

From our Interim Senior Pastor Glenda Holbrook

Hello Everyone,

This week's Navigate Note is a little different to usual but I pray it will be a blessing to you and to the Lord as you praise Him with Psalm 103 and pray through the reflections that follow the Psalm.



1. Let all that I am praise the Lord; with my whole heart I will praise his holy name.
2. Let all that I am praise the Lord; may I never forget the good things he does for me.
3. He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases.
4. He redeems me from death and crowns me with love and tender mercies.
5. He fills my life with good things. My youth is renewed like the eagles!
6. The Lord gives righteousness and justice to all who are treated unfairly.
7. He revealed his character to Moses and his deeds to the people of Israel.
8. The Lord is compassionate and merciful, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love.
9. He will not constantly accuse us, nor remain angry forever.
10. He does not punish us for all our sins and he does not deal harshly with us, as we deserve.
11. For his unfailing love toward those who fear him is as great as the height of the heavens above the earth.
12. He has removed our sins as far from us as the east is from the west.
13. The Lord is like a father to his children, tender and compassionate to those who fear him.
14. For he knows how weak we are, he remembers we are only dust.
15. Our days on earth are like grass, like wildflowers, we bloom and die.
16. The wind blows, and we are gone - as though we had never been here.
17. But the love of the Lord remains forever with those who fear him. His salvation extends to the children's children of those who are faithful to his covenant, of those who obey his commandments!
18. The Lord has made the heavens his throne, from there he rules over everything.
19. Praise the Lord, you angels, you mighty ones, who carry out his plans, listening for each of his commands.
20. Yes, praise the Lord, you armies of angels who serve him and do his will!
21. Praise the Lord, everything he has created, everything in all his kingdom.

LET ALL THAT I AM PRAISE THE LORD.

I praise You, Father, because of Who You are.

I praise You, Father, for what you have done in my life these past 12 months.

I praise You, Father, for what you have done in Your church family here at New Peninsula in the past 12 months.

Love & blessings, Glenda

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Let us praise God:

- ◆ For His many provisions.
- ◆ For technology, that enables us to remain in touch, despite physical separation.
- ◆ For our Pastors.
- ◆ For our families.
- ◆ For the country, state and towns we live in.
- ◆ For our church Family
- ◆ For who He is.
- ◆ For our many volunteers.
- ◆ Operation Mobilisation, Myanmar give praise that much needed donations of food have been able to be distributed to people who have been displaced as a result of the ongoing civil war in Eastern Myanmar and to the people in the Mandalay Leprosy Centre. This has provided huge relief for the people who normally fall through the cracks in a broken system.

Let us continue to pray:

- ◆ For Paul & Kate Crothers and family as they transition to the Peninsula.
- ◆ For those who are grieving loss, of partners, family, friends, jobs, freedom, relationships, mobility, or health.
- ◆ For those facing/recovering from surgery.
- ◆ For those who have family overseas.
- ◆ For the team continuing to plan programs for this year.
- ◆ For those who are 'tired'.
- ◆ For those in quarantine, for their physical, emotional and mental health.
- ◆ For our Elders.
- ◆ For those of our staff who are monitoring the Covid situation and government guidelines, and having to make rapid decisions with the ever changing recommendations.
- ◆ Those who gave their lives to the Lord for the first time through Alpha online, and those who recommitted. Pray as they are disciple and followed up, that they will grow in faith and in the knowledge of Christ.

Do you want someone to pray for you?

Contact the prayer chain. This is a confidential group who will pray as the Lord directs. You do not need to give your name or specifics if you would rather not.

Email: prayerchain@newpeninsula.com.au or

Phone 5973 8888

OR

Meet with the Prayer Team after the services on a Sunday morning.
(*Directions are given at the end of the service*).

Do you have a Pastoral need?

Do you have some good news to share?

Or some not so good news?

Would you just want someone to talk to?

Email: ann@newpeninsula.com.au or

Phone 5973 8888 & your name will be passed onto Ann Harding.



Please continue to pray for Pastor Vinnie and his family in Uganda

“As servants of his vineyard, sometimes we face challenges in life, for some reasons or to be near our Father God, speaking with him all the time. That’s to say that when the body is weak, one can do nothing else but to seek God, to remember all his blessings and power. That’s what’s happening here with the Munyosi family of 14 people” (sic)

This was the beginning of an email early last week from Grace Munyosi in Uganda to alert us in the Uganda Partnership Group that of the 8 family members tested, 6 of Vinnie & Grace’s family had tested positive to Covid19. The others had yet to be tested but were showing some symptoms. At the time Vinnie was in hospital on oxygen, very weak, short of breath, struggling to speak and concentrate. He had been unwell since before Christmas.

Since the prayers at church last Sunday and a following prayer meeting on Zoom, Vinnie reported on Monday morning that his breathing was better than previous nights and he was able to stand out of bed for the first time without assistance. His doctor visited and was surprised at the quick positive change in him. All the other family members are also improving and were not severely afflicted. Grace remains strong and free from Covid.



Praise God for the provision of funds to minister to the most basic of needs



Upon receiving the gift of food, the smile says it all!



“As the now familiar saying goes we are learning to do church differently. Not only can we give thanks for the way the Lord has led us and blessed us through this year (2020), but also how he is enabling us to adapt to the new reality we are experiencing as a result of the Covid19 pandemic.” (sic)

This was the opening line to one of Ps Vinnie’s notes to the Uganda Partnership Group late last year, but it could equally be written by one of us summarising 2020 here in Australia.....and that is where the similarities between our churches finish.

