

Dear Church family,

Here are some of our news items for this week:

James Weightman's Baptism is on July 25th at the 10:30 gathering

I'm very pleased to advise you that we are looking forward to James' baptism the Sunday after next. Michael and Ally Weightman have asked our own David and Mel Hamer to be godparents, which is a lovely blessing for them and for our church. I'll preach about baptism both at 8:30 and 10:30. The baptism will be towards the beginning of our 10:30 service, so if any 8:30 members want to stay around until roughly 11am, you'll get to see the baptism. There will then be a moment immediately following the baptism when you'll be able to leave without needing to hear the sermon twice or stay for the whole second service.

In short, there's an invitation for everyone to be a part of this encouraging event.

Details for Belong Week and Belong Saturday

Most of you will be aware that we have the formal launch of our evening congregation on Sunday August 1st at 6:30pm. We will also have a 'dry run' on Sunday July 25th at 6:30pm without the publicity, to help iron out wrinkles before our public launch.

Ahead of that launch, we have a special outreach week planned. We're calling the week before our launch 'Belong Week', from 24th July - 31st July. It starts with Belong Saturday, July 24th which is a key date. So we're hoping that many of our members will meet at 12:30pm on the 24th July in the foyer. At that time, we'll have an hour's briefing and some prayer and we'll form small teams. Those teams will then either that same day or some time during Belong week give out flavoured milks, and invite people to our evening gathering. Some of them will wear our special 'Belong' T-shirts as they do so. We're boldly dreaming of 24 people coming on the 24th July to help. They don't all have to be evening congregation people, though we want an evening congregation member in each team. As Dan says: 'If not you, then who?'

Bush walk this Saturday 17th July 10am

Anthony Szabo and Michael Abbott are organising a bush walk this Saturday 17th July starting at 10am. If you'd like more details, contact Anthony on Anthony.szabo@dst.defence.gov.au or Michael on abbottv8@bigpond.com.

General Church Prayer Meetings.

This Saturday's pray meeting may be lightly attended due to the bush walk. The regular Zoom prayer time is Saturday 11am-11:40am. The zoom code for these meetings each Saturday is <https://zoom.us/j/544859603>.

There is a weekly prayer meeting every Tuesday in term time 10:30-11:30 at Helen Harris' house. For details, contact Helen on 8336 7369.

10:30 Church still accessible by Zoom

We will still be streaming our 10:30 church meeting via Zoom, for the foreseeable future. Zoom church will still go out using the same Zoom code <https://zoom.us/j/400678771>. To enter the zoom meeting by phone, the number is 7150 1149. Then enter the relevant 9 digit meeting code.

From the Bible

Here's a classic verse on baptism.

Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Acts 2:38

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