



# the church *Messenger*

September 2020

‘A Community of People  
who Worship, Love, Serve &  
Discover Jesus Together’

*The Monthly Newsletter of Lilydale Baptist Church*

## Church Information

### For Pastoral Care and Prayer Support.

Please contact Pastor Stewart on  
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### For Church Family Prayer Support.

Contact Peter or Fiona McLeod on  
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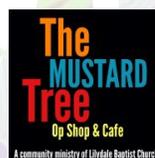
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Mon-Thurs: 9am-4pm

### The Mustard Tree Op Shop and Café

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



### On-line Giving Details

Lilydale Baptist Church General Fund

BSB: 704 922 Account: 100007931

Lilydale Baptist Church Mission Fund

BSB: 704 922 Account: 100007924

Mustard Tree Welfare

BSB: 704 922 Account: 100008629



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# Upcoming Church Events

**Sunday 6th September**  
Father's Day & Communion  
LBC Connections & 11am live

**Thursday 10th September**  
Prayer time via Facetime or Zoom  
12-2pm. See notice

**Sunday 13th September**  
LBC Connections & 11am live  
**Thursday 17th September**  
Prayer: 12-2pm  
**Sunday 20th September**  
LBC Connections & 11am live  
**Thursday 24th September**  
Prayer: 12-2pm  
**Sunday 27th September**  
LBC Connections & 11am live



## A Word from Pastor Stewart...



### LET US PRAY

Let us pray. How many times have you heard these few words? Are these the words which excite you or make you cringe? Is prayer part of your daily routine? Do you think we, as a fellowship, pray enough? Well I cannot answer these questions for you. But I do think in light of our current series on Spiritual Disciplines, it is an appropriate moment to ask these questions.

Prayer is found throughout the Scriptures. Consistently we encounter God's people coming to Him in prayer. David Mathis in, *Habits of Grace* under the heading, a Conversation We Didn't Start, he notes God is the initiator of our prayers. Prayer is a conversation with God. Through creation, through His word, through the incarnation and the indwelling of His Holy Spirit, God speaks to us. Mathis comments, "Prayer, for the Christian, is not merely talking to God, but responding to the One who initiated toward us. He has spoken first. This is not a conversation we start, but a relationship into which we've been drawn. His voice breaks the silence. Then in prayer, we speak to the God who has spoken. Our asking and pleading and requesting originate not from our emptiness but from our fullness.

Prayer doesn't begin with our needs, but with His bounty. Its origin is first in worship, and only later in asking. Prayer is a reflex to the grace He gives to the sinners He saves. It is soliciting his provision in view of the power He has shown."

Prayer should be something we yearn for, for in prayer we worship our Holy God, because He is merciful we receive forgiveness as we confess, because He is gracious we give thanks, because He is love we petition Him for the needs of our family, our friends, the world and ourselves.

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

Philippians 4:6.



## LET US PRAY...cont

We pray in Jesus name because he taught us to do so. In Him all power and authority has been given. What a privilege it is to have access to God through His Son. What comfort it is to know Jesus is our advocate, and when words fail His Spirit will groan on our behalf. The words of the great old hymn, What a Friend We Have In Jesus, encourages us and challenges us to pray.

What a friend we have in Jesus  
All our sins and griefs to bear  
And what a privilege to carry  
Everything to God in prayer

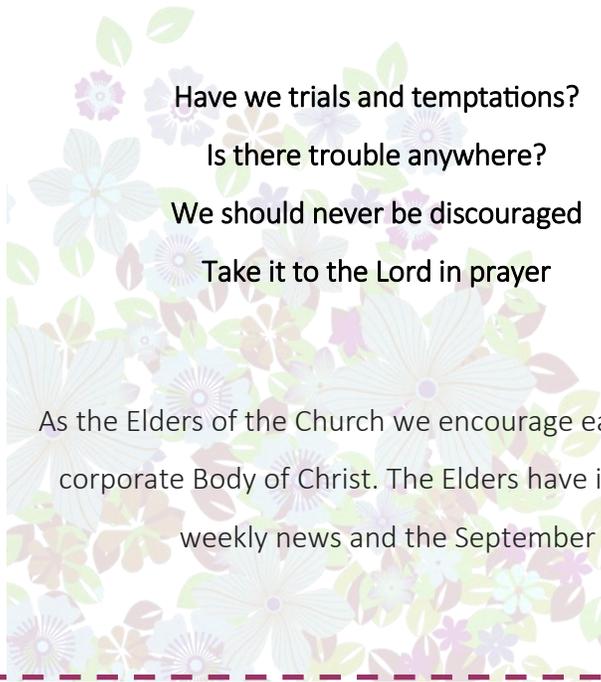
Oh, what peace we often forfeit  
Oh, what needless pain we bear  
All because we do not carry  
Everything to God in prayer

Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged  
Take it to the Lord in prayer

Can we find a friend so faithful  
Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness  
Take it to the Lord in prayer

As the Elders of the Church we encourage each of us to consider our prayer life, as individuals, and as the corporate Body of Christ. The Elders have initiated an online, one to one prayer opportunity (details in weekly news and the September Messenger). Other prayer initiatives coming soon.

Pastor Stewart.



# Life at LBC...



## Men's Group

RSVP for breakfast to  
Bruce: 0419 501 528  
Gordon: 0412 349 886



This Breakfast/Bible Study is part of a series of informal, interactive studies for men. BYO Bible and a healthy appetite for breakfast.



## BLINGG Craft



Ladies craft will now have to be done at home for a while. We would love to see what you are busy working on...Send us a photo of your 'craft' and we will post some into the next newsletter.



*You can listen to our sermons on our church website ([www.lb.org.au](http://www.lb.org.au)) or via our YouTube channel. (Links via LBC Connections).*



## Lilydale Baptist Church

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# Life at LBC...

## Life Groups

"A place to belong. A place to grow"



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

## Make & Mingle



In Recess...



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!!*

## In Action: New Initiative for PRAYER.....

At the August Elders meeting the possibility of providing a face to face online opportunity for prayer was discussed. Particularly given the current situation of no gatherings and the lack of opportunity for one on one prayer following the morning service, it was agreed that this was something we should seriously consider. It is proposed, that commencing on **Thursday the 10<sup>th</sup> of September** and every Thursday from that date until further notice, prayer via face time (and possibly Zoom) will be accessible.

Prayers will be offered to meet your needs, peace, comfort, healing and so on. All contact through this medium will be confidential.



Lillian Taylor, one of the Elders, will be available from 12:00-2:00pm to take your call. Her contact number is 0422 612 833.

The Elders will monitor the need and potentially we will provide other opportunities to connect face to face for prayer. Please note, this is in addition to the current [prayer@lb.org.au](mailto:prayer@lb.org.au), the prayer chain will continue to function as per normal. On behalf of The Elders, Pastor Stewart.

# Life at LBC...



## The Church Library is CLOSED

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.

## Corona 'Prizes'



Every Thursday in our LBC News we are having a 'Who Am I?' guessing game.

Send in your answer (first attempt will be counted) & at the end of our church restrictions I will count up the correct answers and the winner will receive a prize.

**Hint:** LBC Weekly news comes out at 7pm each Thursday evening.

If you have a 'Who Am I?' entry please send it in to the office so we can learn more about you as we have some fun together!

## LBC Group Gatherings...in recess

Do you miss your church family? Miss the routine of leaving home on a Sunday morning and attending Church? If you do, this is for you...

Every Sunday in the Church we are running "gatherings" of 20 people for shared worship and fellowship using our LBC Connections format. There are two time slots: 9.30am & 11am. Every Thursday group links are sent out via the LBC Weekly news for you to book yourself a place.

If you haven't been why not give it a try.

We would love to see you there.



## Look what's been happening in lockdown...

### Wrap With Love



Have you heard of Wrap with Love?

It is a mission of mercy, that makes blankets and wraps for those around the world in desperate need of warmth. It is a completely volunteer organization. They ask people to knit 25cm squares, using 8ply acrylic yarn on 4mm needles, 55 stitches, in garter stitch. The squares are then made up into wraps. These wraps are then either distributed to the homeless or sent overseas to people in need. We have templates and if you would like to do some knitting during this lockdown time just contact Jenny on 0418 509 099 and she will send you a template and pattern. If you'd just like to knit up squares then that's fine too. Some people may be happy to sew them together. We can work it all out, let us know if you are interested.



