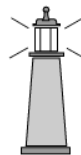


Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2017



# 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.

## **No Night Church Tonight—Carols By The Creek Instead**

There is no Night Church tonight, because of Carols by the Creek, which is held at Bob Burgess Reserve (behind Taco Bill etc.) and which commences with kids’ activities at 6:30 p.m. and has the carols starting at 7:45 p.m.

## **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**

Please uphold the eight missionary families in prayer over the Christmas–new year season: Swanton, Elise, D & E, M & T, Davis, Muir, Hobbs, and Morrison, especially those who will be away from other family members at this time. Thanks to all for your prayers throughout the year.

## **Beacy Youth Summer Camp**

Beach Youth is wrapping up summer with a fun weekend of community, teaching, games, worship, and so much more for those in years 7 to 12 (in 2018).

This will be on 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> February 2018, at Mill Valley Ranch.

Lock away the dates—there will be more details to come!



## **Beaconsfield Primary School**

The primary school Graduation will be at the church **this Thursday** (21<sup>st</sup> December) at 6 p.m. If you are able to help direct car parking from 5:30 p.m. or greet people at the door, please contact Heather in the office or Graeme or Grant.

## **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](mailto:graeme@beaconsfieldbaptist.com.au).

## **Sshhh! Library News—Christmas**

### **DVDs**

- ◆ Max Lucado—A Christmas child
- ◆ Louie Giglio—the Twelve words of Christmas
- ◆ The first Christmas
- ◆ The nativity story
- ◆ The Star

### **Book & CD**

220 REE—**Reed**, Naomi: *The promise; the message of the Bible through the voices of women*

Read the Christmas story chapter through the eyes of Mary's sister "Why did He choose shame?"

Then follow through God's promises through the Women in the Bible from Noah's wife and 15 other women to Mary and Mary Magdalene.

An inspiring read for the holidays.

## **Stephen McLean**

It is with a heavy heart that we inform everyone that Stephen McLean went to be with Lord on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December.

Stephen was well known in Melbourne church circles as a xylophone player with his brother Peter on piano.

Peter plays at our Pleasant Sunday Afternoons and they are cousins to John McLean.

## Lost Property

Please check the table in the foyer with lost property on it. All items unclaimed by Christmas will be donated to charity.

## Holiday Breaks

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

	<b>Finishing</b>	<b>Resuming</b>
Make and Mingle	Finished	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February
Senior's L.I.F.E.	Finished	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February
Night Church	Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> December	Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> January
Youth Group	Finished	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February
Mainly Music	Finished	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> February
Little Beacies Playgroup	Finished	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February
<i>nextgen</i>	Finished	Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> February

## Mainly Music Help Required

Mainly Music is looking for four to six people who would be able to set up for Mainly Music after church on Sundays (during school term only) between 12 noon and 12:30 p.m. If you're interested, please see Grant Lester or Allison Dunkley.



## 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](mailto: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](mailto:sunday_operations@beaconsfieldbaptist.com.au) or a note placed in the office pigeon hole.

# Pearly Gates

SOME GIFTS COME WITH BATTERIES, SOME GIFTS COME WITHOUT...



SOME GIFTS ARE QUICKLY BROKEN, THEIR QUALITY IN DOUBT...



SOME GIFTS ARE WRAPPED UP NICELY, BY SOMEONE WHO'S QUITE ABLE...



BUT THE GREATEST GIFT THE WORLD HAS KNOWN... WAS LOVE-WRAPPED IN A STABLE!



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

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# Communication Card

Prayer Request / Comments

Can we help you?

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## 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 and Wednesdays	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 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesdays	Peter Brown

## CHURCH CALENDAR

☞ See further information elsewhere in this Beacon

® See in the Regular Stuff section

<b>TODAY</b>	10:00 a.m.	<b>Worship service</b> —Graeme Dunkley: 2 Samuel 7 & Luke 1:32 <i>The King</i> (Carl Meginbir leading)
	7:45 p.m.	☞ <b>Carols by the Creek</b>

<b>Sun. 24<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00 a.m.	<b>Worship service</b> —Rod Thearle: Isa 7 + Matt 1:22-25 <i>The Son</i>
	6:00 p.m.	<b>Night church</b> —Rod Thearle: Isa 7 + Matt 1:22-25 (Chris and Kirsty Le Boeuf leading)

### More Calendar Dates

- Mon. 25<sup>th</sup> December 9:00 a.m. Christmas Day worship service
- Tue. 26<sup>th</sup> December 5:30 p.m. ® Tuesday music session
- Fri. 5<sup>th</sup> January 10:00 a.m. ® Ladies coffee
- Fri. 23<sup>rd</sup> February ☞ Beacy Youth Summer Camp starts
- Wed. 28<sup>th</sup> February 9:30 a.m. Packing children's hospital activity packs.
- Sun. 18<sup>th</sup> March 2:30 p.m. A Pleasant Sunday Afternoon

<b>Rosters</b>	This week	Next week
Counting the offering	Andrew Fisher and Graeme Taylor	Bob Morrison and Gavin Thompson
Morning tea	Greg & Debbie Akister and Stephen Harper	Des Barker, Marie Vellin, and Sean McMahon
Library monitor	Heather Agnew	Ann Taylor