



the church *Messenger*

August 2021

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

The Monthly Newsletter of Lilydale Baptist Church

Church Information

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Support.

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(Currently on leave)

For Church Family
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Church Office

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Mon-Thurs: 9am-4pm

The Mustard Tree Op Shop and
Café

3/28 John Street Lilydale.
9735 3500

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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A Word from... Pastor Chris

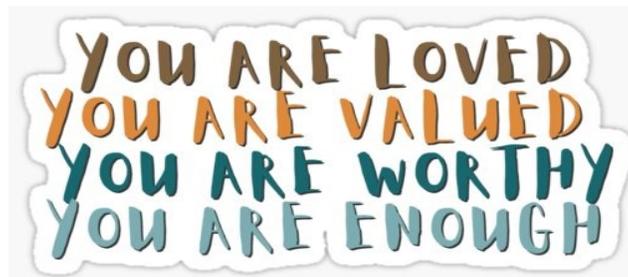


This past month has again reminded us that COVID is not 'a thing of the past', or 'the great pandemic of (only) 2020'! While I am thankful that our recent snap lockdown lasted less than 2 weeks, the lockdown has helped me to remember that in many ways, our church continues to enter a 'new normal' rather than going 'back' to what our church looked like pre-covid.

In the midst of this, it has been a blessing to kick off our new sermon series in Philippians (with a huge thank you to Luke Williams for bringing us thoughtful insights on the Kingdom of God with our previous 3-week series!). I asked the question at the start of our Philippians series, what if our Bible did not contain the book of Philippians? Now, this is a hypothetical question, as the Bible is the living and breathing Word of God, but it's helpful to pause and think about what we would be missing if we did not have the letter to the Philippians; what does the book of Philippians contribute to our understanding of the character of God, the character of the believer in Christ, and the character of believers together in Christ?

As we focus on Paul's words to the Philippian Christians, we can remember that these words are for us too, and so we can find wisdom, truth and insight for our life with Christ. In this letter, Paul has been so transformed by Christ's love (1:21); he is the example of a surrendered life, and Paul speaks for him and us when he reminds us that Jesus Christ is worth every piece of our lives. As Paul demonstrates and explains, we can live for Jesus wholeheartedly, regardless of our situation. Our faith not only survives difficult circumstances, but it can thrive. This is because of Jesus: nothing and no-one compares to Jesus. Jesus lay down everything for us, and He is worth laying down everything for Him.

My prayer is that this series in Philippians will help point us to Jesus, the one who sacrificed everything for us. May our joy come from being in awe of Christ and all that He is and all that He has done for us. May this series help us press on in our relationship with Jesus, and savior Christ above all things. May He who began this amazing work in each of us continue to work in us and through us, until completion.



What's happening @ LBC...

Put it on the Calendar

8th August: Lunch at the International Hotel Restaurant for details see K Bradfield (please let Kaye know by Saturday morning the 7th).

9th-13th August: Red Cross Blood Bank

19th –21st August Marriage Seminar: (Glory City Church) Venue LBC

29th August: Mission Service Followed by OCM 11.45am (All Welcome)



*You can listen to our sermons on our church website
(www.lb.org.au)*

QR Codes are now required to be used in all Church settings. Don't forget to download the Victorian Government App so that you can be ready to scan yourself in at Church.



Job Vacancy

Lilydale Baptist Church welcomes applications from suitable persons for the role of **Assistant to the Managers** for their community ministry, The Mustard Tree Op Shop, café and Foodbank.

The Mustard Tree Op Shop and Café finance a variety of community ministries of LBC as well as being a place of connection for the local community. The Mustard Tree seeks to be Jesus' hands, feet and voice to our local community. This is a permanent part time role of 18 hours per week, over three days. This position is based in the shop and reports to the retail manager and the Community Programs Coordinator.

For a detailed job description and to submit applications, please email:

tmtmanager@lb.org.au .

Applications are still open.

Life Groups

"A place to belong. A place to grow"



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

BLINGG Craft

Blingg craft is back—First Thursday of each Month

7.30pm at the Church-
All Ladies Welcome
Bring your craft



Lilydale Baptist Church

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Men's Group

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

Please see Gordon Taylor for details.



Make & Mingle... Is Back

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!!





...All things
Mustard Tree...



Café Update:

In addition to the Café being open Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday, they are now able to open on a Monday, Wednesday & Friday for Coffee & Cake. It's a step in the process of being able to return to full time opening hours with full menus.



**Our Foodbank is now
open Monday to Friday !**



Are you on Facebook?

If you are check out the Facebook pages of the Mustard Tree and Lilydale Baptist Church.

Do something worthwhile. Get involved!

We currently need more volunteers to work in the shop, café and garden at The Mustard Tree.
If you are interested in joining the Team, please pick up an application from the front counter of The Mustard Tree



The Mustard Tree is looking for a recommendation

If you know of a good refrigeration mechanic the Foodbank and Café are looking for the recommendation of a good and reliable one who can take care of maintenance and provide advice.

