

From our Elder Steve Carr



Have you ever bitten off more than you can chew and felt like going back?

A few years ago, Lyn & I tackled the 3 Capes hike in Southern Tasmania. Only a 4 day hike - how hard can it be? Being the last boy scout, Stevie went into this, well, a little over prepared. You need extra smart phone leads, battery banks and a host of other techno stuff in the wilderness don't you? The net result was a backpack that should have been around 10kgs was pushing 17kgs. It wasn't until the last day and half way up the biggest mountain that the thought occurred to me ... "Wouldn't it just be easier to go back?"

I trust you have been enjoying the current sermon series in Hebrews. It's one of my favourite books in the Bible and there's just so much encouragement in its pages for us. Seems we just can't have too much of a good thing!

Can I encourage you to read the entire letter of Hebrews in one sitting? You'll be blessed if you do. Originally, the letter would all have been read from beginning to end to the local congregations. It doesn't take too long and you'll have a much greater sense of the author's original intent and emphasis throughout the letter.

There is a wonderful pastoral exhortation for anyone ever thinking of turning back in Hebrews 10:35-39.

"So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded.

³⁶You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised.³⁷For, "In just a little while, he who is coming will come and will not delay."

³⁸And, "But my righteous one will live by faith.

And I take no pleasure in the one who shrinks back."

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ONLINE PRAYER MEETINGS

Zoom | Tuesdays 7:30pm



Service Sunday

9:30am

The are two ways to join our service:

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



Zoom into Kids Church

SUNDAY 11:15AM

FOR KINDER TO YR 7

FOR ONE OFF PERMISSION EMAIL chriseenewpeninsula.com.au

Let us praise God:

- ◆ For our Pastors.
- ◆ For His provision for each of us.
- ◆ For the Senior Pastor Search Committee and their faithful work over this time.
- ◆ For our Church friends and family.
- ◆ For the hope we have in knowing Him.
- ◆ For the team involved with Real Food.
- ◆ For our Youth leaders who have grown connections with our youth despite restrictions.
- ◆ For our health workers.
- ◆ For the Alpha groups.
- ◆ Mukti Australia. They are praising God for their committed regular donors who are keeping the work of Mukti going. Mukti supports vulnerable women and children, in both India and Sri Lanka.

Let us continue to pray:

- ◆ For our Church Board.
- ◆ For our Ministry leaders.
- ◆ For those who are facing life changing choices.
- ◆ For those who are facing/recovering from surgery.
- ◆ For those who are grieving.
- ◆ For those who are finding this season particularly stressful.
- ◆ For those who have family in other states and countries struggling with severe restrictions.
- ◆ For our VCE students as they conclude their final exams.
- ◆ For our Federal and State leaders.
- ◆ For those participating in the marriage course.
- ◆ Rex and Suan Lee Campbell, from Power to Change, pray for building trust and opportunities with their neighbours as they continue to relate, provide meals and pray with them.

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³⁹*But we do not belong to those who shrink back and are destroyed, but to those who have faith and are saved.”*

In the letter, immediately following these verses we have a long list of the heroes of faith, all of whom persevered in their faith, none turned back or gave up, and still none received what was promised in their lifetime.

These words are just as rich, encouraging and compelling for us today.

There's just no going back whatever our circumstances. We are called to persevere and press on! We **will** receive all that has been promised.

Have a great week!



Carols ON THE COUCH

JOIN US FROM HOME

20th Dec 6.30pm
newpeninsula.com.au/carols

 @newpeninsula



We are looking forward to our *Carols on the Couch* event on Dec 20, which can be viewed via Facebook Live or YouTube (don't forget to share this event with your friends).

We are really encouraging you to invite friends over to watch the carols together, within the restrictions of course! What a great opportunity it will be to invite friends who don't know Jesus this Christmas!

We are also hoping to deliver a little Christmas surprise to all our New Pen households.

If you are available to help with some deliveries, that would be very helpful. The more people we have the easier the job will be, and you get to spread some Christmas joy! See the newsletter, or email lesley@newpeninsula.com.au.

We need deliveries to:

FRANKSTON, MOUNT ELIZA, MORNINGTON HASTINGS AREA, SOUTHERN PENINSULA, ROSEBUD SAFETY BEACH, CAPEL SOUND, BLAIRGOWRIE, SOMERVILLE etc. etc.

Why not commit to delivering 15 surprises?

Delivery will be from Dec 6 - 16.

Why not be a part of blessing our Church Family?.

Have you moved?

Have you changed your phone number?

Have you changed your email address?

No longer have a landline?

