

Welcome to Ringwood. *A church committed to growing a healthy community through attention to the purposes of God and service to the wider world. Dedicated to growing disciples through encouraging gifts, equipping and sending.*

WORSHIP THIS MORNING

Worship Leading: Max Moody
Song Leading: Chris Sharpe
Preaching: John Sharpe

NIGHT Church - 6.00pm
BAPTISM SERVICE
'Capricious Authority'
John will be preaching.

SPECIAL COMMUNION SERVICE

There will be a special Communion Service on **Monday, 2nd August**. This is a service specifically designed for people who cannot make regular Sunday worship, and particularly those who may be frail aged, or find crowds difficult. The service goes for approximately 45 minutes and is followed by a light luncheon.

Thank You:

Thank you to the many people who assisted last Sunday in helping one of our members to move from Traralgon under very difficult circumstances. Your practical help and kindness have been greatly appreciated.

Baptisms and New Members:

Today we take the time to celebrate what God has been doing in a range of very different lives. Different journeys, different ages, different stories, but one Lord whose love, compassion, generosity and salvation continues to speak, encourage, save and restore.

Please continue to pray for and uphold all those baptised or welcomed into membership today. There is a lot thrown at people of faith when they stand up. So pray for spiritual protection from evil and fruitful vitality.

NEW ROSTERS

New rosters are now available for collection in the pigeonholes. Please collect yours today. If you need to review at any time the current roster is available on the church website: <http://www.ringwoodchurch.org.au/page/worship-teams/>

MISSIONS - After a break for a year or so, the Missions Committee has reformed. We are interested in hearing from anyone with a passion for missions who would like to know more about being part of the committee. Involvement would include prayer support, communication, allocating financial support and raising awareness within Ringwood Church. For further information please call either Ric Cutler, Ashton Devenish or Matthew Moore.

SHAKING THE WORLD: PRAYER ACTION

- Continue to pray toward the upcoming Federal Election. Pray for the discernment and wisdom of the nation and for some kind of resurgence in the clarity of ethical, moral and humanitarian vision in our Nation. Uphold leaders of all political persuasions - for God to bring an atmosphere and influence of the Kingdom into their thoughts and hopes.
- Pray for those baptised today. Pray for Kaitlen Ludgater , Trish Horsfall, Rob Moody and Emily Campbell, Also pray for the many other people who are exploring their decisions of faith at present.
- Pray for those who have been welcomed into membership - for Lyndell Fraser and Laurie Hannah.
- Pray for the vitality and strength of the church as we continue to press into the significant arenas of witness, restoration, practical care and hospitality that we have been given to fulfil.
- Pray for the ongoing encouragement of the newly formed Autism and Aspergers support group. Give thanks for the inspirational work that Merri Lewis has brought into this area.
- Pray for our mission support and for the network of good news areas that so many of the congregation support financially, prayerfully and practically.
- Pray for Melissa Cutler as she prepares to spend some significant time studying in Canada. Pray for her family and friends as she heads off in August.
- Uphold the ongoing work of CCTC (Churches of Christ Theological College) and the students from Ringwood that are being encouraged in the spiritual formation and leadership development for ministry and chaplaincy.
- Pray for the mission work and practical community building done through Churches of Christ - Global Partners. Pray specifically for the ongoing work in Zimbabwe.
- Pray for the churches of Azerbaijan: *"All Protestant Churches in Azerbaijan are in a terrible situation" is a recent report from Europe.* All churches had to submit documents to re-register their churches before January 2010. As a result, many have been required by the Authorities to amend their Constitutions, particularly in regard to 'outreach' and 'children's summer camps' . Then, in March many churches began to receive letters informing them their re-registration applications had been refused. These Pastors are asking for urgent prayer support - and that the Lord will raise up a brave and skilled lawyer to protect the legal rights of their churches and their right to exist.
- Pray for our Christian brothers and sisters in Sri Lanka: On March 6th 2010, a service was held to dedicate a pastor's residence in Kalutara, Sri Lanka, when a mob of over 100, led by Buddhist monks and others, disrupted proceedings. They shouted abuse and said "Sri Lanka is a Buddhist country and Christians need permission to conduct meetings and services" and some sat down inside the house and refused to leave. Pray for a change in the attitude amongst Sri Lankan Buddhists and for Christians to have equal rights to meet and worship.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY - 12.30pm in the Parents Room Philippians

YOUNG ADULTS:

APOLOGIES!! For various reasons the Choose Your Own Adventure Series, which was scheduled for the first 4 weeks of August, has been cancelled. However, in its place we will still have a great month.