Contact the office:
administrator@lb.org.au
or the

Mustard Tree managers:
tmtmanager@lb.org.au

Life at LBC...

Food bank...

Thank you letter to LBC congregation from The Mustard Tree Community Care Team

On behalf of The Mustard Tree Community Care Team I would like to thank all those involved at LBC who have donated food and grocery items to our food bank over the last 3 months.

During this time we have been able to assist 215 clients, 31 of which were new .

Your ongoing support is so much appreciated as we endeavor to help those in need in our community.

May God bless you as you continue to serve Him.

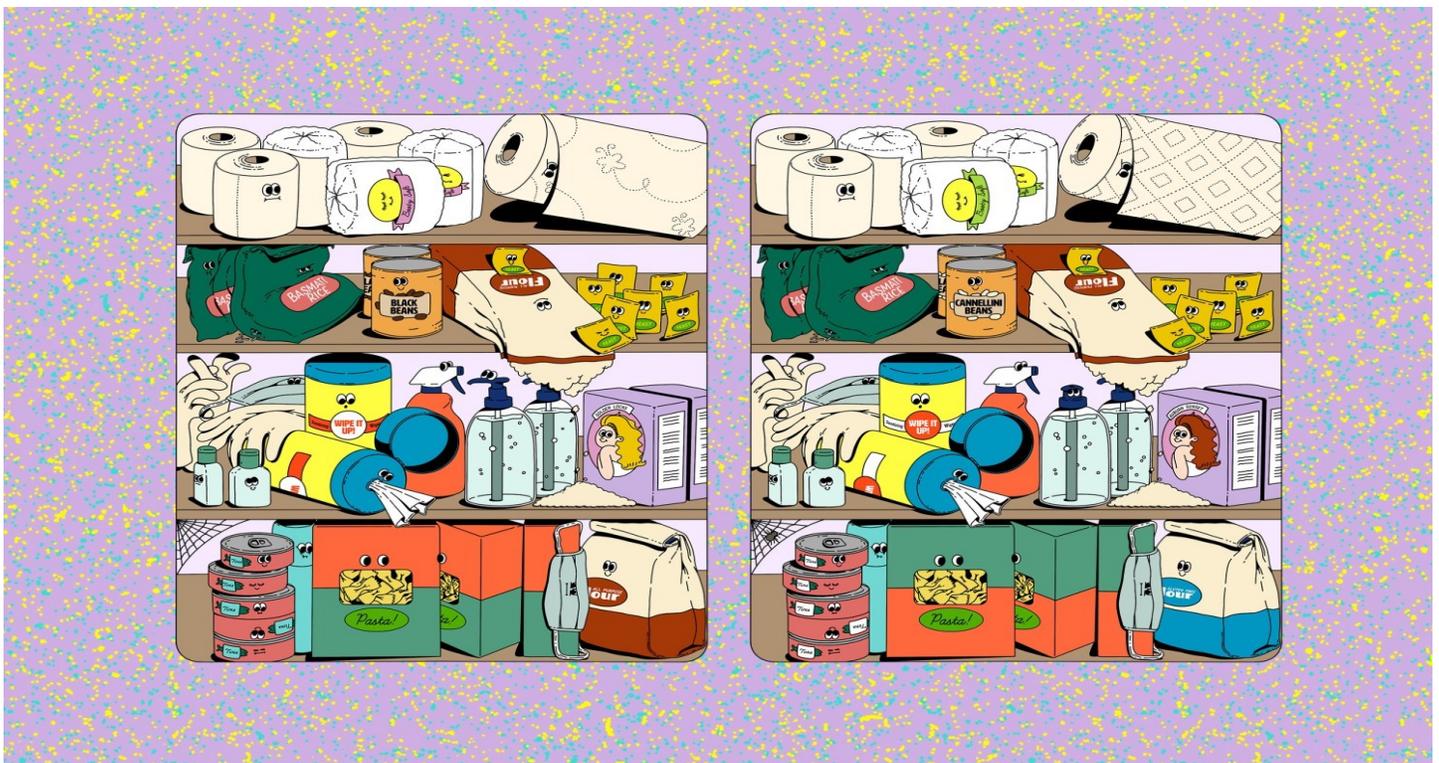
Blessings

Kathy Mitchell

Food Bank Co-Ordinator



Spot the difference in the COVID Cupboard



Ladies Life at LBC...



BLINGG "CREATE" EVENT

All ladies welcome (young and young at heart!)



CRAFT – COFFEE – CAKE



Saturday 28th August 2021

2:30-5:00pm

at Lilydale Baptist Church

Devotion presented by: Jenni Booth

*Show us your "lockdown" crafts or share photos and
join in making a craft using wool*



\$10 each for afternoon tea and craft supplies

RSVP: Ellen on 0417 033 207 or Heather on 0402 372 984