### Lockdown: McLeod Style



Peter and Fiona are certainly doing their lockdown productively—more evidence of Peter's productivity can be seen in the Weekly News. What a beautiful reminder of Spring being just around the corner—sunshine and new growth, the coolness of winter passed. Thank you for giving us a glimpse into what you have been doing while we are temporarily apart.

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## Lockdown: Shaw Style



12 trees and counting: front & back fence, woodshed, road and powerlines.

BUT house intact and no one injured so all good.

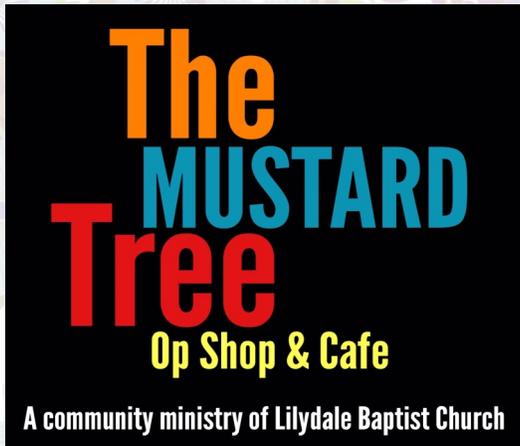
And at the end of the day it means we have firewood for the next 10 years.



## Ten Trivia Questions

1. **Question:** Paul was shipwrecked on what island?
2. **Question:** Who recognized Jesus as the Messiah when he was presented to the Temple as a baby?
3. **Question:** After Jesus fed the 5,000, how many baskets were left over?
4. **Question:** In the Gospel of Mark, how does the Virgin Mary learn of her pregnancy?
5. **Question:** Who is the high priest of Jerusalem that put Jesus on trial?
6. **Question:** According to the Gospel of Matthew, where does Jesus give his first public sermon?
7. **Question:** How does Judas notify the Roman Officials of Jesus' identity?
8. **Question:** Which insect did John the Baptist eat in the desert?
9. **Question:** Who asked Pilate for Jesus' body after he was crucified?
10. **Question:** What is the shortest book in the New Testament?

# All things Mustard Tree...



## The Mustard Tree Op Shop & Café

Due to Covid-19 and the Stage 4 Government restrictions, The Mustard Tree Op Shop, Café and Foodbank will remain closed until mid-September.

While the staff have been working from home, they have been very busy. Not only have they had the opportunity to work on such things as new policies, updating procedures and staff training ideas, they have been busy making items to sell in the shop. These items are made from donated goods that are altered or upcycled.

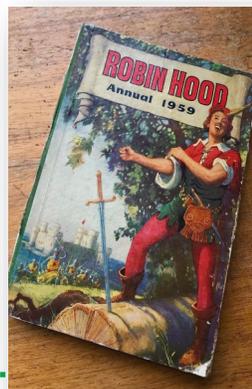
## Before.....&.....After



Wine Bottles  
to  
Drinking Glasses



Storybook  
Earrings



From Book  
to Bag



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**MAF PILOT AND  
HOME SUPPORT**  
David and Jen Pett  
Cairns



Had a wonderful wedding event on 22 Aug with blue skies and, thankfully, no disruption caused by Queensland's tighter COVID restrictions suddenly imposed that morning. There's no photos available yet - the couple return from their honeymoon next weekend so perhaps the photographer will have sent them a link by then. We hope to see them on Fathers' Day, which is also Johanna's birthday.

Graham and Toni's move is complete and they have now handed back the keys to their rental unit. A lady from the MAF office is moving in next week.

