

From our Worship Pastor - Ian Smith

"My God is my fortress and my deliverer.....my salvation, my high tower, my refuge and my saviour..."

2 Samuel 22:2-33



This week in our series we will hear about David's relationship with Saul. There were many times that David sought refuge in the mountains while being hunted by Saul. David knew fear of being vulnerable and exposed, and the peace of being safely hidden in a strong fortress. Now David as an old man writes a song of praise to God, after being delivered once again and calls God his salvation, his tower and refuge.

A question to ponder on – do you have refuge, do you have relief? Not so much from a ravaging army, but from past mistakes or sins or wrongs that can't be corrected?

When these things burden us, when we come to realise how far short we have fallen of the good standard of God sometimes our tendency might be to save ourselves – but we cannot be a refuge for ourselves. We all need someone else to shelter us from the just wrath of God. We need the perfect goodness and work of Jesus – to be our refuge and our high tower of defence.

When we feel vulnerable and exposed and realise our standing as sinners and that our only hope is a saviour to intercede, know that Jesus is a strong tower and our refuge and relief into which we can run and find safety.

This refuge will last, this strong tower will hold and this Saviour will save.

Blessings

Ian

Welcome

If you would like to find out more about NewPeninsula please email connect @newpeninsula.com.au and we will be in contact.

Let us praise God:

- ◆ For our youth.
- ◆ For the great Winter Walk last weekend and the developing relationships between families.
- ◆ For the 'Christmas in July' morning tea last Thursday.
- ◆ For the worship and tech teams.
- ◆ For supportive family and friends.
- ◆ For our state and federal leaders.
- ◆ For the kids' and families leaders.



◆ For being able to live in this wonderful part of the country.

◆ That Bethel in MBale Uganda has been able to complete the water diversion works to protect key buildings, and for the joyful opening of the new Emmanuel church .

Let us continue to pray:

- ◆ For those who are grieving.
- ◆ For those around the world who are lacking the resources needed to support those with Covid.
- ◆ For those who are struggling with mental health issues.
- ◆ For those who are facing surgery.
- ◆ For our volunteers, especially those who are working behind the scenes.
- ◆ For those who are struggling with enforced isolation.
- ◆ For our emergency workers, once again on 'high alert'.
- ◆ For our seniors.
- ◆ For the people of Myanmar and especially our partners there. Pray for freedom from Covid 19 and the strictures of the military. And also the resources to be able to feed and provide medical needs.



Please pray for our regular groups

SUNDAYS

9am Prayer time for all in Mtg. Rm 4 at Mt Martha.

Bookshop & Library after service Mt Martha.

Mount Martha Kids Programs:

0-3 year 9:30am in Pre-school room.

Kinder-Year 7 go into church & leave when directed.

Rosebud Kids Programs:

Kinder-Year 10 go into church & leave after the announcements.



TUESDAYS

Men's Shed MM

9:00am - 1pm

ALL WELCOME



WEDNESDAYS

Playgroup MM

Wednesdays
9.30am

Rosebud

Community Group
RB 5pm

THURSDAYS

Men's Shed MM

9:00am - 1pm

Prime Time MM

2nd & 4th Thursday
1:30 - 3pm

FRIDAYS

Storytime RB

10am (for pre-schoolers).

Prayer MM 7 - 9pm



ALL GROUPS ARE CURRENTLY IN RECESS, CONTINUE TO PRAY. WE AWAIT MORE NEWS!

OzBurma

It is with great sadness that the OzBurma team is informing the NP congregation that our dear brother in Christ, Mung Khai, was called to be with Jesus last Monday (12 July). Khai contracted Covid last week and tragically died in hospital when the available oxygen ran out. He was in a public hospital with no doctors or treatment, and he was only able to access limited oxygen. He was nursed by his wife, Khawm Nu who is a qualified nurse, but nothing could be done when the oxygen ran out.

Khai was the Director of OM Myanmar and he leaves behind his wife Khawm Nu and 3 young children. Khai had devoted his life to sharing his love of Jesus and to the alleviation of poverty among the poorest of the poor in Myanmar. His life of service was an inspiration to us all.

Please keep Khawm Nu, Khai's children, his large extended family, his fellow staff members at OMM and our other partners in Myanmar, who all worked closely with Khai in your prayers.

We have also had word that David, another staff member at OMM and his wife, as well as another partner Haupi and his wife are also ill with Covid so please pray for their recovery.



