

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



November 2019



## One Love. One Community (part four)

Over the previous three months I have written under the heading of "One Love ... One Community". This is the fourth and final installment.

As I have written these it has been my hope that we, as the current congregation at Lilydale Baptist develop a greater sense of community and its foundation and constant dependence on love.

In this we have previously considered love as the nature of God and the hallmark of His people expressed through hospitality and relationships.

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Fiona 0427 682 301 (BH)**

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Without love, as Paul writes to the Corinthian church (1 Corinthians 13:1-3) they, and us, become nothing. In that same chapter Paul defines love as patient, kind, not jealous, not boastful, not proud, not rude, not selfish (does not demand its own way), not irritable, holds no record of wrong done, seeks and delights in justice and truth, is enduring without end, is always hopeful and remains faithful in all circumstances. These were Paul's words of instruction, rebuke and encouragement to the Corinthian Church and remain equally pertinent to the church today.

The apostle John wrote that God is love (1 John 4:16) and asserts that God's love transforms us and should be evident in us through the relationship we have with one another. Jesus said the way we love will be the means through which the world will recognize us as His disciples (John 13:35). But no ordinary worldly love will do, the love Jesus refers to is characterized by the love He has for us (John 13:34).

This Biblical, God revealing love is the only soil in which Christian community will grow and flourish. In addition, I suggest there are three essential elements which sustain and enable balanced and healthy growth within such a community. We have dealt to some extent with the first two, hospitality and relationships.

Now for the third element, vulnerability. Vulnerability that invites others in, is vital. That is, honest and genuine exposure of ourselves to others that is appropriate and sensitive.

**C.S. Lewis wrote in *The Four Loves*, "To love at all is to be vulnerable. Love anything and your heart will be wrung and possibly broken." The alternative Lewis goes on to describe is a heart that fears and avoids the pain of love and he writes, "Lock it up safe in the casket or coffin of your selfishness. But in that casket, safe, dark, motionless, airless, it will change. It will not be broken; it will become unbreakable, impenetrable, irredeemable. To love is to be vulnerable."**



## CHURCH FAMILY EVENTS

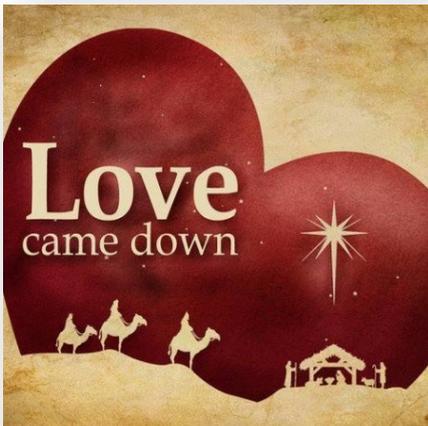


- Saturday **2nd November** Men's Bible Study @ 8am
- Saturday **9th November** LBC Garden Group @ 9am-12pm
- Sunday **10th November** KidsZone Morning Tea after church
- Sunday **17th November** Lunch on the Lawn after church
- Saturday **23rd November** Live music in The Mustard Tree Café 11am
- Sunday **1st December** "Under the Christmas" begins for Food Bank
- Saturday **5th December** BlinGG Christmas Supper @ 7.30pm
- Sunday **15th December** Carols by Candlelight @ 5.30pm at the church.
- Wednesday **25th December**. Christmas Day Service.

## Please Pray with Us



**Every second Monday** night @ 7.30pm there is a new prayer group beginning 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.



## CAROLS ON THE LAWN

*Save the Date  
15th December 5.30pm  
Details to follow*



## Study of the Old Testament

Saturday 2nd November 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 coming 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.

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# 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 19th Apr

## Lunch on the Lawn

This is an opportunity for us as a church family to spend time together in fellowship after the church service once a month for lunch, conversation, fun and games. Lunch will be a free sausage sizzle and 'sweets' and some sporting equipment for the kids (and adults) to have some games. Even if you don't eat lunch just stay for a chat! We will have chairs and shade for those who require a little comfort and if the weather is bad we will just postpone until next month. The plan is to be flexible and stress free. We would love for you to join with us.





# *Kidszone Morning Tea!*

After church on **November 10th**

GOLD COIN DONATION  
PROCEEDS FOR MUSTARD TREE  
CHRISTMAS GIFTS



## Café' News

### 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.

### Live Music in the Café: - Saturday 23rd Nov from 11am

Come and enjoy a cuppa and listen to Jimmy Dausan. Jimmy is a regular customer of The Mustard Tree and has an amazing voice. Come and enjoy this special treat.





## “Under the Christmas Tree”

For many in our community Christmas is a difficult time of the year. There are some who are lonely, with no family around them. There are others who can't afford presents for their children. There is extra food needed for the table.

