

January 2020 | Monthly Newsletter of Lilydale Baptist Church

the church **Messenger**

A Community of People who Worship, Love, Serve and Discover Jesus Together



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Church Information... Church Office

2/28 John Street Lilydale. 9735 2233
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Mon-Thurs: 9am-4pm

The Mustard Tree Shop & Café

3/28 John Street Lilydale. 9735 3500
Mon-Fri 10am-3pm Sat 10am-1pm

Online Giving

Lilydale Baptist Church General Fund
BSB: 704 922 Account: 100007931
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BSB: 704 922 Account: 100007924
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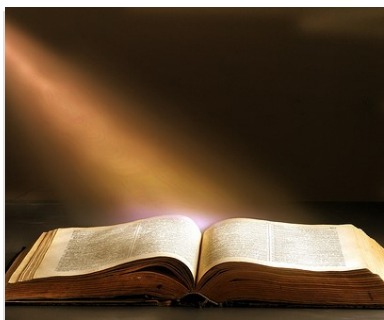
A Word of Encouragement for the New Year...

Scripture Reading—

Joshua 1:1-9

“Do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go” (1:9)

On the first day of a new year many of us wish each other a “Happy New Year.” But as we begin a new year we need more than a hopeful greeting from the people around us. We need to listen to what God told Joshua about 3,400 years ago. As Joshua was about to lead God’s people into the promised land, he had reason to be afraid. He had an enormous task ahead of him, and he was aware of the dangers his people would face. He needed God’s encouragement. A new year brings lots of



questions. Will our health hold? Will I get into the right school? Will the fires ever go out? Will I have enough money to retire? The Creator of the universe comes to us and says, ***“Don’t be afraid, don’t be discouraged.”*** What happens in this coming year is not left to chance. God is in charge, and He promises to stay close. ***“The LORD your GOD will be with you wherever you go.”*** Many years later, the Lord Jesus

Made the same promise when He said, ***“I am with you always”*** (Matthew 28:20). It’s because of God and His promises that we can truly wish each other a “Happy New Year!”

Prayer:

Father in Heaven,
Thank you for the gift of a new year and for your promise to always stay with us. We ask that You will help us to remember this promise when things seem hard or out of our control and we pray for Your wisdom and guidance through this day and throughout the year ahead. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

Adapted from a devotion by the Rev Arthur Schoonveld.



Church Family Events for your Diary...

- **11th January:** Garden Group. 9am -12 @ church. Morning Tea provided.
- **13th January—4th February:** Pastor Stewart is on holiday leave. Please direct any concerns to the Elders or Church Office.
- **19th January:** Lunch on the Lawn. This month will be held at The Adams Farm: 18 Melba Hwy Coldstream. B.Y.O EVERYTHING—food, chair or blanket, bathers for a swim and an expectation of a fun time! Hope to see you all there.

LBC Ministries...



Study of the Old Testament

Saturday 8am
in the Fellowship Hall

This Breakfast/Bible Study is part of a series of informal, interactive studies for men in the historical books of the Old Testament. BYO Bible and a healthy appetite for breakfast. RSVP for breakfast to Bruce - 0419 501 528 or Gordon - 0412 349 886



BLINGG Craft

First Thursday of the month 7.30pm
in the fellowship room.

LBC Gardening Group

The LBC Gardening Group is a team of people who are interested in helping with the care and upkeep of our church property. We meet on the second Saturday of the month 9.00-12.00. Morning tea is provided and lots of fun guaranteed.

Please speak with either Vicki or Jenny if you are interested or just come along with some tools, gloves and a vision for a much improved property.



If you are interested in joining a group please speak with Pastor Stewart.



You can listen to past sermons on either our church website (www.lb.org.au) or via the link shared on Facebook

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In Action – **Prayer** on the move for God!

Every second Monday night

@ 7.30pm there is a prayer group in the home of Luke and Bec Williams. This group is for the express purpose of praying for the needs of our Church family and the direction and vision of the Church. If you are interested please see Luke or Bec or contact the church office for details.

Every Sunday Morning

from 9.15am @ prayer chapel. Join in prayer for the Sunday Service and the needs of our church family. All welcome

“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God.” Philippians 4:6.



Lunch on the Lawn



Family Fun at LBC

Free Sausage Sizzle, games, fun and fellowship. Sound good?

Stay after church and join us as we share lunch together and have some fun.

