



# PBC NEWS

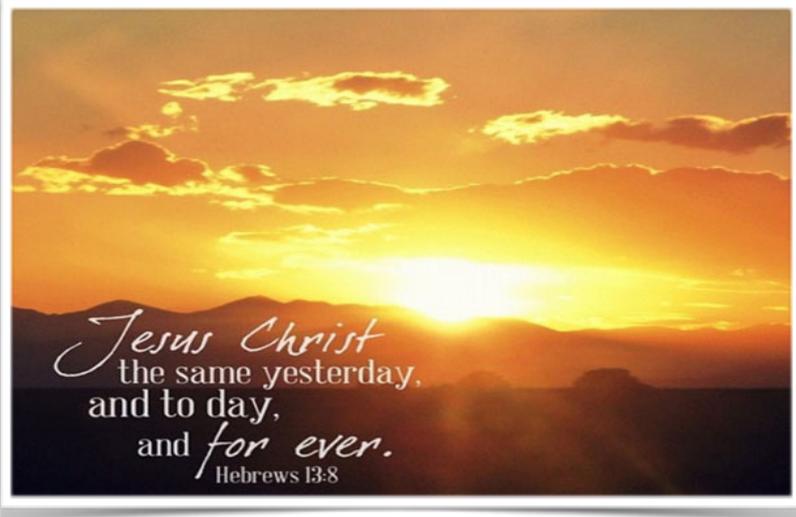
We're here to see lives changed by Jesus ... meeting Him and becoming like Him.

## PBC meetings on Zoom

- Sunday Service 10.00am 19th April (click on link [here](#))
- Tuesday 7.00pm Home Group (click on link [here](#))
- Wednesday 10.30am Prayer Meeting (click on link [here](#))
- Thursday 7.00pm Home Group (click on link [here](#))

## Encouragement from God's Word

- "For whatever was written in the past was written for our instruction, so that we may have hope through endurance and through the encouragement from Scriptures." (Romans 15.4)
- "The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save. He will rejoice over you with gladness. He will quiet you by his love. He will exult over you with loud singing." (Zephaniah 3.17)
- "No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it." (1 Cor 10.13)



## Dear Church Family

I trust you are safe and sound in your bubble as we all keep supporting and encouraging one another in prayer and other ways. It's encouraging to see the numbers of Covid-19 cases dropping by the day. Praise the Lord!

I want to bring you this encouragement. To be a Christian is to be a person of hope. Last week we took time to celebrate and thank God for His greatest acts of redemption: the suffering, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. It's a timely and uplifting reminder that in the midst of a global pandemic, we know that in the bleakest of times, God our Heavenly Father is sovereign and gracious and He works all things together for the good of those who love Him (Romans 8.28). This pandemic will cease to hold power over our lives one day, and until then we will continue to pray earnestly for all those who are grievously suffering and tirelessly serving us through it. Let us also remember that as we continue to live through these ever-changing and turbulent times, it is Jesus Christ who is the same yesterday, today and forever (Hebrew 13.8). *Let the victory of our Lord's resurrection wash over us in the same way it did His disciples, and let the hope of our Lord's return*

## Do you need prayer?

If you are aware of special needs that the Prayer Team can pray for please contact Lynn Whitlock on 573 8858 or 027 733 9558.

## Praise God

*"For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him. He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress. I shall not be shaken. On God rests my salvation and my glory. My mighty rock, my refuge is God." (Psalm 62.2-7)*

- Praise God as the maker and sovereign Lord over all things - none can question His ways (Job 38-42).
- Praise Jesus as the one to whom all authority in heaven and earth has been given (Matt 28.19-20).
- Praise God for His loving protection of His people (Isaiah 43.1-7; Psalm 91).
- Give thanks that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord (Rom 8.38-39).
- Give thanks that every good and perfect gift is from our Father and that we have much to thank Him for, even during suffering (James 1.17).
- Praise God for a hope beyond death - that death will finally be defeated and we shall be raised (1 Cor 15.50-58).

*Note: We will have Communion at our service on Zoom on the 26th. Please come prepared with the elements (bread and cup).*

*sustain us during these times.*

I have some updates to share from our church family. At my meeting with the Elders yesterday we agreed for our church to make a one-off donation of \$250.00 to Moscow Evangelical Seminary. You will recall Dr Sasha Tsutserov sharing about Moscow Seminary when he spoke to us via Zoom some weeks ago. Thanks for your giving which enables us to invest in God's Kingdom like this.

Please continue to remember Rachel Barratt in prayer. As some of us are aware, she had another fall while in hospital and injured her wrist. Pray for healing, peace and comfort from the Lord. Also pray for Bill Barratt.

Pray also for God's sustaining grace and healing upon Mike Hill and Minette Snyman.

Lorraine Thomson sends this note: "My surgery went well; everything went smoothly. I am feeling very well and healing up fine. Thank you church family for your prayers."

I phoned Nelia Davis yesterday and she sends her greetings to us all as she can't join our meetings on Zoom: "I have been praying all the time that God would protect me from the coronavirus. Praise God that I have been safe and sound so far. Take care everyone."

As a parent myself I've been thinking and praying for parents with children at home, and with term 2 starting this week, parents are now engaged in home schooling. Please pray for parents and children that you know in our church family.

It's with deep sadness that I share with you the news of Michael Prendergast's sudden and unexpected passing last night. Michael was a part of our church family for many years, and he was loved member of the Tuesday morning home group on Lindens Road. Pray for Michael's family, for the Lindens Support Services family: Gerald, Kaye, Donald, Jo and Philippa, and the staff (Stu, Lynette, Leanne and Joy). May the Holy Spirit's comfort and presence be with them and with us all during this time of grief.

God bless and I look forward to seeing you on Zoom this Sunday.

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