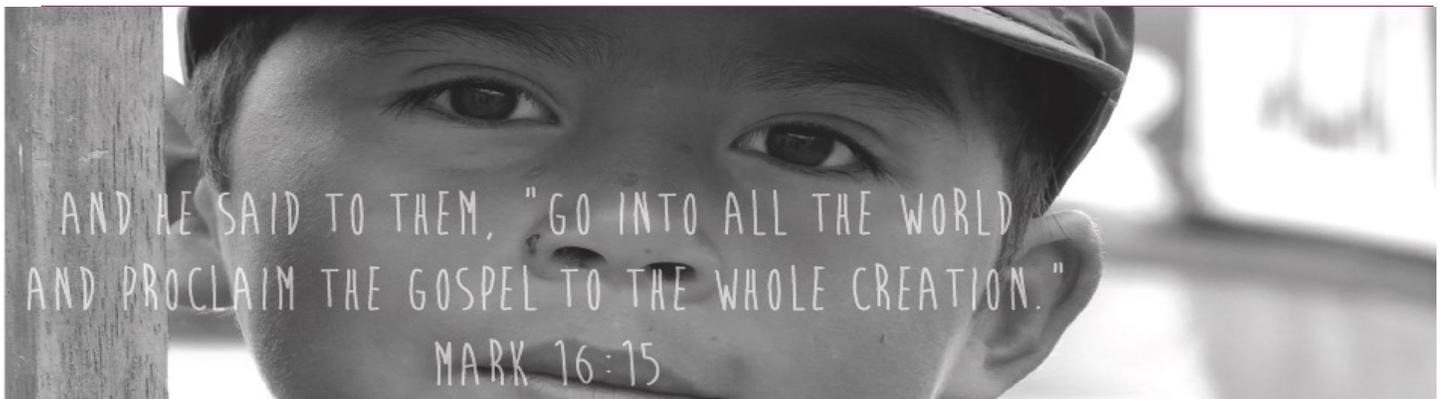
Our praise and prayer points for September.

We give thanks that Jonathan and Johanna's wedding went to plan and the ceremony was able to be live-streamed to family and friends who could not attend.

We are thankful that some of our international staff have been able to return to their field assignment and others have been able to leave for home assignment, as countries relax their border controls.

Please pray for us as we take some leave and adjust to an 'empty nest', for Jonathan and Johanna settling into married life, and for Graham's health to continue to improve.

Please continue to pray for the timely sale of MAF's retired aircraft parked at Mareeba.



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## K PEOPLE

### David & Eliza



### Ben & Petra



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David and Eliza and their children have enjoyed exploring nearby mountains and were refreshed by the spectacular scenery. Now the country begins another two weeks of lockdown and it is hoped people will adhere to the restrictions more closely this time. Sadly, David and Eliza have heard of sickness and death within their K friendship group, however, cannot visit as they would like. David has cemented a goal post in the playground next to the workshop and local kids are playing there everyday. David and Eliza are hoping this space brings the community together in a new way and that it will open doors for them to meet more K families.

**For Prayer:** For God to give David and Eliza ways to support their K friends who are suffering from the virus or are grieving the loss of loved ones. For the playground to become a place to develop new friendships with K families and for God to lead David and Eliza to people of peace.

## SOLOMON ISLANDS

### Eric and Jemima Maefonea

(Josiah, Amos, Erima & Vicki)



**Praise** God for the opportunity to take a series on Galatians for five Sundays of August and complete the teaching series today.

**Praise** God for the commitment of our students at the leaders in-service training.

**Pray** for students as they organise the upcoming fundraising to raise money to build a classroom for the Bethel Leadership and ministry Training Centre.

**Pray** for another intensive training commencing this Saturday and run every Saturdays over this month.



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## WYCLIFFE BIBLE TRANSLATORS

Michael & Charlotte Corden  
(Melora & Alexis)



## JEWELS OF HOPE

Pioneers

Dawn Taylor

Three answered prayers.

To help me in producing quality recordings of the Yumplatok Scriptures I have needed extra training in the audio software. I have confirmation that Tegan, one of Alexis's carers, is willing to give me some on the job training with the software. Praise the Lord.

To buy Yumplatok Bibles we have to buy them through Koorong Books at their full retail price. We asked the Wycliffe director if he could negotiate for a better deal. I had confirmation today, that they will give us a 40% discount.

Simeon and Gingin Harry, key people in the translation, were in Cairns for a funeral. On their return they were put into 14 days quarantine in Kununarra. They have been released and have now arrived safely home. Praise the Lord. Alexis has had a persistent cough and so could not go to his disability service centre. He has just returned a negative Covid test and so he is now back full time. Praise the Lord.

Something to pray about. We would dearly like to replace our 14 year old car with something smaller, reliable and economic. We have seen a suitable car but our bank balance is far from making it possible. Please pray with us for the provision of funds if the Lord wills.