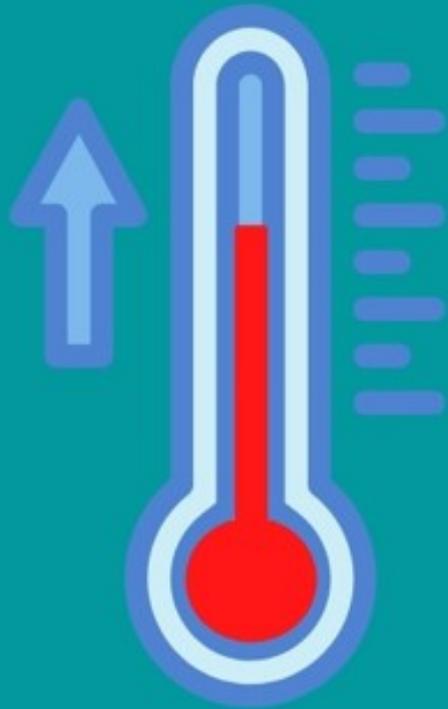
We are currently updating the church data base. Please let us know if there are any changes to your contact details, we don't want you to miss out on a Christmas surprise!

Email changes to Lesley@newpeninsula.com.au or Phone 5973 8888

2020 CHRISTMAS HOPE APPEAL

LAST WEEK TO DONATE

DONATION TALLY



TO DONATE

Direct deposit: NPCCI

BSB 063 539

Acc# 1031 4088

Description: Hope

**265 X FAMILIES WILL
RECEIVE A CHRISTMAS
GROCERY VOUCHER**

NEW PENINSULA COMMUNITY CARING INC.

Results of voting from Church Planning Meeting

There were 115 Members in attendance at the ACPM. We have received votes from 111 Members.

All returning Board Members and new Board Members were elected to remain or join the Board.

The question regarding the rule change to enable a gender-neutral reference to the position of Senior Pastor has been approved by a margin in excess of 85%.

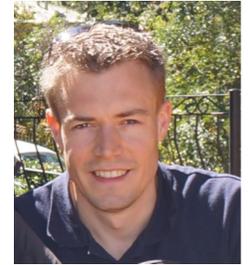
We would like to thank everyone who attended and voted at the Annual Church Planning Meeting.

John Williamson (Church Secretary)

Returning Church Board Members



Chris Williams
CB CHAIR



Rowan Kemp



Flavia D'Alo

Welcome to new Church Board Members



Russell Pemberton

Kerry Bolger



Special Church Meeting December 6

On behalf of the Church Board, the Church Secretary, John Williamson, is pleased to announce that a Special Church Meeting is to be convened for the purpose of considering the name, unanimously recommended by the Senior Pastor Search Committee and unanimously affirmed by the Church Board and Elders, for the call to the role of Senior Pastor.

This Special Church meeting will be held Sunday December 6 at 11am via Zoom.

Please register with Lesley (lesley@newpeninsula.com.au) by November 29, if you wish to participate. A link and voting details will then be sent to you.

Please note that everyone is welcome to attend, but only members of NPBC can vote.





No one should be alone at Christmas!

Do you have a space at your table for another on Christmas Day?

You can make a difference.....

If you have an empty chair (or more) please contact
ann@newpeninsula.com.au by December 10.

We are blessed to be a blessing.



