

March 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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A Word from Pastor Stewart...

Praise the Lord!

Psalm 103 is well-known, and I am quite sure the opening words are etched into the minds of many of us. The Psalmist wrote,

**Let all that I am praise the Lord;
with my whole heart, I will praise his holy name.
Let all that I am praise the Lord;
may I never forget the good things He does for me.**

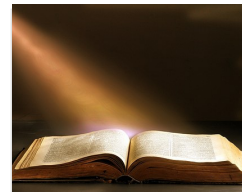
In these words, David commits himself in total and absolute terms, to praising the name of the Lord. He covers the whole being in that all he is, his character, his lifestyle, his behaviour to others and so on. Every attitude and action are offered up to God in praise. David says he will do this because God is Holy and gracious.

Praise is an act of worship through which we acknowledge the greatness and goodness of the actions of another. As we praise God for who He is, we express our adoration of Him. Our praise, which give thanks to God for what He has done, is an expression of thanksgiving. Praise is not limited to one specific act. We can praise Him in prayer, song, giving and any other way which directs our life in response to our encounter with God. David wrote in Psalm 71:6, my praise will be continually of You... and I will praise You yet more and more. We can praise God on our own or we can do it collectively as the people of God.

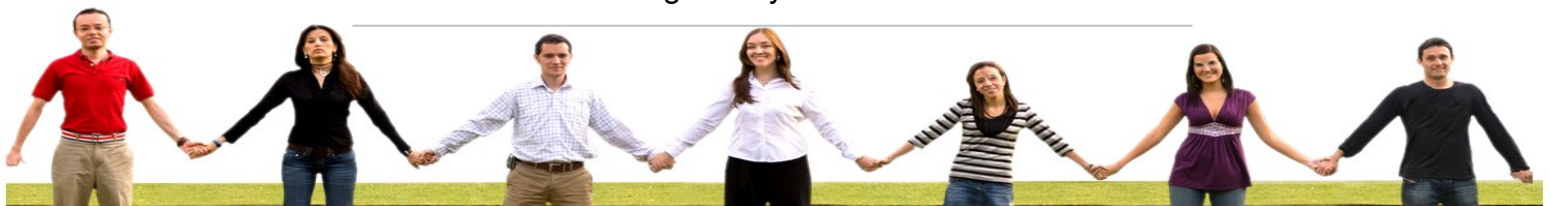
Psalm 103 goes on to identify key points for which David praises God. He forgives all our sins, heals our diseases, redeems us from death, crowns us with love and tender mercies, renews our strength, reveals Himself to us. He is compassionate, merciful, slow to anger, will not constantly accuse us, will not remain angry with us, His love for us is unfailing, compassionate, tender, knows us intimately and still loves us.

The words of the chorus from the song Heart of Worship are,

**I'm coming back to the heart of worship
And it's all about You, all about You, Jesus
I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it
When it's all about You, all about You, Jesus**



Praise and worship go together. Our praise of God fuels our worship of Him. The condition of our heart is crucial. How strong does your heartbeat for God?



Church Family Events for your Diary...

- **2nd March:** Williams Prayer Group
- **5th March:** BLinGG craft 7.30pm
- **7th March:** Men's Breakfast 8am
- **9th-13th March:** Blood Bank
- **14th March:** Garden Group 9am-12pm
- **15th March:** Lunch on the Lawn
- **16th March:** Williams Prayer Group
- **22nd March:** Annual Church Meeting
- **30th March:** Williams Prayer Group

LBC Ministries...



Study of the Old Testament

Saturday 7th March @ 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.



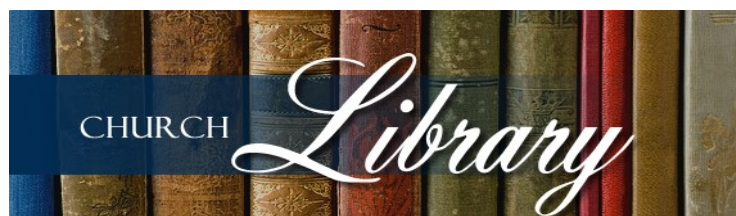
Keep these dates free: - Weather permitting.

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

19th March



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. It's a great time of sharing and talking. So if you're 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 the life of the body is in it's blood, and I have given you the blood on the alter to purify you, making you right with the Lord. It is the blood, given in exchange for a life, that makes purification possible"

Leviticus 17:11

All things Mustard Tree...

