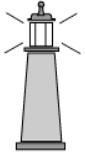


Sunday 10th December, 2017



The Beacon

BEACONSFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH



We are a people moving through cycles of **servicing** our community, **telling** others what Jesus has done, and **planting** new communities of faith with joy.

VISITORS

We are glad to have you with us. We invite you to read the "Visitors" information on page 4 of this newsletter.

PRAYER: Following each service there are caring people waiting to pray with you, about *anything* that God may have placed on your heart.

They will be at the front of the auditorium on the left hand side.

Church Finances October/November 2017

Average weekly offering October = \$9,043.69

Average weekly offering November = \$8,300.75

Budgeted weekly offering (for comparison) = \$9,253

Bank details for regular electronic payments are: BSB: 704 922; Account Number: 100007477; Name: Beaconsfield Baptist Church (NB: these details are in The Regular Stuff section of every *Beacon*).

Church Office Closure

The church and the office will be closed for the period between Christmas and the New Year. For any urgent matters Graeme can be contacted on 0401 654 408.

Mission Prayer Focus

From Bill & Pauline Morrison (GIA-NT):

This year has been very busy and challenging. We are still travelling through the 5 communities, averaging about 5,000 kms a month.

Please pray that God will give us compassion and wisdom as we see great need and difficulties in people's lives. Pray for Bill as he plans and prepares teaching for 2018. Pray for the leaders at both Kalkaringi and Lajamanu as they join together for worship, prayer and training before Christmas.

Thanks for your prayers throughout the year!

Social-Lights

Join Social-Lights **this Thursday** (14th December) at 12:30 p.m. for lunch at Cardinia Park Hotel, 200 Beaconsfield-Emerald Road. The luncheon menu has a wide range of choices, with special seniors meals, starters, mains and desserts.

RSVP by **tomorrow** (11th December) for confirmation of attendance.

Contact: Geoff Dunn on 9796 6070 or 0448 962 673.

Children's Activity Packs

Wow, another year has passed and with all your wonderful help we have given over 1800 activity packs to Casey and St. John of God hospitals this year. What an amazing witness to so many families in the community but also to the staff on both of the children's wards. A big thank-you to all the people who have donated so many items for these packs. Also for the financial donations that have enabled me to purchase bulk supplies which are so much cheaper and also to the willing group of people that help pack each month. I feel really blessed that I have such wonderful support from the church but especially the members and the committee of Make and Mingle that has enabled this worthwhile ministry to continue. Thank you all so very much

—Cheryl Reid

Dates for packing in 2018:

28th February, 28th March, 2nd and 30th May, 27th June, 25th July, 22nd August, 19th September, 24th October, and 28th November.

A Church Plant at RiverCrest?

RiverCrest Christian College will soon complete a new facility and have asked for Expressions of Interest in starting a new church there. Church planting is one thing we do really well at Beaconsfield, so we're keen to submit a proposal. If you have questions or comments, or you'd like to help put the proposal together, please contact Graeme via graeme@beaconsfieldbaptist.com.au.

Give Away!

Yes, it is for free!

A used and in perfect condition stainless steel LG Dishwasher to give away. Please call before the 20th of December on 0498 118 683.

Missionary Aviation Fellowship Position Vacant

EA to Programme Manager, Arnhem Land

MAF are looking for an experienced executive assistant to provide support to the programme manager and members of the leadership team.

The role holder will be responsible for handling internal and external communications. They will organise and coordinate all Arnhem Land events in consultation with the programme manager and will coordinate the logistics of visitors in programme. They will also provide general operations and management support as necessary.

The successful candidate will need previous experience as a PA or EA with skills in planning and facilitation of meetings and conferences, working knowledge of MS software, and note taking.

The successful candidate will have exceptional written and spoken English skills, strong attention to detail, be highly organised and proactive, with the ability to multi-task and prioritise workload.

Other positions are also available, please see their website for further information.