New Pen Families Afternoon Tea

**Sunday 6th Dec 2020
2.30pm
@ one of 2 locations**

***your
choice!***



**Registration is ESSENTIAL- go to
www.newpeninsula.com.au/FamiliesAtHome
for how to book your spot**

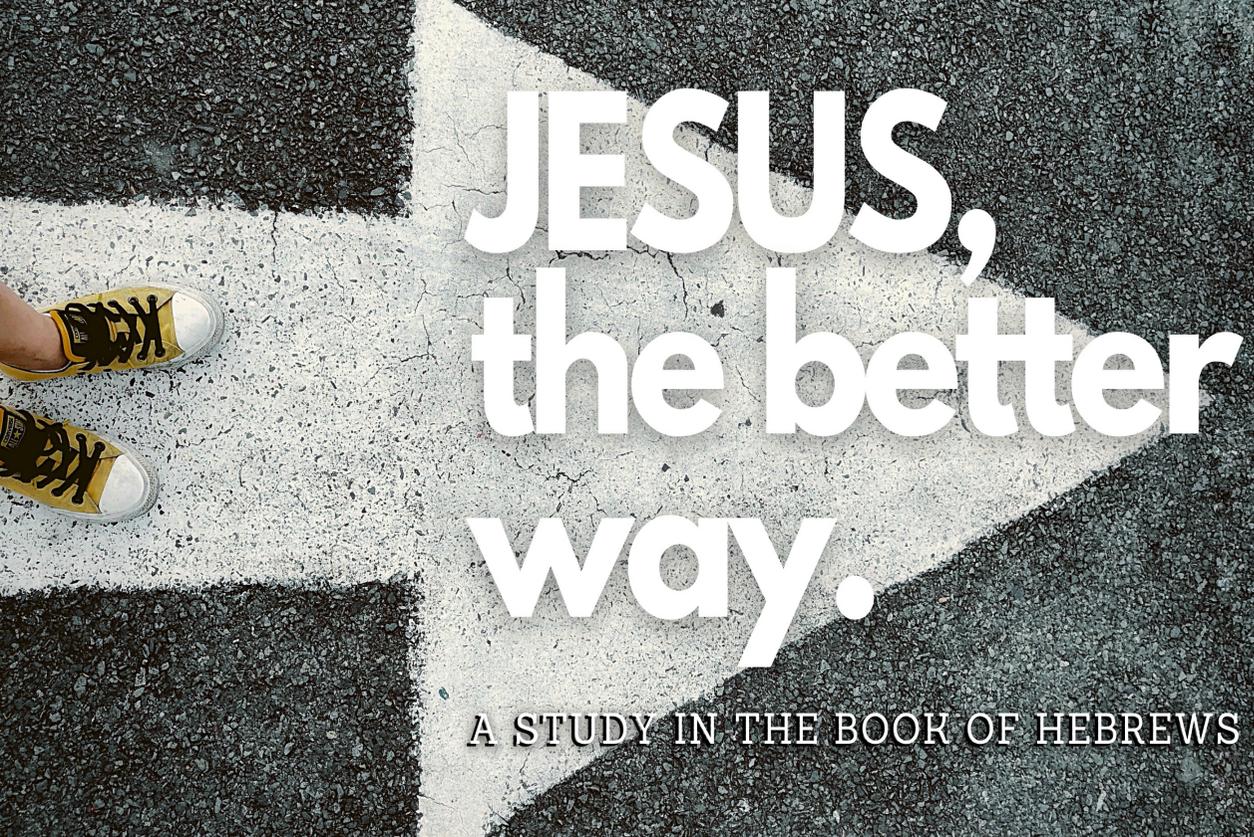
New Pen Families Afternoon Tea

On Sunday 6th Dec Joss and Chris are organising some Afternoon Tea picnics to be at a couple of locations, (dependent upon the restrictions).

The plan is for families to choose a picnic you want to attend, book a ticket online, come along for some fun and re-connect with people you haven't seen in ages.

There will also be a time to do some end of year Kids Graduations and celebrations as we round out 2020.

So check your emails, and the Families Facebook group for details in the coming days as the details are confirmed!



JESUS, the better way.

A STUDY IN THE BOOK OF HEBREWS

Sermons coming up:

THE SUPERIORITY OF THE NEW COVENANT

22 November For it is based upon a better sacrifice
(*Heb 10:1-18*)

EXHORTATIONS DRAWN FROM THIS SUPERIORITY

29 November Draw near to God and hold fast
(*Heb 10:19-30*)

6 December Run the race of faith with endurance
(*Heb 11:1-12:29*)

13 December Miscellaneous exhortations
(*Heb 13:1-25*)

For discussion this week:

1. Is the judgement of God something you think about ever?
2. How do you feel about the reality of God's righteousness and holiness and its demand for something to be done about sin?
3. How do you deal with the two sides of God's character, his love and his justice?
4. Read Hebrews 10:14, How does knowing you are made perfect forever in God's sight impact your thoughts and your actions?
5. If it's appropriate, take the time now to confess you sin before God and receive his forgiveness.

Covid Update - Glenda Holbrook

As restrictions are being changed again on Sunday, we will be updating you next week on what those changes will mean for us. Our New Pen staff are praying and planning for what our ministries will look like as restrictions continue to ease. However, there are many factors that need to be taken into account and we ask that you would join us in praying for God's wisdom and leading over the next days, weeks and months. Here are the current conditions (as of November 8)

Outdoor Religious Gatherings can be held near a place of worship with up to 50 people plus a faith leader.

These gatherings are only where bible study, prayer, etc. is the focus. This means Life Groups can meet on the Mount Martha and Rosebud church grounds.

Requirements as specified by the Victorian Government:

- A record must be kept of all attendees, plus their contact details
- A nominated and identifiable Covid Warden must ensure that Covid restrictions are adhered to
- There is to be no sharing of food and drink
- Face masks must be worn
- Social distancing adhered to
- The leader must complete a Covid Safe Plan.

Mount Martha Life Groups: contact Viv at viv@newpeninsula.com.au to make a booking and work through the Covid requirements

Rosebud Life Groups: contact Pandora at pandora@newpeninsula.com.au

Indoor Religious Gatherings can be held with up to 10 people per group (plus a faith leader) and 20 people per facility. This means Life Groups can meet indoors at MM and Rosebud.

Requirements as specified by the Victorian Government:

- as for outdoor gatherings plus:
- limiting gathering to a maximum of 90 minutes

maintaining at least 5 metres between each group of 10

At this time we would encourage Life Groups to meet outside at the facilities as it will be much easier to comply with the requirements.

Moving forward

As restrictions are eased, we will continue to inform you of what this means for us as a church family. We are all looking forward to the time when we can once again join together and worship in person. However, as you can see from the requirements outlined, there are many factors we need to take into account and ensure that we are able to meet the requirements of the government.

In the meantime, we encourage you to:

- invite a family, or the permitted number of adults to join you in your home to do church together
- meet up in parks, on walks, for a coffee or meal

continue caring for each other and your neighbours by those small acts that show you are thinking of them eg cards, flowers, meals, phone calls, emails, Zoom meetings etc. etc.

Blessings, Glenda

Thought for the week:

'The LORD is my light and my salvation -
whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life -
of whom shall I be afraid?'

(Psalm 27:1)

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.