

From our interim Senior Pastor - Glenda Holbrook

Hello Everyone,

I have some homework for you this week! Yes, the school teacher in me lives on!

Read Matthew 27:32-56 & write down the names of those who stood closest to the cross, those who were next closest and those who were furthest away. Choose one of those people and think about what you believe they would have thought or felt as they witnessed the death of our Lord. Now reflect with God on where you are right now in your attitudes and faith. Are you:

- Hardened and insulated against your feelings by a protective shell, like the Roman soldiers?
- Trained, educated, competent, 'got it all together', like the Roman centurion?
- Burdened with the knowledge of your guilt, like one of the thieves on a cross?
- Bitter and angry like the other two thieves?
- Simply curious but a little detached, like the man with the sponge of vinegar?
- Cynical, like the priests and scribes?
- Broken-hearted when you reflect on Jesus' sacrifice and suffering for you, like Mary, Jesus' mother and the other women?

"We can stand with those at the cross of Christ. We can join with them in watching our Saviour die. And, as we do, we can be filled anew with awe and realise that - whoever we are, wherever we're at - Jesus hung there for us! And through His suffering and resurrection we can be healed and draw close to Him.

When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, "Surely He was the Son of God!" Matthew 27:54.

Praise the Lord!

Love & blessings Glenda.



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TODAY July 5

We will be celebrating communion, come prepared with a cracker and juice. Although physically we cannot be together, let us rejoice as we share together in the Spirit.



To view our online service
on Sunday @ 9:30am

Visit: www.newpeninsula.com.au



ONLINE PRAYER MEETINGS

Zoom | Tuesdays 7:30pm

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

Let us praise God:

- ◆ Praise for the many blessings we have received.
- ◆ Praise for the Pastoral Care team.
- ◆ Praise for those who are sending emails, texts or making phone calls to encourage others.
- ◆ Praise for our Pastors and the extra loads they are carrying.
- ◆ Praise for our faithful 'pray-ers'.
- ◆ Praise for the Worship and Tech teams.
- ◆ Praise that Life Groups are using innovative ways to remain connected.
- ◆ Praise that we are still able to celebrate communion together this weekend.
- ◆ Praise that Covid-19 in Uganda appears to have been contained with less than 1000 cases and no deaths so far. Lockdowns are being eased and people will be able to work again, easing the pressure on many.

In the family:

BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Darcy How who is celebrating a special birthday on Monday.

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

BEREAVEMENT:

Our loving sympathy to Cathy, Justin, Landon, Hamish & Tamsyn Mason, the wider family and friends on the peaceful passing of Cathy's mother Helen Van Nierkerk on Thursday June 25. An online service celebrating Helen's life was held on Friday July 3.

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

Let us continue to pray for:

- ◆ Pray for our families.
- ◆ Pray for our kids leaders.
- ◆ Pray for those who are grieving.
- ◆ Pray for those who are facing and/or recovering from surgery.
- ◆ Pray for wisdom for our state leaders.
- ◆ Pray for our community as we again face enforced restrictions.
- ◆ Pray for those who are struggling with lack of physical contact, due to restrictions, especially those in the 'lock down' postcodes.
- ◆ Pray for Michael and Karen Penn in Mareeba FNQ. "Our mission (*Mission Aviation Fellowship*) is heavily impacted by Covid-19 in most places we operate across the world. Flying hours are severely reduced, which reduces our ability to serve isolated people, and also reduces one source of operational income. Pray for wisdom for the leadership navigating these challenges, and for those who need our services."

5/7/20 Covid-19 Update - David Underhill Interim Senior Pastor

The current restrictions mean that in the church buildings we are back to having no more than 20 people for a church service, 20 people for a wedding, 50 people for a funeral and 10 people for a prayer group. All the same social distancing, hygiene practices and safety measures continue as previously. Also any ministries or groups that have been meeting in homes, need to continue to adhere to the 'no more than 5 guests in your house' practice.

Given one of our core foci this year was to try and tackle some of the social isolation in our community, my encouragement is to look for opportunities to connect with people in small groups of 5 or less. Some of our Life Groups have broken up into smaller groups of 5 so they can keep meeting which is great. Or you could invite another family over, another couple, or a couple of friends. Let's try and stay connected as much as the restrictions allow and continue to pray for those significantly affected by these restrictions.

Meet Phil and Ann Harding

We are Phil and Ann Harding and we have been at New Peninsula for three and a half years since moving to Mt Eliza. We are blessed with four energetic grandchildren, and a secret chocolate store!

Phil here. I am a member of Men's Shed, a great place to make friends and keep busy. I also have a 'shed' at home where you will find me building scale railway models, and running them.

I love cooking, too, especially Indian food, and up until Covid-19 I thoroughly enjoyed being on the catering team for Alpha. Amazing what can be done without an oven! I am also involved with our fantastic tech team, helping to prepare for, and support, worship services.



Ann here. We came to Australia 18 years ago for just nine months (how things change), and the Lord has blessed us both with the privilege of serving Him in ministry all that time. At New Pen I have probably served you tea or coffee on a Sunday morning, sung to you with the choir or been behind a camera as you were on stage. In between those moments I love to read, have done some studies and replanted our garden with native plants. Phil does the edible! I also have a workbench in Phil's 'shed' where I have my woodturning lathe. Not much production lately but I'm working on it.

I have now been given the privilege of serving the amazing people of New Pen as Pastoral Care Coordinator, a role that stands, and builds, on a strong foundation of love and relational care we have at New Pen. The world certainly needs to see God's unconditional love demonstrated and displayed through His people, to all men, so that the world might see Him and call on His Name. John 13:34 – 35.

I look forward to the day we can chat over a coffee again.

Every blessing Ann and Phil Harding

LADIES WHO BRUNCH

Virtual Morning Tea

JULY 19

More details next week

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Life Groups:

Please read 1 Peter 2:13-3:12

- ◆ Can you recall an occasion when you were required to submit and you really struggled to comply? Share it if you are able.
- ◆ What are the challenges for you in honouring the secular leaders of our nation?
- ◆ What is your strategy for matching your actions to your relationship with Jesus?
- ◆ How do the joint principles of submission and consideration play out in your marriage and/or home?
- ◆ Do you have a 'household code'? What is it and how well does your household follow it?

Being the people of God

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.

e-giving - David Underhill

We are very thankful to God for those who have moved over to e-giving. It has been a great encouragement. We are also thankful we've been able to access the government stimulus and the "JobKeeper" packages. I am particularly thankful, as I imagine the staff are too, because this means we don't have to make the difficult decision about reducing staffing.

However we still need to continue to pray for our finances given the restrictions have significantly affected our income from hires and events which pays for a substantial amount of our Mount Martha site costs.

If you would like to switch over to online giving but not sure how to do it, please email Linda Jackson with your name and a contact phone number. Linda will then call you and help you set it up. Linda's email is linda@newpeninsula.com.au.

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 also!

Pop onto our website - our 'church online' button on the home screen will take you straight to our YouTube account. If you miss the live stream, it will remain up for 24 hours then will be replaced by the sermon only.

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

PRAYER CHAIN email:

prayerchain@newpeninsula.com.au

DVD or CD's of the messages

can be ordered through the church offices.

Thought for the week:

'Blessed are those who keep his statutes and seek him with all their heart....'

(Psalm 119:2)