

May 17, 2020

Following advice from Churches of Christ SA & NT the leadership has decided that the church fellowship area can now be used for prayer groups, KYB and study groups.

The following restrictions apply:

- ★ Maximum of 10 persons.
- ★ Social distancing practices must still be observed.
- ★ All attendees must sanitise their hands on entering and exiting the property. Hand sanitiser will be available at the entrances.

Additionally, the office and library will be open with the same stipulations as above.

Karina has recommenced working from the office as of Tuesday, May 12.

From next Monday, May 18, Ps Jeff will be working from his office.

Library will reopen Tuesday, May 19.

Church services will remain online for now. We will advise any changes to this as soon as information comes to hand.

Please contact Ps Jeff for further clarification on any of the points above: 0415 614 781

office open

PRAYER POINTS

Psalm 118:28 You are my God and I will exalt You.

Our Church family - Through the church service we are watching each Sunday in our homes via the 'net, may this give us a feeling of unity with each other.

Praise and thank God for Ps. Jeff, our Elders and Deacons . Pray they will be led by the Holy Spirit as they prepare the service for each Sunday and as they make decisions for our Church.

Father, in the Name of Jesus, let Your anointing flow bring healing and deliverance for perfect healing for Brian and Peter's cancer cells and also for Sue Crossing's eyesight.

Pray Mary in Bogota, Matt, Rebekah and their children in Georgia will be protected from COVID-19 and pray for protection for all of those in their ministries.

Pray for our Prime Minister, Scott Morrison, the government– federal and state. Pray for wisdom at this time.

Source– Gary Webb

For the protection from the spread of this virus and for God's healing hand on those already infected.

Source– Gary Webb

Australia - Give thanks to God for the way the disease is being brought under control in Australia, for our leaders who are leading us through the pandemic and to the healthcare workers who are ministering to the sick and dying.

Source - Australian Prayer Network

Persecuted Church - Christians in Iran, Pakistan, Egypt, Eritrea and beyond are unlikely to be treated if infected with COVID –19. In Pakistan, unclean 'infidels' cant get hospital treatment. Pray anyone affected will receive medical treatment.

If you have any prayer requests please contact

Ann Sheffield 0488 598 730

or Ps. Jeff McGregor 0415 614 781





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Grant Jones - May 22

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Pastor Sonny Pillay's farewell service DVD is now available to borrow from the church library.

If you would like a personal copy, there is a LIMITED number available.

Please contact Karina to secure your copy
0413 238 219

Congratulations Frank & Lesley

30th Wedding anniversary
May 20

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NO CHURCH SERVICE FOR THE TIME BEING?

What does this mean for our church family?

Can you still see / hear/ get access to Sunday sermons?

The short answer is ... **YES!**

An online platform is available.. We are using a streaming service to send out the sermons electronically.

The sermon is available on Living Waters website and on Facebook.

For those of you who do not have access to Facebook or the internet we are able to record the sermons on CD.

If you would a copy, contact Karina by email or mobile to arrange a CD to be posted or home delivered.

admin@livingwatersloxtton.com.au

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Ps Jeff's



A very special Sunday

You may have been wondering why I haven't posted a blog 'til now? After all, I usually post 2 blogs a week. Well, the truth is that, this Sunday is a very special day, a day where we celebrate mothers. So, I wanted to really think about mums and how important they are, and where would we be without our mothers?

So what is a mother? What makes someone a mum? It may seem like an easy question and we can give an easy answer that only really scratches the surface and doesn't really answer what is being asked. Let's start with something easy and look at the role of a mum. A role that is, by some, relegated to 'unimportant', but without them fulfilling these roles, which are worth more than we could ever pay, we would be far less than what we have become.

Below is a list that I found of some of the roles a mother does.

Chef: A mother cooks 2-3 meals a day. Sometimes, their children will love the meals you prepare.

Sometimes, they will hate them. Most of the time, they simply wolf down the food you prepare and run to their next activity. Occasionally you will receive the cherished "thank you." Hearing those two words will make every meal you prepared worthwhile.

Housekeeper: As a mother you will have the opportunity to clean all kinds of messes—clothes left on the floor, cups left in the living room, spilled food, dirty nappies, vomit.. The list goes on. But, one day your child may help clean the kitchen and...well, here's for wishful thinking.

Resolve Conflicts: Children have conflict with friends, siblings, and even their parents. You will have the joy of helping your children learn the skills of listening, negotiation, compromise, and problem-solving, skills that will benefit them for a lifetime.

Event Planner: Mothers' schedule. What else can I say? From play dates to doctor's appointments to school events, after school activities, vacations to any number of other events, mothers schedule...a lot!