During December we would like to bless all that come to The Mustard Tree for food assistance. We would like to be able to give them extra items in their food parcels - tinned ham, soft drinks, a pudding and UHT custard, fruit mince pies, Christmas crackers, Christmas serviettes and presents for their children.

**To do this, we need your help.** We will have the Christmas tree in church for the month of December. We would love you to bring gifts of food and presents for children (under the age of 13) and place them under the tree on December 1st. Following the service these gifts will be taken to The Mustard Tree and given out through Foodbank throughout the month.

If you would like further details,  
Please see Judy Huddleston .

## The Mustard Tree Community Shop

Spring has arrived at The Mustard Tree with flowers decorating the shop. The Community Garden is also filled with sweet pea and other flowers and we are about to plant Summer crops of vegetables.

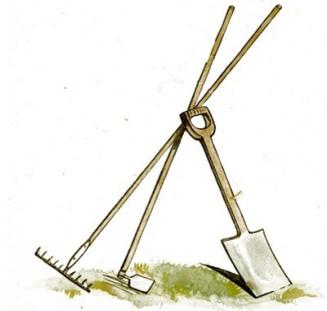
# Garden Gathering

**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.

# MISSION



# matters

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

## Missionaries Financially and Prayerfully Supported by us

### JEWELS OF HOPE—Lesotho—Dawn Taylor Australian Marketing Manager

**Praise that:** one of the past trainers, who is now an accountant, has offered to take on the financial side of the Administrator position and Daniel believes that he can still manage the jewelry side. Permission has now been given to again have the jewelry for sale at the local conventions.

#### Pray for:

Daniel that he will be able to meet his commitments at the university as well as doing all that is necessary for JoH before the end of the year.—The JOH events scheduled and for opportunities to share JoH stories that God might be glorified.



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

#### Praise for:

- Many opportunities open for ministry.
- Your continuous partnership in the gospel.
- Lives that have been touched and transformed by the Word of God.

#### Pray for:

- Daily radio devotions, ministry with university students and pastors in-service training.
- Continuing involvement in ministry.
- Our children as they prepare for exams.
- Time in our busy schedules to catch up some time for some decent rest.
- Pastor's in-service training and graduation on the 30th November.
- A team I organized for a mission team of students and staff from Moore Theological College, Sydney to come on the 29th March and return on the 5th April 2020 for their cross-cultural field experience.



## WYCLIFFE BIBLE TRANSLATORS

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



The opportunity to share a video at the church a short time ago meant a lot to us. Thank you.

### Praise for :

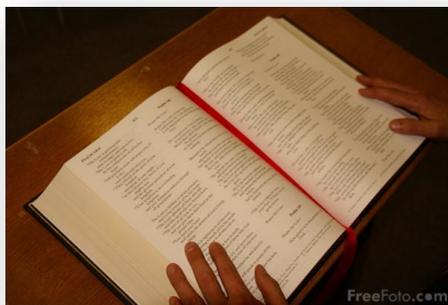
- the invitation that Simeon and Gingin Harry, our major Bible translator, received to speak at a Language conference at the end of October in Roebourne W.A.
- Pray for good outcomes from their efforts.
- Last year Charlotte and I were able a part of a combined churches outreach in Townsville, called Stable on the Strand. We were able to pass out over 100 Yumplatok Bibles to Torres Strait Islanders.
- Pray that we will get another invitation this year.

### Pray for:

- ongoing editing of Scripture we've recorded. We have had some technical issues with background noises.
- Melora - Pray. She has been receiving a Sickness Benefit payment from Centrelink while she has had her Lyme disease. This has been renewed without issue each three months. Unfortunately this week a Centrelink officer took it upon himself to cancel her payments forthwith.
- Pray that there could be a speedy resolution to this for her.

Thanking You

Michael Cordon





## Dickson & Jennifer Chilele

Baptist Union Zambia

### Pray for:

- Dickson as he studies at the Kinkiki Bible College to be a Pastor of a village church.
- Pray for Jennifer, his wife, as she seeks to earn some money to support the family and to keep things going at their home some distance from the College.

## K PEOPLE

David & Eliza

Ben & Petra



It has been all systems go for **David** and **Eliza** over the past months since returning to the Silk Road after their home assignment. The Agriculture Innovation Project has been committed to the Lord in prayer and they are thanking God for His provision of a property that is being developed as the workshop site for the project. The first stages of building the workshop have begun, with the help of a few local lads to pour the cement foundations.

### Pray for:

- For David to remain expectant of God's good timing and provision for the building task at hand and next stages of project planning. For Eliza as she steps into the Team Leader role, that God will guide her and shape her for this new responsibility. Jude and Caitlyn will miss Dustin whilst he is away. Give thanks to God for the relationship the children share and the love between them.