Serving Our Church

As 2018 is fast approaching we are starting to do our Rosters for January and February. We are always looking for more people to serve in a variety of ways within our church family. The more volunteers, the lighter the load for everyone. If you are already serving, could you please let us know of any times you are unavailable. You can do this yourself through Elvanto, or contact Heather in the Office. If you are not currently serving but would like to get involved, please speak to Heather. We particularly need volunteers for morning tea, offering stewards, and cleaning (a great opportunity for families with older children who can help out). If you need help with Elvanto, or need log in details, please speak to Heather or email info@beaconsfieldbaptist.com.au.

Holiday Breaks

The following groups and activities have advised that they will be taking a break during the summer school holidays.

	Finishing	Resuming
Make and Mingle	Finished	Wednesday 7 th February
Senior's L.I.F.E.	Finished	Tuesday 6 th February

VISITORS

Welcome Pack

On your way into church this morning you should have received a Welcome Pack. These packs contain lots of important information to help you learn more about our church. Also in the pack are some gifts for you, as well as a visitors form. Filling in the form will allow us to be aware of your visit, and if you are looking to make Beaconsfield Baptist your home it will help us connect with you. Please place your completed cards in the blue box on the Life Desk.



Welcome Lounge

Our Welcome Lounge is open immediately after our morning services and is a great place to visit. You will meet some of our friendly people, have an opportunity to ask any questions.

We run events for newcomers at intervals, so we encourage you, when you are ready, to provide your contact details if you would like to be invited to an event.

Life Desk

The Life Desk has all the information you need about all that is happening in the life of Beaconsfield Baptist. You will be greeted by a friendly person and can find information regarding upcoming events, ministries, and term planners.

THE REGULAR STUFF

Addresses, Telephone Numbers, and Availability

Street:	7 Desmond Court, Beaconsfield	Senior pastor	Graeme Dunkley, 0401 654 408				
Postal:	P.O. Box 42, Beaconsfield, 3807	Associate pastor	Grant Lester, 0421 603 394				
e-mail:	info@beaconsfieldbaptist.com.au	Associate pastor	Rod Thearle 0423 498 019				
Web:	www.BeaconsfieldBaptist.com.au	Secretary:	Leola Moore-Coulson				
Graeme Dunkley:	graeme@beaconsfieldbaptist.com.au	Church:	9707 0777				
Grant Lester	grant@beaconsfieldbaptist.com.au		Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.
Rod Thearle	rod@beaconsfieldbaptist.com.au	Rod	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓
Leola Moore-Coulson	secretary@beaconsfieldbaptist.com.au	Grant	✓	until 12	until 12	✓	✗
		Graeme	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓
		Office	10-3	10-1	10-1	10-2	✗

Concerns and ideas about **church property** can be emailed to church_property@beaconsfieldbaptist.com.au, with 'maintenance' in the subject if it's a maintenance issue, or a note placed in the office pigeon hole.

Suggestions and feedback about **church services** can be emailed to sunday_operations@beaconsfieldbaptist.com.au or a note placed in the office pigeon hole.

Pearly Gates



Name _____ Date _____

Phone _____ 10am 6pm

Which service do you attend?

- I'm visiting the area
- I'm looking for a church home
- I would appreciate a call from the pastoral care team
- I'm interested in being baptised
- I want to join a Life Group
- I'm interested in serving in the church
- I want to know more about Jesus

PTO



Communication Card

Prayer Request / Comments

Can we help you?

PTO

THE REGULAR STUFF (continued)

Send copy for the **Beacon** to PJRayment@Yahoo.com.au. Please include "Beacon" in the subject.

All copy for the Beacon should be given to Philip Rayment by one of the following means.

- ◆ E-mail to address above or call 5941 4292, in either case by 8 p.m. the previous Thursday.
- ◆ Typed or written in Philip Rayment's pigeon hole in the church foyer by the previous Sunday morning.

Copy by e-mail is preferred. Otherwise please type or neatly write the copy. By telephone should be a last resort. If you miss these deadlines it may still get in, but no promises. (24 hours later will usually be okay, except for the pigeon hole.)

Unless requested otherwise, copy will be run as follows: Notices (e.g. births) will be run once. Requests will be run twice. Announcements of future church activities will be run twice, then as space permits.

Beacon **Inserts** for church or ministry activities should be arranged with Alan and Louise MacDonald, who print and collate the Beacon.