Praise that Betty, the project manager, and Daniel, the JoH administrator, have been able to purchase another lot of groceries for food parcels for all those in the project

Pray for Lesotho, back in stringent lockdown, with a surge in coronavirus cases, which is greatly affecting the many who survive on a day-to-day existence, and that the Lesotho people will understand the seriousness of the situation. Alongside of this, it is estimated that 500,000 people, a quarter of Lesotho's population, are threatened with hunger due to a drought last year and only patchy rain this year, which have contributed to poor harvests that have left large parts of the rural population without adequate food

Pray for a good outcome for Dawn as she has a further ultra sound and visit with the haematologist towards the end of the month

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## POWER TO CHANGE

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



Praise God for the (final) Member Services Group retreat, hosted over Zoom on August 24-25. Dave is thankful he could join with 12 other team members. This was a valuable time to celebrate various contributions and achievements, whilst preparing for the upcoming transition to new team configurations as part of the Melbourne HQ restructure. This is still planned to occur by the end of this year, subject to office accessibility due to COVID-19 restrictions.

We are thankful for the Lord's daily help and protection for our family, as we have continued to be fully based at home for our various work and study commitments. We continue to count our blessings and bring personal expressions of thanksgiving to the dinner table each night.

Please pray for Dave's participation in the biennial Oceania Leadership Summit (September 21-24) with 70 Power to Change leaders attending plus participants from Cru USA and Pacific Islands. We will be gathering online and look forward to quality teaching input, cross-country interaction in breakout rooms and opportunities to address some strategic National goals for 2021.

Please continue to uphold our Melbourne team members as we work from home and await the easing of restrictions. May God continue to sustain and grant patience. May God grant Dave and Amanda discernment regarding the timely re-opening of the office and coordinating the HQ restructure.



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## OVERSEAS MISSION FELLOWSHIP

Simon and Meg Crittle

Thanks so much for the opportunity to contribute to the mission service last Sunday.

Once things are back to "some sort of normal", we look forward to visiting Lilydale church.

Also, we have plenty of good memories of the mission lunches you organised at different people's houses.

For us, those lunches were a special time of fellowship which we treasure.

We deeply appreciate your prayers as we reach out to Japanese people.



## MAF—MISSION AVIATION FELLOWSHIP

Marcus and Julie Grey

**Praise** God that all went smoothly for Marcus to return to Melbourne last week and that MAF is already strategically placed around the world to be able to respond quickly during the pandemic and care for those who are hurting and in need at this time.

Please **pray** for the MAF programs and support that remain operating, like the Timor Leste and Mareeba Flight and Engineering teams.

**Pray** that all the logistics for the 'aircraft swap' from Mareeba to Timor and return to Mareeba, will come together amid the Covid restrictions and for safety for our pilot who will do the ferry flight.



## BAPTIST UNION

Dickson & Jennifer  
Chilele  
ZAMBIA

Please remember to pray for Dickson. His studies are fairly intense and he needs prayer as he prepares to become the pastor of a village church. He also needs protection from the corona virus covid 19 for him and his family. Jennifer keeps things going at home when Dickson is away.

## CROSS CULTURAL WORKERS



Matt Inglis

JAPAN



Melissa van Leeuwin

Centre for Disease Control in the  
Dep of Health  
ALICE SPRINGS



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Praise God for a safe and successful end to the "Elementary Summer Program" last July, which was run by my international Christian school workplace and in which I was heavily involved. Please pray as the Holy Spirit leads for our school's ministry as we embark upon a new term from September (on campus, for now at least). Please pray for health as the hot summer gives way to Autumn, for God's ongoing protection (spiritual, physical), and for sensitivity to His leading each day.

Here are some prayer and praise points from the already starting to get warm Red Centre

Praise God that little Azzariah is continuing to heal after his recent surgery in Melbourne. After nearly 6 months away from home, Azzariah and his Mum, Farina, were able to return to their home community in northern South Australia in mid-August. Pray for continued healing.

Pray for our public health team as we continue to prepare for more potential COVID-19 cases in the Northern Territory.

Pray that we will be able to limit the spread of COVID-19, particularly in our very remote Aboriginal communities where many people are very vulnerable.

"Go into all the  
world and proclaim  
the gospel"  
Mark 16:15