### Pray for:

- Ben & Petra who are on home assignment. For a deep and close walk with God in order to remain faithful to his call, every step of the way. Pray for their support prayerfully and financially.

## OVERSEAS MISSION FELLOWSHIP

Simon and Meg Crittle (Melanie)

Japanese Diaspora Ministry

Melbourne OMF International



### Pray for:

- God's blessing on the J2ANZ conference (Jesus to Japanese in Australia and New Zealand) in Brisbane, 22 to 24 November. Simon and fellow OMF diaspora co-workers will be participating.
- Pray they can be an encouragement to Japanese Christians, and especially help strengthen those returning to Japan soon, where just 1% are Christian.
- Pray that Japanese seekers from Queensland / NSW (typically students and backpackers) will accept invitations to the conference, and that God's Spirit will grant them faith and courage to commit to following Jesus.

### Praise for:

- Thank God that a young Japanese family has been attending Sunday church at Clayton Church over the past few months, and that they are really experiencing God's love and presence through the church folk.
- Pray that Simon and Meg can start a Bible discovery study with them soon, to share more about God's wonderful provision of life-saving love through Jesus. This family first connected with the church through the Japanese Mums English Class.
- Thank God that a short-term team from Clayton Church of Christ will be going on short-term mission with OMF Japan at the end of this year. Simon and Meg will assist the team's preparations, by running a half-day Japan orientation session on Saturday 9 November.
- Pray for wisdom and clarity as the Simon and Meg prepare and present the orientation session.

## MAF—MISSION AVIATION FELLOWSHIP

Marcus and Julie Grey – Chief Pilot and Office Support



### Praise for:

- Speedy sale of our Walkamin house.
- Stamina, energy and safety as we packed up and cleaned our house and Marcus' busy workload.

### Pray for:

- The Greys as they leave Mareeba on November 2 and hopefully arrive in Coldstream on November 8th.
- Pray for them as they travel and settle back into Melbourne and Lilydale life.



## POWER TO CHANGE

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

Give thanks for a quality time of equipping and fellowship during last month's Crisis Management Training event hosted in Kallista, with participants from USA, Australia, New Zealand, Fiji and Samoa.

**Pray for:** Dave and Pam as they follow up with Power to Change participants and make plans for ongoing integration of key principles.

**Give thanks:** that Tim (West Asia) and Liam (Rye, Vic) have received full funding for their upcoming Summer Projects. **Please pray** for ongoing preparations and for God's favour and protection to be upon them and their project friends as they step out in faith from the last week of November.

**Pray for:** Dave as he connects with family and ministry partners in Adelaide (26 Oct – 2 Nov) and then has some time out in Torquay from 4 – 8 November. **Pray for** safe travels and times of refreshing after a demanding October.

**Pray for:** Dave as he is on the road again, visiting Sydney from 16-19 November to share at Carlingford Baptist Church and catch up with ministry partners.

**Pray for:** Judy, adjusting to new fibromyalgia medication. We're hoping things will settle down sometime soon, meaning less pain and improved energy levels.



## MAF PILOT AND HOME SUPPORT

**David and Jen Pett (Jonathon)**

We are thankful that we have now completed the packing and sorting in advance of Jen's mum's house move.

**Please pray** for patience and wisdom as we wait for the sale contracts and moving date to be agreed, hopefully very soon.

**Please pray** for the UK CAA to approve David's medical renewal which he completed last week. Please uphold Graham who is suffering with persistent fatigue symptoms and feeling very low. We are grieving the loss of our faithful dog last week who has been part of the family for the last 12 years.

Thank you for praying for us. God Bless , David and Jen

## CROSS CULTURAL WORKERS

### Matt Inglis Japan

#### Praise for:

- The many ways God has been using me as His 'jar of clay' to impact the lives of others recently.
- The massive levels of spiritual growth in my life.

#### Pray for:

- God's strength, wisdom, patience and protection as I continue to trust Him in the midst of my weaknesses (which I am very aware of at present).
- God's sovereign will to be done in everything.



### Melissa van Leeuwin

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



#### Praise for:

- God for a fantastic holiday, for safe travel and the opportunity to catch up with a number of friends as well as attending a friends' wedding.
- that one of our local Wycliffe Bible Translators has been able to translate one of my Rheumatic Heart Videos into a local language. The Alywarr language doesn't cross over with other languages and is one of our larger language groups.

#### Pray for:

- the voice recording of this will be able to happen soon and that Moonshine (who produce the video) will be able to promptly put the voice recording to the video. This is a huge answer to prayer.
- Mirelda, Kristel and Marilyn who need heart valve surgery in the near future.
- Pray that we will be able to keep them stable whilst they wait for their surgery.
- Pray for Matthew and Benjamin who had valve surgery in October.
- Pray for their healing.

God bless Melissa