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## From The Pastor:

Some quotes from a recent academic article I read by the Rev Dr Ian Hussey, a Queensland Baptist Academic included:

“Perhaps no single issue has caused as much grief and pain in the Western Church life than the so-called ‘worship wars’. Many churches have experienced high level conflict over the congregational songs they sing. Churches have fractured, often along generational lines, about whether they sing hymns or contemporary songs in church. Hymns have been declared ‘culturally irrelevant and boring’, and more contemporary songs have been called ‘loud and theologically thin’.”

In research that compared the most sung hymns of the 1800s with the most sung songs of 2018, the findings were as follows: the theological themes covered were common; modern songs were more Trinitarian; hymns have marginally deeper themes – perhaps because they are slightly longer, and use more complex vocabulary; modern songs use more everyday language; hymns are more corporate whereas modern songs are more intimate.

Hussey concludes: “We can take heart that the most popular contemporary Christian songs are not significantly different in content to the popular songs of the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. As Thorton suggests, it appears that the genre has evolved. Hillsong, the single biggest contributor to the contemporary songs used in this research, and the major influence on contemporary Christian song-writing, has recently employed the services of theologians to vet the lyrical content of songs appearing on their albums. It appears this is bearing fruit.”

David Rietveld  
*Senior Pastor*

# CELEBRATING

## WHO GOD SAYS WE ARE AS WOMEN:

What does it mean to be a woman? Well, you only need to read any number of books and magazines or go to social media to find many and varied thoughts and beliefs. Opinions and expectations about what it means to be a woman bombard us on television ads and shows.

But, I encourage us to choose who God says we are - after all, He's the One who made us:

*"..... competent, trustworthy, strong, faithful, energetic, sensitive, confident, well-organised, intelligent, industrious, creative, compassionate, respected, wise, resourceful, gracious, poised, secure, gentle, kind, courageous ...."* (Proverbs 31).

We can be all of this and more as we seek God through His Spirit and His Word.

We are sisters in Christ, you and I, and my prayer is that we will come to know more and more His indescribable love for us and His plans and purposes for our lives as we journey together.

With love, Glenda Holbrook (*Associate Pastor*)

### **2019 Annual Church Meeting**

Will be held NEXT Sunday 19th May at 12noon in the Auditorium at MM. A copy of the Agenda and the minutes of the 2018 Church Planning meeting are on the notice boards at both campuses.

John Williamson (*Church Secretary*)

## **Praise & Prayer Points:**

- ◆ Praise for those significant women in our lives.
- ◆ Pray for students who are under pressure to complete assignments.
- ◆ Pray for the leaders of our nation.
- ◆ Praise for Joss and the kids' ministry team.
- ◆ Pray for our mission partnerships.
- ◆ Pray for those who are struggling with ongoing health issues.

### **TOASTIES**

Will be available NEXT Sunday 19th May cost \$2.50 – profits go towards the families camp.

## In the family:

### Birthday

Congratulations to Jenny McMullen who celebrated a special birthday yesterday. May God bless you richly.

### COMING UP:

#### 55+ Seniors Progressive Dinner

Saturday May 25th at 6pm MM. Bring a main or dessert to share *RSVP essential*: rhondacoyle1@gmail.com

**Hub Café** *is running on skeleton staff!* We apologise when we are unable to open. If you are interested in helping serve OR would be willing to undergo free training to be able to make coffee, please contact viv@newpeninsula.com.au.

### Office news:

**ROSEBUD OFFICE** will be without phones whilst the NBN is being connected (*calls will be diverted to Mount Martha*). Please email if possible. Thanks.

### Pastoral Counselling:

Would you like to discuss a concern? Counselling is available on Mondays by appointment, ring the church office.

### Office Refurbishment @ MM:

Due to the break in last year we have now installed security cameras around the property that operate 24/7, and the office area has also been refurbished. If you would like to view the refurbishment, join the tour next Sunday 19th at 11:15am, (meet at the bottom of the stairs opposite Flinders Kinder).

## What's on this week:

### Sunday (today)

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

Inklings Book Shop & New Pen Library 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.

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

Inklings Book Shop & New Pen Library 9:30am 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 'Chill Night' MM.



Love Equals  
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### Mount Martha

May 12th Love accepts, love judges  
May 19th Love is faithful, it sticks, it trusts  
May 25th The greatest command  
June 2nd Where do I find love to love others?

### Rosebud

Love is faithful, it sticks, it trusts  
Love those who love you  
Where do I find love to love others?  
The greatest command

## For more information:

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### Contact the church offices:

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

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

NPCCI Op Shop 5976 4873

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

PRAYER CHAIN please email: [prayerchain@newpeninsula.com.au](mailto:prayerchain@newpeninsula.com.au)

### New Peninsula Baptist Church Giving:

BSB 063 539

General Offerings: Account Number: 1038 8044

NPBC Donation Fund: Account Number: 1060 5168

NPBC School Building Fund: Account Number: 1060 5272

NP Community Caring Giving: Account Number: 1031 4088