- 3rd - Regular small groups in the Pitt St. house (all welcome).
- 10th - Games night (details in next week's BN).
- 17th - Regular small groups in the Pitt St. House.
- 24th - Social night (details soon).

Hearing Loop: No its not your hearing aid.

Just to let those who use the hearing loop know that the amplifier has blown up in the loop, therefore it is not currently operational. Thank you to those who drew this to our attention. An initial quote estimates the cost of replacement to be around \$2600.00. At present we are researching this further to see if there are more cost effective alternatives. We are anxious to exercise good stewardship and seek to remedy this when funds are available, as we recognize the importance of caring for all members of our community. We are sorry for any inconvenience. Please let us know if there is any other way we can help you in the meantime.

Good News for 'Little Stars' Playgroup:

We have been so grateful for the energy, enthusiasm and gifted inspirational leadership of Wendy Kavanagh as she established this outreach ministry. We are also thankful for the full program of themed development and activities that comprise the educational dynamic of the playgroup that Wendy has prepared for the whole year.

We are thrilled to announce that **Celia Barnett**, who has been a faithful anchor to the program from the beginning, is willing to continue to co-ordinate the play group until the end of the year. Along with several long term and new volunteers we anticipate the continuation of the unique expression of God that 'Little Stars' represents. Please pray for Celia and her emerging team as they fulfil the hope of this ministry area. Pray for 2011.

If you would like to offer time to assist with activities, mix with the parents and take part in story telling etc please see either Linda or alert the office and Celia will catch up with you.

The playgroup currently runs on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings.

Linda Mill and John Sharpe

TRIVIA & **NO TRIVIA**

Trivia and Auction Night

at Ringwood Church of Christ

Saturday 21st of August @ 7:30pm

ADULTS \$15

\$10

STUDENTS

CONCESSION

Form tables of 8 & book with Dave Moody

BYO nibbles

9723 7747 or drmoody@optusnet.com.au

Tea & Coffee provided



DADS AND SONS: GROWING HEALTHY SEXUALITY

2 nights:

**Monday August 9th and Monday August 16th:
7.30pm- 9pm**

A short course designed for teenage boys and their dads. We realize that some boys do not have male role models at home for various reasons and they are welcome to attend.

This course will provide insight and helpful pathways for the development of a healthy expression of sexuality in a world dominated by sexualized images and often unhelpful expressions of relationship formation. This 2 night seminar will provide processes for good healthy practice into the young adult years.

Embrace Conference for Women -

Take some time out to embrace all that God has created you to be and to do ... A time of inspiration, learning and affirmation for all women to come and share, to be encouraged, renewed and equipped to serve God and others better! Helen Meyer and Nicole Connor are keynote speakers, and there is a wonderful range of workshops available. "Embrace" Women's Conference, One Community Church of Christ Blackburn, 27th and 28th of August 2010. See the Church mailout table for registration forms, or check out www.missionandministry.com.au/

YOUTH NEWS

Thursday Night at 7.00pm

Youth Band - The band is open to all youth wanting to express their gifts of music. The plan is to meet every week during school term.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS: RAHAB'S ROOM FUNDRAISER

Once again this year I have Entertainment Books to sell. They cost \$65.00 but if used regularly can save you hundreds. If you would like to see a book before buying that is no problem. I will have some at the church office. Thank you for everyone in the past who has purchased a book from me. It makes for a very easy fundraiser for Rahab's Room, the money made helping to pay for activities.

Please contact Nicole White 9870 3448 or you can buy one from the church office.



To order copies of the **sermon on CD**, please find an order form in the attendance register. Leave in the register and these will be processed and available, usually within one week. If you would like to offer a donation to this ministry, please place this in the offering bowl.