Teacher: Mothers teach their children everything...and I mean, everything. When cooking they not only teach their children how to cook, but some basic math. They teach their children about relationships, problem resolution, and dating skills. Even more, they teach their children how to think! Mothers teach these things without even knowing they do it. Then there are all the things they teach on purpose... things like math, reading, how to clean, how to do laundry, how to keep house, etc.

Chauffeur: Mothers take their children to school, the doctor, and the dentist. They take their children to sporting activities, dance, gymnastics, and music lessons. They drive their children to play dates and to the store. And, they turn each drive into an opportunity to talk, grow closer, and learn. (See duty labelled "Teacher.")

Laundry: Mothers do laundry. They get out the stains and keep the bright colours. Life needs a clean start!

Counsellor: Children come to their mothers when they fail a test and when their heart is broken. Mothers comfort and advise. They kiss skinned knees and mend broken hearts. They heal broken spirits and teach children how to shape a joyous future.

Finance Manager: Mothers often help to manage the finances, teaching their children to do so as well. Balance the costs of groceries, school activities, and clothes as well as the utilities and other household expenses.

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Health Care Provider: As previously noted, mothers kiss skinned knees. They also check their children's fevers, cook them chicken noodle soup, make them comfortable, and many other "doctoring" duties. In the long run, mothers probably do much more than your average physician and for a lot less pay!

Activities Director: When children are bored, mothers come up with ideas. They encourage their children to play. They teach their children nursery rhymes, games, and fun activities like cooking. In so doing, they teach their children how to manage their time in productive, effective ways.

World Changer: Perhaps the most underrated task a mother fulfils is that of world-changer. Society is a mere 20 years from anarchy or continued civilization. It takes 20 years to raise a child, 20 years to "civilize them" or let them fall into anarchy. 20 years to raise children of character, integrity, and compassion or children of deceit, selfishness, and indifference. A mother plays a great role in this training. Mothers change the world with every child they raise. This is by no means an exhaustive list but gives a scope of what the role of a mother is.

Let's take a look at what the word of God says about mothers.

Proverbs 31:10-28 states "10 A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies. 11 Her husband has full confidence in her and lacks nothing of value. 12 She brings him good, not harm, all the days of her life. 13 She selects wool and flax and works with eager hands. 14 She is like the merchant ships, bringing her food from afar. 15 She gets up while it is still night; she provides food for her family and portions for her female servants. 16 She considers a field and buys it; out of her earnings she plants a vineyard. 17 She sets about her work vigorously; her arms are strong for her tasks. 18 She sees that her trading is profitable, and her lamp does not go out at night. 19 In her hand she holds the distaff and grasps the spindle with her fingers. 20 She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy. 21 When it snows, she has no fear for her household; for all of them are clothed in scarlet. 22 She makes coverings for her bed; she is clothed in fine linen and purple. 23 Her husband is respected at the city gate, where he takes his seat among the elders of the land. 24 She makes linen garments and sells them, and supplies the merchants with sashes. 25 She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. 26 She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue. 27 She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. 28 Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her."

We can see from the above verses that mothers are held in high regard in His word, and we should also. Being a mother is more than one who has given birth to a child or children. They're are what is known as 'Spiritual mothers' those who care for and raise up children that they haven't given physical birth to, such as giving kids guidance in God's word, living a life that gives God all the glory and loving others as Jesus did.

A mother is more than giving birth, it's a calling, a high calling, and it's the raising up of the next generation. Who knows what that child will become? The next prime minister, a great evangelist, a faithful preacher of His word, or the best of all, a mother just like YOU.

So on this day I say thank-you to all the 'mothers' in my life that have shaped me in my life and my spiritual walk. On this very special Sunday don't forget those who have been a mother to you. Show them just how much they have impacted your life, celebrate them and shower them with love.

In Christ our redeemer Ps Jeff

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**If you enjoyed Ps Jeff's blog and want to read more,
you can find his other blogs on www.livingwatersloxtton.com.au**

A living Sacrifice

When I was born again some 28 years ago I got introduced to Christian metal. I was into secular and satanic metal bands before I was saved, so to find out there was Christian metal was fantastic. The idea that I had to listen to Amy Grant or similar sent chills down my spine, not that there is anything wrong with Amy Grant, just not my taste. One of the bands that I got into was a band called *Living Sacrifice*, the first album was awesome, the second was terrible, the third was good and the other albums just got better and better. But why am I telling you about a Christian metal band I hear you ask? It's because of the name. It reminds me of Romans 12:1-2, one of my favourite verses. *Romans 12:1-2 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. 2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.* But what does this mean? How can I be a sacrifice? How is this pleasing to God? How can I transform my mind? Why does this help me with discernment? Do I need to build an altar in my back yard and sacrifice myself? It uses imagery that to our post-modern minds seems strange. So, let's take a look together and see if we can figure out what Paul is saying.

