



the church *Messenger*

September 2021

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

The Monthly Newsletter of Lilydale Baptist Church

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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

During this challenging season (especially with lockdowns being extended!), I have been reminded again, particularly by Philippians chapter 4, how relevant God's Word is to us all the time. I have been reminded that God, our good Father, gives us what we need, so that we can learn and grow and come into His presence and have our hearts and minds guarded by the peace of God.



In Philippians 4:7 Paul writes this: And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. What a beautiful picture. To have our whole beings guarded by a peace that knows no earthly parallels, a peace that is nothing less than a gift from God; your whole being in God's tender care. Nothing that lays siege to your heart or mind can get through the protection of God guarding your heart and mind, day in and day out.

In the first half of Philippians chapter 4, Paul gives us four profoundly practical and deeply spiritual advices, so that we might access this promise of God of having our hearts and minds guarded by God. Firstly, Paul encourages us to rejoice in the Lord; Philippians 4:4 says this:

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again. Rejoice!

To rejoice means to feel or show great delight in God. We rejoice in God when we remember and celebrate who God is and what He has done for us. When we pray Psalms to God, or when we sing the goodness of God (together or apart), this is all rejoicing.

Secondly, Paul encourages us to pray with a thankful heart. Philippians 4:6 says this:

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

The gift of prayer is profound. I want to encourage you to hold out your concerns to God in prayer, rather than holding these things inside you as worry. And pray with a heart-stance that declares that God is on the side of His people, that God is good, and that God works for our good, for the good of His church, and the good of His world.

The third encouragement from Paul comes in Philippians 4:8, where Paul exhorts us to think about what is good. To think about God. To fill your mind with reflecting on what Jesus has done for you, and allow the beauty of this world overwhelm you.

Finally, in Philippians 4:9, Paul writes this:

Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me, put it into practice.

Paul is asking the Philippians (and us) to model Paul's attitude and behaviors as those model Christ. If you know people who encourage you in your Christian walk, who spur you on, who want to be there with you through thick and thin, hang out with these people! Spend time with people who will help point you to Jesus.

These four things do not always come easily. But they are gifts from God our good Father, who promises to be with us and help us as we strive towards the goal of having our hearts guarded by God's peace. So come to the one who guards our hearts. Come through prayer, rejoicing, thinking and with others. Come near to God, and He will come near to you (James 4:8).

What's happening @ LBC...

Put it on the Calendar

5th September: Father's Day and LBC Connections

12th September: Church Service and possible Church Meeting

19th September: Church Service

26th September: Church Service



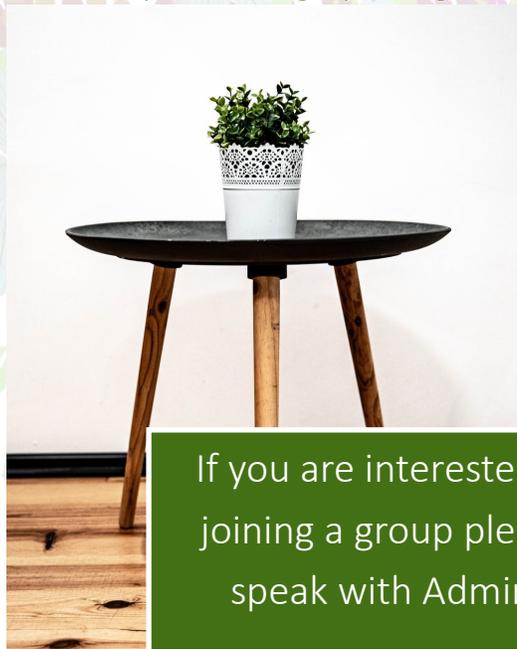
*You can listen to our
sermons on our church
website
(www.lb.org.au)*

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.



Life Groups

"A place to belong. A place to grow"



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

Lilydale Baptist Church

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Men's Life at LBC...



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.



Ladies Life at LBC...



Make & Mingle...Is in Lockdown

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!!

BLINGG Craft

Blingg craft is back—First Thursday of each Month

7.30pm at the Church-
All Ladies Welcome.

Bring your craft.



In Recess...



BLINGG "CREATE" EVENT

All ladies welcome (young and young at heart!)



CRAFT - COFFEE - CAKE



Temporarily postponed Check the weekly news for a new date.

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

Community Life at LBC...



Café Update:

Is temp Closed due to Lockdown 6.
Hoping to re-open and be back to
full
operation as soon as possible.



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



Are you on Facebook?

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

Community Life at LBC...

Food bank...

Although we are in Lockdown the Foodbank is still in operation. Look out for the weekly updates of food needs in the LBC Weekly News. Thank you all for your continued support of this vital ministry.

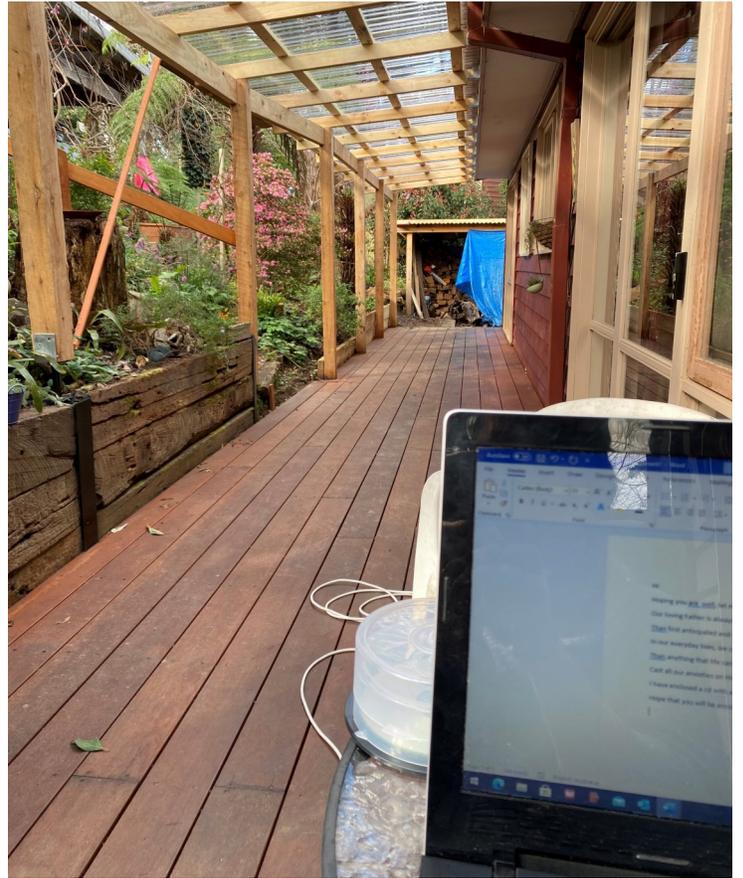
Foodbank team.



Our Foodbank is now open Monday to Friday !



Office Life at LBC...



Our new Office views. Jenny working outside under her verandah to the right. My (Vicki) view of inside and outside from where I have set up on the table to the left.



YES, I WORK FROM HOME.



HOW DID YOU KNOW?