Without the provision of online facilities for most in Uganda, connection was maintained by home visits to the vulnerable. With this came gifts of compulsory facemasks, soap, salt, paraffin oil and sugar. In partnership with JENGA, a British NGO in Mbale, Bethel distributed tens of thousands of food parcels to the vulnerable. With an average of 8 people in each household Bethel leaders and others spent many months travelling around the mountains distributing essential food to those who would have otherwise starved. These visits also helped identify those in dire need of medical care & urgent renovations to keep them safe. Praise God that these efforts ministered to many who had been resistant to the Gospel. Pastors in satellite churches reported encouraging stories of interaction with previously hostile animistic & Muslim villagers. Distribution now continues on a smaller scale. However, with much greater prevalence of Covid 19 in the area right now, there are fears of a return to tight lockdowns which will see a return of desperate & starving villagers again. Pray with us that in the event of this that much needed funds will be available to meet this need.



CHURCH & COVID NORMAL

It's great that we are back to meeting together again, although it is looking and feeling a little different for now, we do look forward to more people returning as the holidays come to an end.

To continue to keep people safe and in line with Government guidelines we ask that everyone wears their masks whenever they are in the church building, as well as maintaining social distancing. We ask that once inside you sit within your household groups and leave 2 seats between your group and the next. Children will need to stay within their family group during the service and they will also need to bring their own pens/pencils etc. for doing activity sheets. *(We will be trying to make the services family friendly during the holidays as per usual).*

The QR codes are in place for everyone to check-in as they arrive on site, and we have greeters available to assist where required, or a paper option for those without smart phones. If you haven't checked in before to speed up the process the first time you come back to services please download the app from Vic Services before you come. This following link gives the instructions, <https://service.vic.gov.au/check-in/>

A helpful resource for tracking where Covid 19 exposures have been in the state, and also for guidance as to whether testing and isolation is required can be accessed at <https://covid19nearme.com.au/state/vic>. We encourage people to be vigilant and check this regularly as movement around the state is high during the holiday season.

For the first few weeks back, we will be having a mixture of live and recorded components to the service due to the large number of our regular worship & tech volunteers being away.

To finish off, we want to say a big thank you to all those who have volunteered to do sign in's, cleaning, ushering and being the team leader as well as our church family for cooperating with the new requirements! (Your name tags are available at the Information table.)

Blessings Dave

In the family:

NEW BABY

Belated congratulations to Judy and Al Watson on the birth of their grandchild, Ella Joy Olsen born on December 23.

May your precious Ella continue to bring you much joy.



BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS

To Fran Dedrick who will be celebrating a special birthday on Wednesday 20 January.

What a wonderful excuse to relive precious memories, rejoice in God's blessings and also a time to experience his many provisions for today. Congratulations.

BEREAVEMENT

Our sympathies are going out to Marion Wells & Rob, Kirsty Jamie & Lachie Wells, family & friends on the passing of Marion's husband, and Rob's father, Keith, on Mon 11 Jan. A thanksgiving service will be held at 2pm on Mon 18 Jan at Mount Martha.

May the loving arms of our Father in Heaven be of special comfort to you all at this time.

Nametags

We are encouraging everyone to wear name tags as it is often difficult to recognise people now that we need to wear masks the whole time we are in the building.

For those who don't have a name tag, please email Lesley@newpeninsula.com.au and a name tag will be placed in your pigeon hole (either in the entry at RB or the back entry to the Auditorium)

Please take these home with you each week.



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Services Sunday @ 9:30am

Join our services in person

MOUNT MARTHA
370 Craigie Rd Mount Martha

ROSEBUD
Cnr Boneo Rd & The Drive Rosebud

*or the service will live streamed through the YouTube channel.
(media tab on website, or by searching YouTube)*

The current Covid summer restrictions still affect the ability of some groups to meet in person, but many are returning over the next few weeks. For more information please contact your leader or the church office office@newpeninsula.com.au or phone 5973 8888

(Please note the offices are still closed to the public due to current restrictions).



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Real Food continues to meet informally, in homes and/or at the park through to the end of January.

Please check the WhatsApp group for more details each Sunday.



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Wed - Saturday 9am - 5pm.



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men's shed
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Meets Tues & Thurs
9am - 1pm



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Creche, Kinderkids & Kids Church
are back on
Feb 7 Sundays @ 9:30am

The teams are getting ready and are really looking forward to what God is going to do in and through the kids this year!

Until then, come along to Church for our family friendly services, BYO pencil case. Resources for printing can be found at www.newpeninsula.com.au/FamiliesAtHome

PLAYGROUP resumes on
Wednesdays early February.

Numbers are capped, so
Bookings are essential,

please email
office@newpeninsula.com.au
for more information.



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LESSONS FROM LOCKDOWN

CONCLUDES JANUARY 17 2021

Interested in joining a Life Group?

Most of our Life Groups are in recess over January.

If you are interested in joining a Life Group when they resume, please email or phone the church office and someone from the Life Group team will be in contact with you.

Missed one of the sermons?

Don't forget that you can 'catch-up' on any sermons that you miss, by tuning into New Peninsula on the YouTube channel.

Alternatively, you can listen to them via a podcast app on your mobile device by searching 'New Peninsula Baptist Church'



- Building Community
- Serving
- Equipping People
- Discovering Gifts
- Spiritual Disciplines

ONWARDS TOGETHER

Thought for the week:

‘Show me your ways, LORD,
teach me your paths.’

(Psalm 25:4)

Regular tithes & offerings:

Thank you to everyone who supports New Peninsula with your tithes and offering.

For online giving the details are listed below.

For those who prefer to bring their offerings there will be a box available at Mount Martha at the back of the worship center, and a collection will be taken at Rosebud.

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 remain closed to the public for the time being, however you can continue to contact us through the following means:

Website: www.newpeninsula.com.au

Email: office@newpeninsula.com.au

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

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.

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.