NEW PENINSULA FAMILY CAMP

CYC
THE ISLAND



PHILLIP ISLAND

OCTOBER 15-17, 2021

MEN'S

BBQ

at the firepit

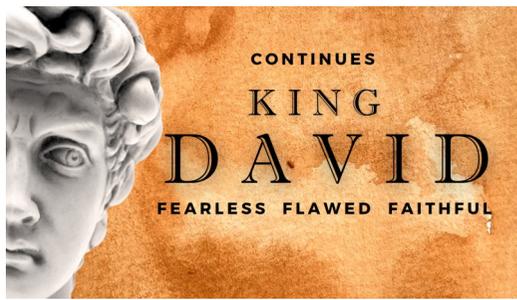


JULY 31, 2021 6.30PM

BYO MEAT AND CAMP CHAIR

RSVP JESSE TAYLOR 0411 015 565

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FAMILIES



MOUNT MARTHA AM & Real Food

18 July
David brings the Ark to Jerusalem.
25 July
David's kindness to Mephibosheth.
1 August
David's mistreatment of Bathsheba.
8 August
David Dies.

ROSEBUD

18 July
David spares Saul's life.
25 July
David's mistreatment of Bathsheba.
1 August
David's kindness to Mephibosheth.
8 August
David dies.



New to New Peninsula?

(even during lockdown last year!)

We would love to give you the opportunity to meet others, hear from our Senior Pastor Paul and ask any questions.

Come and join us on Sunday August 1 at 11:15am and enjoy a sweet treat.

For more information please ring Lesley at the church office 5973 8888

IN THE FAMILY BEREAVEMENT

Our sympathies to Jan Smith, family & friends on the passing of her husband Bob on June 26. Also to Terry Saddler, family and friends on the passing of Terry's wife Lydia on July 9. Lydia was a much loved member of Wednesday Community Hub. Her thanksgiving service was held on 16 July.

May you all experience the warmth and comfort of the loving arms of Jesus at this time.

CURRENT COVID RESTRICTIONS

WE ARE CURRENTLY IN LOCKDOWN. SERVICES ARE ONLINE. CHECK WITH YOUR LG LEADER IF YOU ARE MEETING VIA ZOOM

THE COVID TASK FORCE NEEDS YOU!



Can you help for 1/2 hour, once a month after the church service, by spraying and wiping chairs.

We have a wonderful team, but it needs to increase in numbers!

Please contact Lesley in the church office 5973 8888 or lesley@newpeninsula.com.au if you are able to assist.

CAN YOU HELP?



Michael and Karen Penn, serving with MAF in Mareeba, Nth Qld. Together with their son Daniel, they will be on home assignment from November 23, 2021 until after Christmas. If you have a 2 bedroom home they can use as a base and/or a vehicle they can loan please contact the church office email: office@newpeninsula.com.au

WANTED TEA TOWELS & OLD TOWELS



The kitchen is very short of tea towels, we would love to relieve you of your spare ones!

Or do you have any old towels? They are wonderful for mopping up spills or leaks!

Please leave any donations in the box outside the kitchen door at MM, when we return. thanks.

Update to the NP Church Community on the future use of church facilities.



A Panel of reference (POR) was established in January 2021 to consider New Peninsula finances and the overall scope of the activities at our Mt Martha property more broadly. The POR has completed its initial research and reported back to the Board. After considering all the costs and benefits of running an Events Business the unanimous decision of the Board is that NP does not reinstate the Events Business at this time.

The Events Business exposed the church to a number of risks associated with Occupational Health and Safety and other compliance matters that we do not currently have the capacity to manage, and it also placed considerable additional strain on some staff. The exposure of the NPBC community to potential adverse legal and financial risk is considered greater than the positive benefits (engagement with community groups and financial gain).

Community groups will continue to have access to our facilities. The decision enables functions to be organised and managed by external businesses that will make applications to our Business Manager to hire our facilities at commercially established rates.

The hire of our facilities will continue to be open to the community at large.

The Board believes this decision will support us in allowing better focus on our ministry / mission focus, which is our priority.

We will continue to consider how best to use the facilities that God has blessed us with. We have witnessed, as a church, how God has blessed us with this amazing facility that we have because of our God, who has proven faithful in the past and met our needs, there is trust and hope in Christ Jesus.

We trust that the above information provides a clear update on how the church sees the use of its property in the short to medium term and why the church has moved away from an Events Business as one of its functions.

John Williamson

Secretary

(on behalf of the NPBC Church Board)

Thought for the week:

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer

(Romans 12:12)

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, except by appointment. 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 book shop at Mount Martha.

Tithes, offerings & donation fund.

Thank you to everyone who supports New Peninsula with your tithes and offerings. And a big 'thank you' to all those who are continuing to support the church during the disruption caused by the Covid-19 restrictions. It is a great encouragement.

GIVING TO NEW PENINSULA & BEYOND:

NPBC General offerings

(Please indicate whether it is for Mt Martha (MM) or Rosebud (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.