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From The Pastor:

A few comments Patrick Lok made at the missions breakfast struck me. One was this: the Chinese churches response to the recent increase in persecution is to lay low for a while, the Chinese church has seen this before.

To my Western ears that sounds weak. Shouldn't we stand up for the truth? Doesn't God bless the bold? Daniel and his three friends did not bow the knee, Jesus confronts – aren't we supposed to take a stand?

When Jesus walked the earth slavery was common. 1/3 of the Roman Empire was a slave. But neither Jesus nor Paul explicitly criticises slavery. Sexism was common, as was allowing unwanted females babies to die through exposure. None of these practices are specifically criticised by any NT author.

Yes all of them are wrong, God would be against all of them. Jesus and the early church has no capacity to change the Roman Empire by confrontation. Instead, they lay low, and adopt different practices. Inside the church, Christian slaves are to respect their masters and masters not to threaten their slaves. Inside the church husbands are to love and sacrifice for their wives. Widows are honoured and supported so they can serve the church. From early church history we know Christians rescued abandoned girls and raised them as their own.

As Western Christians we are used to living in a culture that respected Biblical values but that has changed. Not all, but many, Christian values are out of fashion. When we stand up for values like modesty or self-restraint or the rights of unwanted children we are hated on.

The time is coming, I suggest, when it will be shrewd to undermine rather than confront every offence in our culture.

David Rietveld
Senior Pastor

Missions:

Today we will be hearing from *Jude Long* - Ex principal Nungalinya College (Christian Education Indigenous College) at the 9:30am service at MM.

God working @ NEW PEN:

Families @ New Pen - Chris Woods

It's been wonderful to welcome many new families to New Peninsula over the past few months, including new faces in all of our kids programs. Let's continue to be a welcoming community and take the time to say 'hello' to someone you haven't spoken with before.



Families Ministry is excited about the following upcoming events for families and the wider church congregation.

Friday April 5 – 'Beach Get Together' this is an evening for families to fellowship together over dinner and relax by the beach. Grab a flyer from Kids Church or contact the church office for more details.

Sunday April 7 – We are serving YOU! Look out for some of our awesome families who are baking up a storm and preparing to serve you morning tea after the morning service at Mt Martha. We may even challenge you to some giant sized games!

Saturday May 18 – 'A Day Together' A seminar just for couples to invest in their marriage. This is for committed couples in all stages of their relationship and will be a wonderful opportunity for you and your partner to slow down, take time out with each other and learn what God says about marriage. We have 2 couples from Power to Change speaking to us on the day, including Rex and Suan Lee Campbell from our Rosebud campus. Flyers and more information are available after the service or contact the church office for more details.

We look forward to fellowshipping with you at these events.

Chris Woods

Families Coordinator

In the family:

Coming up:

BEACH GET TOGETHER *This week.*

Friday April 5th @ 5pm - 8pm

BYO dinner and join others at Mothers Beach (Schnapper Point Mornington). Relax and even enjoy a game or two!

For your diary:

Wednesday April 10th 7:30pm

Responses to George Pell's conviction have been rightly and understandably condemnatory, but also unbalanced. David will speak to how and why abuse by Church leaders occurs, and how we make sense of it.

A DAY TOGETHER

Saturday May 18th a seminar for couples of all ages to invest in their marriage, (also suitable for engaged couples). \$80 including lunch. For more information, or to register, please contact the church office

News:

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY AT MM

If you enjoy meeting new people our Welcome Team would love to have you join them.

Even if you are available only once a month to go on the roster for the Welcome Lounge that would be great.

Please contact the MM church office 5973 8888 or email office@newpeninsula.com.au.

What's on this week:

Sunday (today)

Morning services 9:30am Mount Martha (MM) & Rosebud (RB).

Inklings Book Shop & New Pen Library 10:45am at MM.

Hub Café 10:45am MM.

Real Food Evening Service 5:00pm Aud 2 MM.

Monday

Walking/Cycling Group 9:30am at McCrae Yacht Club. Coffee & chat after.

Hub Café 9:30am MM.

Women's Hub 9:30am Foyer 1 MM.

Inklings Book Shop & New Pen Library 9:30am at MM.

Social Indoor Carpet Bowls 1:00pm Foyer 1 MM.

Tuesday

Men's Shed 9:00am MM.

Playgroup 10:00am MM.

Prayer Meeting 10:30am RB.

TRIPLE C (Coffee, chatter & create) 10am RB.

Wednesday

Playgroup 10:00am MM.

Rosebud Community Hub 5:30pm RB.

Thursday

Men's Shed 9:00am MM.

Hub Café 9:30am MM.

Women's Hub (Let's Create) 9:30am Kids Church Room MM.

Friday

Story Time 10:00am RB.

Youth 7pm 'Parc' MM.

Easter:

April 7th	<i>Unmerciful servant</i>	
April 14th	<i>Rich Young Ruler</i>	
April 19th	Good Friday	- <i>Paid in Full</i>
April 21st	Easter Sunday	- <i>Paid in Full</i>

Praise & Prayer Points:

- ◆ Praise for the wonderful and challenging service presented by the youth at Real Food last week.
- ◆ Praise God for the response to the Mission Breakfast and speaker Patrick Lok last Saturday.
- ◆ Pray for those who are grieving.
- ◆ Praise for the many blessings the Alpha team are seeing, continue to pray for participants as they are being challenged and confronted, especially after this weekend's teaching about the Holy Spirit.
- ◆ Pray for the worship team as they continue their preparations for the Easter services.

For more information:

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Contact the church offices:

Mount Martha: 5973 8888 (Mon - Fri 9am – 4pm)

Rosebud: 5982 0889 (Tues - Thurs 9:30am – 12:45pm)

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To contact a pastor urgently (after hours only) 0407 311 185

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