be effective and as we come out of restrictions and celebrate

Christmas and New Year. We can pray we will each be prepared by the Holy Spirit for the person and ministry emphasis God is sending to Bright, and for excitement about the coming years of mission and ministry.

Blessings,  
Rob

### **Pastoral Support.**

- Being committed to a **Small Group** is important to everyone's spiritual journey for giving and receiving personal support and encouragement.
- The **Pastoral Care Team** is doing a great job in providing additional support to individuals as required.
- **Rob** and the other **Elders** are available if you would like to catch up personally any time.
- **Rhonda** is a qualified Christian Counsellor and is offering a free session to anyone in the congregation.



### Praise

- Praise that the number of COVID cases in Victoria has fallen dramatically and restrictions are being lifted – and hopefully we will be able to meet in church soon!
- Margaret Hartley is rejoicing in the safe arrival of a new granddaughter.
- Rob Vandenberg is praising God for the upturn of interest in his building business.

### Prayer

- Jan McCormack is undergoing surgery on 5<sup>th</sup> November. Please pray that the surgery will go well and Jan will have a speedy recovery.
- Sonja Barnard's mother in South Africa is battling terminal cancer. Please pray for God's peace and comfort for Sonja and her family as they are separated at this difficult time.
- Emma Lindsay will be sitting her VCE exams this month. Please keep Emma in your prayers during this important time in her life.
- Please pray for the Pastoral Search team as they look for a new pastor for our church.

### Annual General Meeting

On Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October, the church's Annual General Meeting was held via Zoom with 32 people attending.

Following communion led by Rob Newton, the reports of the various groups in the church were presented and discussed.

It was announced that the proposed changes to the Constitution which had been voted on were accepted by the church membership. Among those changes was the renaming of the Board. It will now be known as the Leadership Team.

The results of the ballot for Elders and Deacons were made known. Three new Elders have been elected – Margaret Hartley, Rob Vandenberg and Linda Vanderwert. Two Deacons were standing for re-election, namely Adam Lindsay and Ernie Vanderwert, and Bruce Neilson was standing for the first time. These three were all elected as Deacons. We ask you to uphold these people in prayer as they take up their positions on the Leadership Team.

The following statement was read out at the meeting –

*Given the move from permanent appointment to three year renewable terms for Elders, we note that Geoff Cook became an Elder under the former system. The application of the new Eldership terms of service has not been made retrospective, so Geoff remains an Elder of BCC.*

*We have discussed Geoff's situation with him, and whilst he no longer participates in the Leadership Team, he has much to offer from his reservoir of experience and wisdom. We are grateful that he remains available and eager to serve through prayer ministry and pastoral advice. We wish to take this opportunity to acknowledge his years of service to our congregation.*

*Thank you Geoff.*

### Women's Fellowship Group

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November commencing at 10.30am. Ladies are asked to meeting at Howitt Park and bring their own morning tea. If you have any queries, please contact Linda.

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

### **Financial Matters**

Tithes and offerings received for October were \$6,715.

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