Did you know? Snap shots of diverse local mission.

That as part of our Youth Ministry **9 netball and Basketball teams** from Ringwood have been established from Ringwood Church of Christ as part of our expression of mission, outreach and network connection. Keep Brian Holden in your prayers as he continues to encourage this vital area of community building.

A growing group of **keen Mountain bike riders** head off most Sunday afternoons for a solid ride through many great locations. Keep Nic Waardenaar and his team in your prayers as friendships, skills and connections are developed. Pray for the mission and discipleship that is the key motivation for this group.

A large group of **Grade 6 student meet on a Thursday evening fortnightly with Linda Mill for discipleship and faith exploration-** with a lot of fun and joy thrown in. Keep Linda in your prayers as she continues to grow the DNA of growing fruitful disciples of Jesus.

Oasis meals continues to offer friendship, practical support, prayer and a good meal to an average of 45 people each Thursday @ 12 in our large foyer. Keep Graeme and Dorothy Wigney and the incredible team of volunteers in your prayers. This was the first sit down meals ministry opened in the Maroondah area and is now in around its 17th year.

Communion service @ Olivet. A dedicated team have begun to lead a worship time and communion at Olivet nursing home. This has been running now for several months. Keep Libby Murray and her team in your prayers.

Young Adult network, small groups and study. The Pitt Street house and others areas of the church is home to a significant number of Young adults who have made Tuesday nights available to be part of a gathering of small groups. Please keep Glen Coleman and his team of leaders in your prayers as they create a welcoming place for young adults to connect. Go further in faith and build friendships.

Volunteer Position available ...

If you are a mature person who can be a caring and objective listener you may be interested in becoming a Volunteer Counsellor with Open Doors Counselling providing services for unplanned pregnancy and pregnancy loss (including abortion). A new 6 week training program (1 day per week – 9.30am – 3pm) will commence on August 27th. Please phone Anne Neville on 9870 7044 to make enquiries or to arrange an interview.

“We must not, in trying to think about how we can make a big difference, ignore the small daily differences we can make which, over time, add up to big differences that we often cannot foresee.”

Marian Wright-Edelman



Birthday Greetings - August

Wednesday	4th	Robyn Somerville, Joel Sharpe
Thursday	5th	Neil Sonsie, Benjamin Marek, Bill Burnett
Friday	6th	Margaret Fluke, Matthew Edwards, Perla Fookes
Saturday	7th	Aidan Maher, Georgia Whitby
Sunday	8th	Irene Price, Dreana Beitzel, Elissa Davidson

Next Week - 8th August

LIVING FREE: SOUL TIES

JOHN 17:1-24

Speaker:	John Sharpe
Worship/communion:	Jan Carroll
Song Leader:	Annora Hummerston
Bible Reading:	Graham Starkey
Communion Helpers:	Jenny Crozier, Cath Rowntree, Julie Drummond, Sue & Anthony Tregenza, Suzanne & Allan Swan
Band:	Libby Meng, John Sharpe, Marion Evans, Neil Fraser, Mark Roper, Ian Hughes
Singers:	Debbie Roper, Christine Prentice, Neal Glover
Audio:	Ron Thomas
Projection:	Tony Twining
Morning Tea:	Lyndell Fraser, Kathryn Moss (M)
Communion Preparation:	Coralie Hughes
Flowers:	Janice Smallwood
Welcome :	Christine & Laurie Prentice, Wendy Twining, Rosemary Goulding
Creche:	Coleman, Woodlock
Offering Counters:	Pauline & Chris Lomman
NIGHT CHURCH:	'Purpose and Call'
	Speaker: Craig Brown Leader: Gaylene Hawkins

Op Shop: Wednesday/Thursday
(10.00am - 3.00pm)

Oasis Meals: - Thursday
(12 midday)

NOTICEBOARDS:

- 'Netball players needed for a daytime comp: see general noticeboard
- Roses to give away – please see the general noticeboard.

SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES

8.30am Communion/Study

10.00am Worship

4.00pm Rahab's Room

6.00pm Evening