

From our Interim Senior Pastor Dave Underhill

Fostering Hope

"We must accept finite disappointment, but we must never lose infinite hope" (Martin Luther King)

I wonder if MLK got this saying from Romans 15:13, *"May the God of all hope fill you with joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."*

Hope is a great thing to foster in our lives. I know for me at times, over the years when I have been low, I have lacked hope in regards to the situation at hand. A common low point for me was writing essays for my studies and I am sure I am not the only one to do this. When I was at about the half way point of the paper, I'd start saying to myself, "What am I doing, I don't know what to write, I don't know enough about this topic to say anything intelligent." I've never been a great student.

That verse from Romans has been of great help to me in those moments, it has stuck in my mind and the Holy Spirit brings it back to me when I start feeling like the hope is fading. The part that really gets me is, *"as you trust in him"*. It is so good because it identifies the issues clearly. Mostly I start losing hope because I am trusting in my own efforts, which is always going to bring disappointment. I am a finite broken being so no wonder that I lose hope. This passage points me in the right direction. My hope needs to be in the all-knowing, all-present, all-powerful God. He can get me through whatever situation I am in, He will walk with me through whatever is going on and I'll be alright. And with regards to my studies God has proven to be faithful because I made it through!

I know that this is a trivial example but can I encourage you to foster hope in God no matter what is going on for you. It is in the scriptures for a reason... it makes a difference.

This is my prayer: *"May the God of all hope fill you with joy and peace as you trust in him."*

Blessings Dave



ONLINE PRAYER MEETINGS

Zoom | Tuesdays 7:30pm

For the link, check your email (with this Navigate) or contact the church office:
office@newpeninsula.com.au

PROVERBS

GOD'S WISDOM FOR LIVING

20 Sept Wise friends & acquaintances



There are now two ways
to join our service:

- The link:
<https://newpeninsula.online.church>
(live and with chat function)
- The YouTube channel.
(media tab on website, or searching youtube)



SCHOOL HOLIDAY FAMILY FUN!



Week 1

Family Games via zoom
4-5pm
Saturday Sept 26th

Week 2

Family Goose Chase
Scavenger Hunt

Join us for some fun activities during the school holidays. Check socials or email chris@newpeninsula.com.au for details

Let us praise God:

- For God's guidance through His word.
- For the great NewPenMen's night, and the ongoing plans for connection.
- For His love for us.
- For our Pastors.
- For those who have been encouraging others.
- For His abundant blessings.
- For the technology we have that enables us to stay in touch.
- For this wonderful part of the world we live in.
- For what God is teaching each of us during this very different season of life.
- September is the 100th anniversary of the commencement of Melbourne Bible Institute (MBI), later Bible College of Victoria (BCV), now Melbourne School of Theology (MST) – 100 years of training thousands to serve the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ across the world. Give thanks to God for his faithfulness year by year in sending his servants to build his church, extending it into the remotest corners of the world.

Let us continue to pray:

- For those who are struggling with mental health issues.
- For those who are facing difficult decisions.
- For our Life Group leaders as they continue to encourage ongoing communication within their Life Groups.
- For those who are facing/recovering from surgery.
- For our church families.
- For our VCE students.
- For the finances of our Church.
- For the Senior Pastor Search Committee.
- For those who are feeling alone.
- Community Caring Inc. ask prayer for the Tuesday Mt Martha Hub members who are missing the connection with everyone. Some have continued to receive food now and then and speak about looking forward to things resuming soon. Pray for others like one man who has moved away from the area, into affordable housing, but now feels isolated from his friends and is asking for prayer.

Alpha praise & prayer

Join us as we give praise for:

- Online groups, Mondays (full) & Thursdays (started 17 Sep).
- 98 intercessors.
- Seekers are registered, along with new believers.
- A committed and enthusiastic team.

Join us in prayer:

- For the technical side of the program to work seamlessly.
- That all conversations remain Jesus & Holy Spirit centered
- For protection against spiritual opposition.
- For the development of friendships.

It's not too late to join...



TO REGISTER: <https://www.newpeninsula.com.au/alpha.html>

FOR MORE INFORMATION: <https://www.alpha.org/about/>

EMAIL ANY QUESTIONS TO: alpha@newpeninsula.com.au

BABY CONGRATULATIONS

To first time grandparents Angela & Russell Pemberton on the arrival of Darcy William Lewis on Sep 11.