All you need is a willingness to be involved.

B.Y.O games and sports gear the rest will be provided.

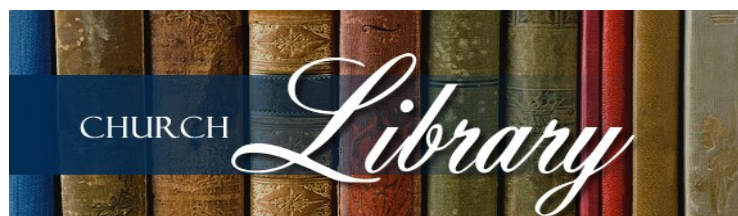


Keep these dates free: - Weather permitting.

20th Oct 17th Nov 15th Dec 19th Jan
16th Feb 15th Mar 11th Apr



Church Library & Resource Room



The Church Library is open Sundays after the 10am service.

Our church library has many great titles for you to enjoy. Just complete the sign in/out book on the trolley to borrow. Do you own DVD's that you know others would enjoy? We have a list in the church library that you can add DVD's to that you would be happy to share. Please place your name and contact number beside the DVD Title so that anyone wishing to loan your DVD can contact you. Please note that



borrowing/returning/chasing up loaned DVD's is the responsibility of the two parties involved. Please keep your own record of any DVD's you loan out and/or borrow so that you can keep track of them.

Make & Mingle

It's about fellowship and support. Its a great time of sharing and talking. So if your just wanting to sit, talk and share come to the church on Thursday morning, 9.30 - 12.00, and "mingle". **You can of course also bring along your craft!!**



For You are my
rock and my
fortress;
Therefore, for
Your name's
sake,
Lead me and
guide me.

All things Mustard Tree...

Saturday Mornings:

We are looking for willing workers to help in the op shop and café on Saturday mornings. If you would like to join the Saturday Team and work from 10.00am to 1.00pm each week (or even just once a month).

Please see: Kathy Mitchell.

Café' Renovations:

The Café' renovation is nearing completion. Be encouraged to come in and see the changes we have made. Check out our new lights—you'll never guess what they

Community Table:

Each Tuesday during School term at the Mustard Tree we have our Community lunch. There are usually around 30-40 people. These people are from our local community and from all walks of life, who meet to enjoy a meal and have conversation together.

At the moment we are in need of cooks from our congregation to join our team. If you feel led in this way please contact Gordon Taylor.

Also, you are most welcome to come down and join us at 12.00 for lunch and fellowship.



Positions Vacant at The Mustard Tree

Assistant to the Managers

Permanent part-time - 15 hours per week

Commencing Monday 3rd February

Key responsibilities include overseeing administrative matters, eBay, social media, advertising, assisting with merchandising and displays and attending maintenance issues.

Applications close Friday 24th January

Café Supervisor (Saturday)

Permanent part-time – 4 hours per week

Commencing Saturday 1st February

Key responsibilities include coordinating the opening, operational and closing procedures of café, supervise volunteers to provide friendly, courteous and prompt service to customers.

Applications close Friday 17th January

For further information and a full Position Descriptions, please see Judy Huddleston or email tmtmanager@lb.org.au.

All things Mustard Tree...

Figures from The Mustard Tree - 2019

Total Income for Shop and Café for 2019 - \$441,038
\$75,287 more than 2018

The number of clients seen in Foodbank and Pharmacy Assistance in 2019 was 1,478.
This was 165 more than 2018.

Over 300 emergency packs have been given out in the shop and 250 packs for Corrections Services. This works out to enough food for around 42,000 meals compared to 35,451 in 2018.

The Mustard Tree was able to pay for 127 prescriptions for clients throughout the year. We have a hairdresser who comes in for one afternoon each month. During the year she was able to do over 100 free haircuts for clients, customers and volunteers.

Throughout the year we fed more than 1600 people from our community through Community Table, the free meal held each Tuesday during school term. The highest number of people attending Community Table was at our last meal for the year when over 100 people came to enjoy a festive Christmas lunch.

We sent off 24,263kg of clothing, shoes and bags that had been donated but we were unable to sell due to our strict quality controls. That's over 24 ton.

The oldest volunteer working in the shop is 87 and the youngest is 15.