The Mustard Tree is such a busy place. We would love to have your prayers for the following:

- The 10 paid staff – for good organisation, stamina and wisdom
- All our hardworking volunteers
- For good quality clothing and household items to be donated
- Community Table – held each Tuesday from 12 – 1pm
- Alpha Group – the participants and facilitators
- Foodbank – especially our interviewers



Apple and Ginger Cake

*Cakes,
Cakes,
Cakes...
All here
at the
Mustard
Tree
Café...*



Hummingbird Cake



Berry Crumble Cake



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K PEOPLE David & Eliza



Please continue to hold David, Eliza and their children in your prayers.

K PEOPLE Ben & Petra



Ben and Petra are nearing the end of their Home Assignment in Australia. Before they return to the Silk Road Area, Ben is needing to have a small operation which has pushed back their travel date by six weeks. This is bittersweet for them as they are simultaneously grateful for the opportunity to spend extra time with their family and very keen to get back to their life on the Silk Road. One unexpected positive of the family remaining in Australia a little longer is that Petra can attend a course focused on the early detection of Cerebral Palsy. This is very relevant to the work she begun with children with disabilities during their first term. Early diagnosis enables significantly increased development outcomes, however, most of the children Petra worked with received a later diagnosis.

For Prayer:

- That Ben and Petra's final weeks in Australia will be enriching, refreshing and full of quality time with their family
- For God to be preparing them spiritually, emotionally and physically for their next years of cross-cultural work among the K people
- That Ben's operation and recovery will be smooth
- For Petra to have wisdom as she attends the course and considers the best way to use her Occupational Therapy skills in ministry



Michael will have the opportunity to do an audio recording of Acts by the grandchildren of Flo Anderson who translated the book with Charlotte many years ago. Please pray that this will come about. I have a target date for it to happen in late May.

Michael and Melora will be in Melbourne from Sat March 21 to Sun 29th. Michael will come to church on the 22nd. He will be having a couple of meetings at Kangaroo Ground with some of the leaders. Pray that discussions will be according to the will of the Lord.

Charlotte still has ongoing problems related to the DVT. She will be staying at home with Alexis during this time. Pray for her during this time that nothing untoward happens while Michael is away.

Praise that Alexis's extensive problems with diarrhea have settled.

WYCLIFFE BIBLE
TRANSLATORS
Michael & Charlotte Corden
(Melora & Alexis)
Torres Strait (based in Cairns)

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POWER TO CHANGE

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



Praise for:

- Give thanks that the **PTC International Student Ministry teams** have found creative ways to connect with uni students (including online ministry and training groups) as they've navigated the challenges associated with COVID-19.
- Give thanks for the recent launch of the new PTC vision; **"Encounter Jesus today, impact Australia tomorrow, reach the nations for eternity"**. We are excited about this and invite your prayers for leaders and team members to communicate it well.

Pray for:

- Pray for **Dave and the National Leadership Team** as they gather in Kallista from 3-6 March for strategic meetings, fellowship and prayer.
- Pray for **Dave and Judy** as they get away for a short break in Torquay from 6-10 March.
- Pray for a good beginning to 2020 study commitments for **Tim** (Ridley College), **Liam** (Monash Uni) and **Caitlin** (Yr12 Lilydale High)

Eyes on Jesus

SOLOMON ISLANDS
Eric and Jemima
Maefonea (Josiah,
Amos, Erima & Vicki)



Pray for:

- Pray for the in-service training of pastors and ministry leaders. Currently, I have 41 students. Pray for strength, knowledge and clarity of presentation in class.
- Pray for an outreach organised by our local church into the community from the 6th -8th March, 2020. Pray for my preparation to speak for three nights open-air crusade. Pray that God's Word is clearly presented.
- Pray for God's protection over our family as we are in the frontline in our ministry.

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JEWELS OF HOPE— Lesotho Dawn Taylor Australian Marketing Manager

Praise that:

- Through the intervention of the bank manager in Lesotho, the funds from Australia eventually arrived in the JoH account
- All the gifts made by 'Quilts for Orphans', Graeme's mother and Jenny Rowse fitted into our luggage allowance with the extra 69kgs allowed by Qantas.
- Dawn, Graeme, Andrew and Steph have all arrived safely in Johannesburg with all having gone well on their travels

Pray for:

- Safety in road travel for Dawn, Graeme, Andrew and Steph in South Africa and Lesotho
- Dawn on this her last annual visit to Lesotho as she says farewell to all those involved in the project and other friends and that Graeme will have the opportunity to catch up with those he wants to see who were in the project when we lived in Maseru.
- For a smooth hand-over of the various responsibilities that Dawn has had.

Dickson & Jennifer Chilele BAPTIST UNION Zambia

Dickson Chilele has moved from The Kanki Bible College to the Central Africa Baptist College and Seminary (CABCO).

We understand that the teaching at the new college is more suited to the work Dickson will be doing when he completes his studies.