And also to Tom & Hannah Prowse (and grandparents Lynda & Bruce) on the arrival of Chloe Alice on Sep 14

What a special time for you all, may your joy in family be just beginning.

ENGAGEMENT

Congratulations to Sam Knol and Lisa on the announcement of their engagement also on September 11.

May God continue to be the centre of your lives as you plan your future together

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

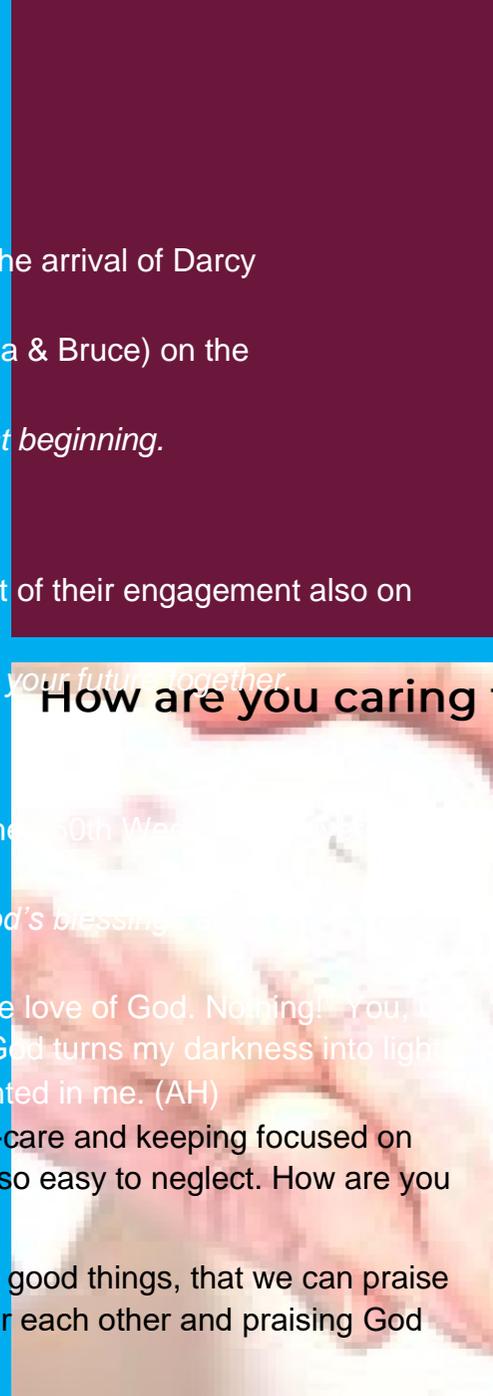
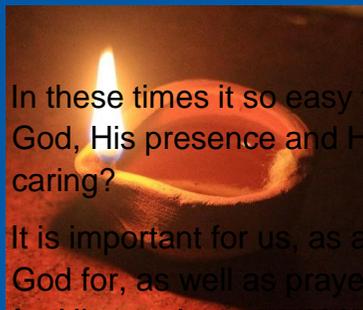
Congratulations to Peter & Di Smit who will be celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday 26 September.

May your special day be memorable, experiencing anew God's blessings and love.

"There is nothing in all creation that can separate us from the love of God. Nothing! You, O Lord, keep my lamp burning; my God turns my darkness into light. He rescued me because he delighted in me. (AH)

In these times it so easy to ignore ourselves. Practicing self-care and keeping focused on God, His presence and His leading is so important, and yet so easy to neglect. How are you caring?

It is important for us, as a church family, to keep sharing the good things, that we can praise God for, as well as prayer requests. So let's keep praying for each other and praising God for His goodness and blessings.



Please email your good news stories and prayer requests through to office@newpeninsula.com.au and we will share them with all of our New Pen church family. Photos welcome too!

Confidential prayer requests will be forwarded to the confidential prayer chain (see back page).

OR If you, or someone you know, is going into hospital, are unwell, or have any other need, please contact our Pastoral Care Coordinator Ann Harding via the church office 5973 8888 or email ann@newpeninsula.com.au.

18/9/20 Covid-19 Update - David Underhill

One of our Life Group leaders suggested setting up a roster of people who could meet at different times so everyone in the group could catch up face to face. The only restrictions are staying within your 5km limit. This technically means you can be just short of 10km from the person you are meeting, if you meet at the half way point. The other restriction is time, you can't meet for more than 2 hours!