All notices for the News or Events sections of the Church's **web site** should be emailed to Peter Joynson at pwjoynson@hotmail.com, and for

in-church on-screen

announcements to Matthew Inman at matthew.inman97@gmail.com.

Church Banking Details

for tithes and offerings: BSB: 704-922; Account No: 100007477; Account Name: Beaconsfield Baptist Church.

THE REGULAR STUFF (continued)

Please leave **postage stamps for missions** in the box so labelled on the bench in the lobby.

The **Prayer Chain** is for urgent prayer requests, such as any sort of emergency or serious illness. Prayer Chain members keep all “Prayer Chain” requests in the strictest confidence. The Convenor is Jan Ketcher, and she can be contacted on e-gran@bigpond.com or 9707 4512.



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Groups and Activities

See the calendar for dates (except Life Groups).

Many groups and activities take a break during holidays

Life Groups

Life Groups are a vibrant part of life at Beaconsfield Baptist Church. We currently have groups running in most surrounding suburbs and for all different age and stages from youth through to Seniors. They are a great place to journey with people and explore the Word of God. If you are interested in being part of a group visit the Life Desk in the foyer. Most groups take a break in the school holidays but check with your group leader for specific details.

Other Groups

What	Where	When	Who
Youth (school years 7-12)	Church	7—9 p.m. Fridays	Rod Thearle
Make & Mingle	Church	10:00 a.m. Wednesdays	Ann Taylor
Social-Lights	Various	Second Thursdays	Geoff Dunn
Breakfast for men	Berwick McDonalds	7:00 a.m. Fridays	Peter Joynson
Missions Committee	Church	Third Tuesdays	
<i>nextgen</i> (kinder to grade 6)	Church	10:15—11:15 a.m. Sundays	Grant Lester
Library—morning	Church lobby	Sundays after services	Monitor or Ann Taylor
—evening		Sundays after services	Gillian Asquith
Little Beacies playgroup	Church	10 a.m. Tuesdays	Grant Lester
Beac-a-Boos crèche (walking age to kinder)	Church	10:15—11 a.m. Sundays	Grant Lester
Seniors L.I.F.E. Fellowship	Church	10:30 a.m. Tuesdays	Ken and Lucy Harris
Ladies' coffee	Old Cheese Factory	10 a.m. 1 st and 3 rd Fridays	Lucy Harris
Mainly Music	Church	10:00 a.m. Mondays	Allison Dunkley
Tuesday music sessions	Church	5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. 2 nd & 4 th Tuesdays	Peter Brown

CHURCH CALENDAR

☞ See further information elsewhere in this Beacon

® See in the Regular Stuff section

TODAY	10:00 a.m.	Worship service —Graeme Dunkley: Gen 12:1-7 & Matt 1:1 <i>The Promise</i> (Sean McMahon leading)
	6:00 p.m.	Night church —Graeme Dunkley: Gen 12:1-7 & Matt 1:1 (Chris and Kirsty Le Boeuf leading)

Mon. 11th 10:00 a.m. ® Mainly Music

Tue. 12th 10:00 a.m. ® Little Beacies playgroup

5:30 p.m. ® Tuesday music session

Thu. 14th 12:30 p.m. ☞ Social-Lights luncheon

Fri. 15th 10:00 a.m. ® Ladies coffee

Youth Group

Sun. 17th	10:00 a.m.	Worship service —Rod Thearle: 2 Samuel 7 & Luke 1:32 <i>The King</i>
	7:45 p.m.	Carols by the Creek

More Calendar Dates

Tue. 26th December 5:30 p.m. ® Tuesday music session

Fri. 5th January 10:00 a.m. ® Ladies coffee

Wed. 28th February 9:30 a.m. Packing children's hospital activity packs.

Sun. 18th March 2:30 p.m. A Pleasant Sunday Afternoon

Rosters	This week	Next week
Counting the offering	Howard Guscott and Alan MacDonald	Andrew Fisher and Graeme Taylor
Morning tea	Stuart Horsburgh, Marcia Wilkinson, and Lucy Harris	Greg & Debbie Akister and Stephen Harper
Library monitor		