- Pray for him and his wife, Jennifer, as they adjust to this change.

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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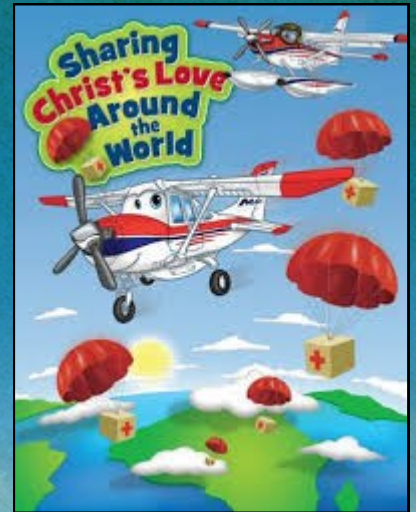


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**MAF—MISSION
AVIATION
FELLOWSHIP**
**Marcus and Julie
Grey – Chief Pilot
and Home Support**



Praise:

- We are so thankful to God for His hand over the recent ferry flight, delivering the Twin Otter to Switzerland! After initial problems with the long range fuel system (which was fixed in Singapore by one of our MAF Mareeba engineers) the aircraft performed beautifully for the rest of the trip. Thanks to all who prayed.
- Also thankful to God that we have been able to offer respite to a recent guest in our home and praying for more opportunities to show His love and hospitality.

Prayer:

- Please pray for Marcus as he prepares to share at Church this month and for wisdom as he handles his responsibilities and travel needs.
- We would also value prayer for our students and staff in Mareeba.....for continued safety and shared 'God moments'!

Thanks for journeying with us and supporting the work of MAF!



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

Praise:

- We give thanks for the funding and purchase of a new MAF office building in central Cairns; please pray for a smooth transition from our current office for our IT servers and staff starting in late March.
- We also give thanks for the recent safe arrival of an ex-PNG Twin Otter in Switzerland, ferried by colleagues, Marcus Grey and Volkher Jacobsen.

Pray for:

- Please pray that David can balance his time between his different projects and renew his flying ratings in March.
- Please continue to pray for Graham who has been diagnosed with a klebsiella bug in his intestines. Please pray that the treatment plan will be effective and that his symptoms will improve soon.
- Please pray that Jen's follow-up health checks in March will be clear.

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



- After a 2-week delay due to corona virus concerns (there are many international travelers and recent immigrants in our church zone), the weekly English classes for Japanese mothers have restarted for 2020. Pray that God will use the classes to bring us into contact with whole families with an openness to discovering more about Jesus Christ and his people. Pray for wisdom and volunteers as we work out the best way to provide better childcare during the English classes. Pray for good ideas about suitable weekend events that the Japanese mums can attend with their whole families. Of course, picnics and barbecues are best, but Melbourne's weather does not always cooperate! Thank God for the increasing number of Clayton church families ready to connect with these Japanese families in relational outreach and evangelism.
- We are hoping to start discovery Bible studies with some more Japanese men and women soon. For some of these folk, we will be proposing the idea of doing a study for the first time. Others have agreed to the idea of doing Bible study, but it's a question of finding/making time in their busy schedule. And for some others who have returned to Japan, the idea is to do Bible study via Skype video calling. In all of these cases, pray that God's Spirit will fill each person with a heartfelt yearning to discover his Word, and a deep conviction that there is life-saving truth here, that can be found nowhere else!

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CROSS CULTURAL WORKERS

Matt Inglis
Japan



Praise:

- That my immigration procedures are done for another year, with a further one year extension.
- Please pray that in the coming years, I'll finally get the three year minimum which is required before a permanent residency application can be made.
- Praise God that my school classes are going well (including positive written student feedback). Please pray that the administrators will give me more classes for the new school year from April, in accordance with the actual evidence of my ability.

Pray:

- Please pray for health and spiritual protection as well.



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

CROSS CULTURAL WORKERS

Pray:

- for the RHD Team in the NT. After 8 years our guidelines for management are changing and these are significant changes. The next months will be extremely busy as we review all of our patients and their management plans (we have nearly 4000 patients to review).
- for rain. Like most of the rest of the country we have been experiencing a drought but we have had very little rain this summer, which is when we usually get rain. It is very dry here, which means that our fire season will likely be extended well beyond its usual end date.

Praise:

- God for faithful men and women who serve him. One of our local SIL missionaries recently translated my RHD video into a local language (Alyawarr). Alyawarre people are very traditional and often don't speak much English. I'm so thankful David Blackman was able to do this translation for me (and I'm hoping other SIL translators may also be involved in future language translations of my video).
- for successful heart valve replacement surgery for Mirelda and Caitlin who travelled to Adelaide for their surgery. Praise God they are both recovering well.