So let us see what we can do within these guidelines below:

"You can only catch up with one person or your household members outdoors at a time. There isn't a limit on who you can catch up with outdoors. You should use common sense and limit seeing friends and family. There is a lower risk of spreading coronavirus (COVID-19) between people if you are outdoors which is why restrictions are changing to allow people to see a friend or family member outdoors."

There is a limit on the amount of time you can spend with people outdoors. You can only spend two hours, which can be broken up into a maximum of two sessions. You can only travel within 5km of your home to catch up with friends or family outdoors.

If you want to read up on all the details of this first stage roadmap you can find the information at here, <https://www.vic.gov.au/first-step-coronavirus-road-to-recovery>.



The Marriage Course

7 WEEKLY ONLINE SESSIONS

REGISTER: office@newpeninsula.com.au
Starts Wednesday 14 October 7:30p



Shoe boxes due by Oct 30

If you do not have a shoebox, still keep collecting and just use a bag, until we can advise where boxes can be collected from. Delivery points will be announced as restrictions allow. Watch this space! **OR**

Pack a Shoebox!
ONLINE

Follow this link and a shoebox will be packed for you. You can even include a letter. <https://samaritanspur.org.au/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/packonline/>

SHOEBOX GIFT IDEAS

"WOW" ITEM

- Soccer ball with pump
- Doll
- Soft toy
- Shoes



TOYS

- Toy cars
- Skipping rope
- Yo-yos
- Tennis ball
- Musical instruments



NON-LIQUID HYGIENE ITEMS

- Toothbrushes
- Bar soap
- Hair clips
- Combs



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Pens, pencils, sharpeners, markers and erasers
- Notebooks and paper
- Colouring books
- Solar calculators



ACCESSORIES

- T-shirt and shorts
- Socks
- Sunglasses and caps
- Jewellery and watches
- Torch (with extra batteries in original packaging)



DO NOT INCLUDE

ITEMS THAT MELT OR LEAK: liquid paint; toothpaste; shampoo; aerosol cans; bubbles; crayons; plasticine/playdough **FOOD OR LOLLIES:** including medicine; vitamins **USED OR DAMAGED ITEMS:** used clothes; old toys **BREAKABLE ITEMS:** glass; porcelain; mirrors **SCARY OR GAMBLING ITEMS:** war-related items; toy guns, knives; military figures; skull and crossbones; Halloween items; play money; playing cards; dominoes **RELIGIOUS LITERATURE:** tracts and Bibles (children are given an Operation Christmas Child evangelistic book at an outreach event)

Thought for the week:

“Therefore know that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments”

(Deuteronomy 7:9)

How to stay connected:

- 'Like' our Facebook page @newpeninsula
- Follow our Instagram account newpen_bc
- Subscribe to our YouTube channel New Peninsula Baptist Church
- Listen to Podcasts? You can subscribe to New Peninsula Baptist Church to listen to the sermons.

Pop onto our website - our '[church online](#)' button on the home screen will take you straight to our YouTube account.

Alternatively, click on the 'media' tab on the website to access the podcasts, YouTube channel for sermons and our weekly Navigate.

For more information:

Our offices are currently closed, but we may still be contacted by:

Website: www.newpeninsula.com.au

Email: office@newpeninsula.com.au

Phone: Mount Martha 5973 8888

Phone: Rosebud 5982 0889 (*please leave a message*)

To contact a pastor urgently: 0407 311 185 (After Hours only)

PRAYER CHAIN email:

prayerchain@newpeninsula.com.au

DVD or CD's of the messages

can be ordered through the church offices.

E-giving - David Underhill

Thank you to everyone who supports New Peninsula with your tithes and offering. For online giving the details are listed below.

If you are unable to use this facility please contact the church office 5973 8888 for an alternative arrangement.

GIVING TO NEW PENINSULA & BEYOND:

NPBC General offerings

(Please indicate whether it is for MM or RB)

BSB 063 539 Acc. # 1038 8044

NPBC Donation Fund

(Tax deductible, please include your name for an annual receipt)

BSB 063 539 Acc. # 1060 5168

NPBC School Building Fund

(Tax deductible, please include your name for an annual receipt)

BSB 063 539 Acc. # 1060 5272

NP Community Caring (NPCCI)

(Tax deductible, please include your name for an annual receipt)

BSB 063 539 Acc. # 1031 4088

These accounts can be used for internet banking or local branch deposits.