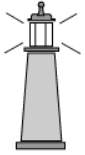


Sunday 24th December, 2017



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 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.

Towards Belief

In terms 1 and 2 of 2018 we are running an evangelistic course called "Towards Belief." Throughout this course we will be discussing some of the major belief blockers to the Christian faith. A great opportunity for you to come with a friend and explore the Christian perspective on a number of topics relevant for today. If you would like more information about when it is running or are interested in being part of its operation then please see Grant Lester or Howard Guscott. Flyers are available on the life desk.

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.

Lost Property

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

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 23rd to 25th February 2018, at Mill Valley Ranch.

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

Belgrave Heights Convention

This summer sees the 100th Convention (the first was in Upwey in 1918, in what is now the Baptist church). The speakers are **Murray Capill** and **Peter Maiden**.

The program is as follows:

	9:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.	7 p.m.
Thursday	Maiden	Capill	Maiden
Friday	Maiden	Capill	Capill
Saturday	Capill	Maiden	Maiden
Sunday	2:30 p.m.: Maiden		Capill
Monday	Maiden	Capill	

Murray Capill is principal of the Reformed Theological College in Melbourne. He teaches preaching and other pastoral ministry subjects.

Peter Maiden is International Director Emeritus of Operation Mobilisation and Minister at Large for Keswick Ministries.

In addition, there will be the following events:

- ◆ At 2 p.m. on Thursday to Saturday there will be a DVD replay of the 9:30 service.
- ◆ At 4 p.m. on Thursday to Saturday there will be two concurrent seminars, one on missions, and the other on a different topic. Thursday and Friday relate to the centenary and history, and Saturday is on forgiveness and reconciliation.
- ◆ There is a new year's eve celebration at 9 p.m. on Sunday.
- ◆ The 11:30 a.m. Saturday service is a missions service.

Holiday Breaks

The following groups and activities have advised that they are 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
Night Church	Today	Sunday 21 st January
Youth Group	Finished	Friday 9 th February
Mainly Music	Finished	Monday 5 th February
Little Beacies Playgroup	Finished	Tuesday 6 th February
<i>nextgen</i>	Finished	Sunday 11 th 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 Postal: P.O. Box 42, Beaconsfield, 3807 e-mail: info@beaconsfieldbaptist.com.au Web: www.BeaconsfieldBaptist.com.au Graeme Dunkley: graeme@beaconsfieldbaptist.com.au Grant Lester grant@beaconsfieldbaptist.com.au Rod Thearle rod@beaconsfieldbaptist.com.au Leola Moore-Coulson secretary@beaconsfieldbaptist.com.au	Senior pastor Graeme Dunkley, 0401 654 408 Associate pastor Grant Lester, 0421 603 394 Associate pastor Rod Thearle 0423 498 019 Secretary: Leola Moore-Coulson Church: 9707 0777					
		Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.
Rod	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	
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 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 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 —Rod Thearle: Isaiah 7 + Matthew 1:22-25 <i>The Son</i> (Kyle Hoppitt leading)
	6:00 p.m.	Night church —Rod Thearle: Isaiah 7 + Matthew 1:22-25 <i>The Son</i> (Kyle Hoppitt leading)

Mon. 25th 9:00 a.m. **Christmas Day worship service**—Graeme Dunkley: *The Journey* (Rod Thearle leading)

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

Thu. 28th 9:30 a.m. ☞ Belgrave Heights Convention begins

Sun. 31st	10:00 a.m.	Worship service —Graeme Dunkley
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More Calendar Dates

Mon. 1st January ☞ Belgrave Heights Convention concludes

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

Tue. 9th January 5:30 p.m. ® Tuesday music session

Fri. 23rd February ☞ Beacy Youth Summer Camp starts

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	Christmas Day	Next week
Counting the offering	Bob Morrison and Gavin Thompson	Tim Moore-Coulson and Peter Bakker	David Ronalds and Bruce Ward
Morning tea	Des Barker, Marie Vellin, and Sean McMahon		Gillian Ward and Rick & Elraes Wynne-Yorke
Library monitor	Ann Taylor	Closed	Closed