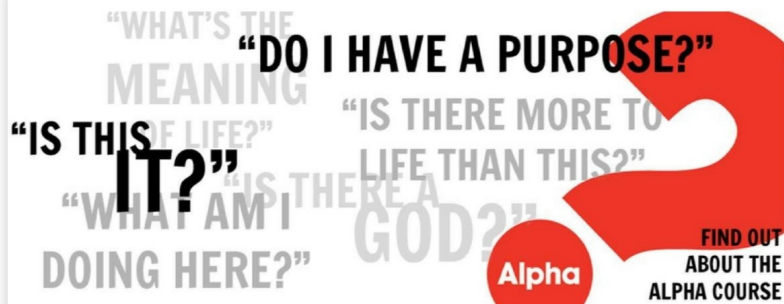
Why The Mustard Tree?

The Mustard tree is an image used in the Bible by Jesus to illustrate the Kingdom of God. In the story Jesus told, the mustard seed is the word of God proclaimed by Jesus. As it grows in the hearts and minds of men and women it brings hope and life eternal. "How can I describe the Kingdom of Heaven? What story should I use to illustrate it? It is like a mustard seed planted in the ground. It is the smallest of all seeds, but it becomes the largest of all the garden plants; it grows long branches and birds can make a nest in its shade."

Gospel of Mark 4:30-32.

The Mustard Tree op shop in a similar fashion offers comfort, care and community to all. It is an expression of God's love through God's people as we care and provide for physical, emotional and spiritual needs of those we meet.

All things Mustard Tree...



Alpha is coming to The Mustard Tree
(Tuesday's after Community Table)

February 2020

Everyone is welcome!

Contact Gordon Taylor: 0412 349 886

Food

Talk

Discussion

alpha.org.au

The Mustard Tree Community Shop

Garden

Gathering



Where: The Mustard Tree

When: Tuesday Mornings

Time: 10.00am to 12.00pm

BYO: gloves, hat, enthusiasm

Join with us for a couple of hours of gardening enjoyment. Meet new people. Learn new skills. Help us plant vegetables and look after our Community Garden.



The MUSTARD Tree

Op Shop & Cafe

A community ministry of Lilydale Baptist Church



All The Mustard Tree programs are supported by the income generated from the Community Shop & Cafe.

Getting Motivated for Missions

MISSION



matters

How can they hear about Him (Jesus) unless someone tells them? Romans 10:14



JEWELS OF HOPE—Lesotho
Dawn Taylor Australian Marketing Manager



SOLOMON ISLANDS
Eric and Jemima Mae-fonea (Josiah, Amos, Erima & Vicki)



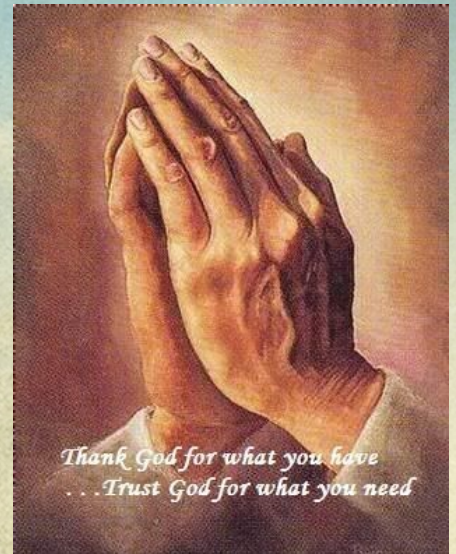
POWER TO CHANGE
Dave & Judy Huddleston (Tim, Liam & Caitlin) - Deputy National Director & Member Services Leader



Dickson & Jennifer Chilele
BAPTIST UNION Zambia

1 Chronicles 16:24

"Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples."



Isaiah 6:8-9

"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I. Send me!'"

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David & Eliza
Ben & Petra



**OVERSEAS MISSION
FELLOWSHIP**
Simon and Meg Crittle
(Melanie)
Japanese Diaspora Ministry
Melbourne OMF International



**MAF PILOT AND HOME
SUPPORT**
David and Jen Pett
(Jonathon)



**MAF—MISSION
AVIATION
FELLOWSHIP**
Marcus and Julie Grey –
Chief Pilot and Office
Support



CROSS CULTURAL WORKERS



Matt Inglis Japan



Melissa van Leeuwin
Centre for Disease
Control in the NT
Department of Health in
Alice Springs

Please note: There are no specific prayer requests this month. Please pray for our Missionaries' as God leads or use last months Newsletter as a guide.