

APRIL NEWSLETTER



Message from Jonathan Davies (Senior Pastor)

Dear friends,

This month contains Easter. For many it will be a long weekend spent with family, maybe camping or catching up with lots of people. I know lot of friends who use the time to renovate their house and get a heap of work done.

But for believers it is THE most important time of the year. Simply if there is no resurrection then there is no hope. Our faith is bound up with the life, the death, and the resurrection of Jesus.

To that end, I encourage you to be present at worship wherever you find yourself over the weekend. If you are away camping then find the nearest church and join in with their worship service.

Easter is also one of the best times to invite people along to one, or several of our services. Many people are open to hearing about why we as a church make such a big deal out of Easter. So how about provoking some conversation around Easter and seeing if your family or friends would

be open to coming? You just never know.

We are also soon to run Alpha! Again, this is another chance to invite people along to discover more about faith and more about Jesus.

So there you have it; several opportunities to engage with those who don't yet know about Jesus.

With my prayers.

Easter Service Times: Good Friday - 8.30 am & 10 am Sunday - 9 am, 10.45 am & 6 pm

Alpha | 1 MAY - 10 JULY

Everyone has questions. We believe that everyone should have the chance to explore the Christian faith, ask questions and share their point of view, wherever they are in the world. Bring a friend along to Alpha at Seeds; an 11 week course starting May 1. This course will be led by Leah & Hugo Hopton.



Email alpha@teamseeds.org for more info.

SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES

9 AM | 10.45 AM | 6 PM

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES 8.30AM & 10 AM

APRIL AT A GLANCE

- 1 Impact April Fools Party
- 5 Drawing Near To God
- 6 Keenagers T.L.C.
- 7 XS Youth
- 8 Community Garden
- 10 Prayer Night
- 13 Horizons Film Night
- 14 -17 XS Easter Camp
- 16 Horizons Lunch
- 20 Keenagers Sing!
- 22 Community Garden
- 28 Quiz Night Fundraiser

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

MONDAY - THURSDAY:

Playgroup | 9.15 am

TUESDAY:

Men's Shed | 12 pm

THURSDAY:

Chatter Matters | 10 am

FRIDAY:

Craft Group | 9.30 am XS Youth | 7.30 pm

SEEDS KEENAGERS

APRIL NEWS & COMING EVENTS

Thursday, April 6 at 2 pm T.L.C. at Seeds Uniting Church

An 'EASTER' Reflection with Rev. Dr. Jonathan Davies. Afternoon tea with hot cross buns, tea, coffee & chat! SPECIAL note: Last day for tickets – 'Gully Grove' Mystery Coach Day Tour (Thursday, May 25) – now at capacity. Thursday, April 20 at 2 pm SING! at Seeds Uniting Church

Our popular 'singalong' of well-loved favourites, arranged by Hetty Browning & Elaine Penberthy will have an ANZAC Theme – open to all!

Come along and invite your friends – you'll really enjoy it! Afternoon tea included – a great time to have a chat...

CARE PRAYERS

MONDAYS 7 PM. Praying for Seeds Church community prayer requests. For more info contact: **Sue Galpin on 0403 276 419**.

MONTHLY PRAYER NIGHT

MONDAY APRIL 10th, 7.30 PM | On the 2nd Monday in the month we gather together in the church hall to pray for our church and local community and our world.

Drawing Near to God Workshop

Wednesday April 5 | 7.30 pm-9 pm at the church. Hosted by Carolyn Sharp An interactive evening that explores how we can draw nearer to God through seeing images of artwork and hearing the gospel stories of Mary, Martha and Lazarus that invite us to sit at Jesus' feet. This may be an opportunity for you to prepare for Easter or to go deeper in your own relationship with God. For more information contact the church office - info@seedschurch.org

YOUTH

HIGH SCHOOLERS, FRIDAYS OF THE SCHOOL TERM



6.30 pm | Small groups7.30 pm | Worship service & Café Time9.45 pm | Home time

Easter Camp is coming soon! For more information and to register head to: http://welcome.seedschurch.org/eastercamp.html

TERM 1 FRIDAY NIGHT **THEMES**:

Week 10 (April 7) - 6:30pm for dinner! All Access 3 - God's Will for You

April 14 - 17 Easter Camp!

XS is in recess over the school holidays and will resume on Friday, May 5 for our new series, Road Trip!

SEEDS YOUNG ADULTS **SMALL GROUPS**:

In 2017, we have 10 continuing young adult small groups that meet weekly or fortnightly on Mon - Thurs. If you would like more information about these, please email Shane on shane.rayner@seedschurch.org.

QUIZ NIGHT Fundraiser |

April 28

Come along to this fun quiz night, raising money for the Seeds Uniting Church Building Project! Doors open at 6.30 pm, with the night kicking off from 7 pm - 9.30 pm. Tickets are \$15 or \$40 for a family of 2 adults and unlimited children. Great prizes and a fun evening guaranteed!

More info is on our website or at the church office.



ENGAGING kids, EMPOWERING

families

Kindy (18m - 5 yrs) 9 am and 10:45 am Shout (Rec - Yr 5) 9 am and 10:45 am services

Impact (Yr 6 & 7) 10:45 am service

IT'S TIME...BUT WHERE WILL MY CHILD GO?

Over the next few months some of our Seeds Kids programs will require relocation due to the staging of the building works. We will keep you up-to-date with these changes so you can attend church with peace of mind that your child's safety is our priority, and their engagement with our programs does not suffer.

Please take note of the most immediate changes:

APRIL to MAY

Kindy: Parents Room

Shout: Hall

Impact: Impact Room

Seeds Kids Team Leaders will be supervising your children during the program, but because we will have less hospitality space during the build, we ask that you please collect your child from the ministry area soon after the service has finished so that you may help with the supervision also. Thank you for your understanding.

SEEDS HORIZONS

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ON THEIR OWN AND WOULD LIKE GOOD COMPANY AND FRIENDSHIP

MONTHLY FILM: Thursday April 13 (2nd Thursday) Meet at top of escalators at 4.45 pm at Event Cinema Marion to purchase tickets, then meal at Verve (NOTE a New Venue) Enq: Ian Woolley 8325 2358

MONTHLY LUNCH: Sunday April 16 (3rd Sunday) Meet at church at 12.10 pm for a ride to The Vines Golf Club (A NEW Venue at the end of Reynell Road) for a meal at 12.30 pm. Enq: Jan Henderson 8370 5132

BEACH WALKS: Every Saturday morning @ 8.00 am sharp. Meet at Brighton (south side of Jetty) for walk to Seacliff and return for coffee at Lune (formerly Pregos) Enq: Frank Milne 8370 6787

ABERFOYLE **COMMUNITY**

GARDEN

The Aberfoyle Community Garden meets on

Saturday April 8 and 22 from 10 am-12 noon.

We meet to grown fresh produce and build community through gardening together. It is free to join and all ages and experience are welcome. We meet at Aberfoyle Park Primary Campus. Enter through the gate on Budapest Road, near the Performing Arts Centre. If you like gardening or want to learn or want an opportunity to meet new people here is your opportunity,

Come along and bring a friend.

New contact person is Peta O'Loughlin

LOST PROPERTY

We are missing quite a few of the church table cloths. There should be 10 white and 10 black ones. Does anyone have them at home and has forgotten to return them? If you have could they please be returned to the church office as soon as possible. Thanks.

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