The first thing we notice is that Paul appeals to us as believers in Christ to present ourselves, our bodies as a living sacrifice. We don't need to build that altar! Or slay ourselves on it in a literal sense. However, in a figurative sense, we do slay ourselves. When we come to Christ we offer up all that we have. There is a cost involved in coming to the cross. The cost is the old self, the sinful life, the sinner that was the old you. But what about on this side of the cross? We need to supplant our desires for Gods desires, always mindful of the cost He paid and to be Christ like in all that we do and say. Are we following Christ or are we playing at being Christ-like? We are not called to be perfect, (we are perfect in Him and are being perfected as we grow in Him). We are a living sacrifice when we submit to Christ and are obedient to His call on our life, to make Him truly our Lord and Saviour.

When we do this, God accepts this 'sacrifice' as holy and pleasing. It's Holy because we are holy. We are only made holy because Christ's holiness was imputed to us when we accepted him as Lord and Saviour. It is pleasing to God because we have placed ourselves within Christ, we are hidden in Him, *Colossians 3:1-4 if then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. 3 For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.*

Because we are in Christ we are Holy. When we are obedient to Christ it is acceptable as a sacrifice to God. This is an act of worship, spiritual worship, because we have handed ourselves over to His Lordship, we have let Him be the potter and us the clay.

Verse 2 mentions that we are not to be the same as the world, we are not to let the culture around us to influence us, we are of a different culture, we are citizens of heaven and our culture is that of Christ and His kingdom. If anything, we should influence the culture. Sometimes we let the culture around us influence our theology, when really our theology should influence the culture around us. The old saying that we are 'in the world and not of it' is true. The verse goes on to say that we should '**be transformed by the renewal of your mind**', How is our mind transformed? It is transformed by Christ, when we take captive of our desires and replace them with Christ's. We start to cultivate the fruit of the spirit in our life. This also renews our mind, makes our thought those of Christ rather than those from the old nature that was crucified with Christ. A more comprehensive answer to this is found in Ephesians 4:22-32 *22 to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, 23 and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, 24 and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. 25 Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbour, for we are members one of another. 26 In your anger do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, 27 and give no opportunity to the devil. 28 Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labour, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. 29 Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. 30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. 31 Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamour and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. 32 Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.'*

And finally we come to the last part of these 2 verses which tells us that by doing the above we can discern God's will. To know His will is to know what God has called each of us to do, as individuals and as a body. When we let Christ be in charge we become what God has called us to become; an effective witness for Him so that others may come to know Him as their Lord and saviour. So keep being a living sacrifice. Let our Great God shape you into a vessel that will not only bring Him joy, but will bring others to the foot of the cross.

In Christ our redeemer Ps Jeff

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#ColourYourCommunityRed

May 18-24, 2020

Show your support and say

THANKYOU to VOLUNTEERS

during National Volunteer Week
How can YOU say thank you??

Tie something red to your home, office, letterbox,
fence or tree from Monday, May 18 to Sunday, May 24

Post a picture or get creative with a video and share
on social media using these hashtags;

#ColourYourCommunityRed

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CHANGING COMMUNITIES. WEEK
CHANGING LIVES.



Want to connect with
your church family?

Call Ps Jeff McGregor for a chat
0415 614 781

Call someone from your
church family and brighten their day

Church services are online;
www.livingwatersloxton and don't
forget to check out Ps Jeff's blog!!

Check out Living Waters on Facebook

Chat or video call on messenger

KYB is going 'live'; join us on
messenger. Call Cynthia for details
0455 900 142

Join Think Tank bible study via
Zoom, contact Heather
for more info: 0432 419 778

Join in the Zooffee chat with the
church ladies: for more details
on the next 'coffee date',
call Chioma, 0437 384 309



news from the **LEADERSHIP**

Living Waters' leadership is still very active
even though we are not meeting in the church

**Board meetings are
held first Wednesday
of each month
(via Zoom at the moment)**

**Some things we are working on
at the moment:**

- Replacement of the car park rear fence
- New signage at the front of the car park
- Appointment of an auditor for AGMs
- COVID restrictions and compliance and what that means for LWCC
- Online services

Want to know something?

We're here to help.

We encourage you to call Ps. Jeff, an elder or a deacon
if you have a personal or church matter you wish to discuss

Are numbers your 'thing'?

The board is seeking interest from any church member who would like to assist the Treasurer in the administration and function of the role of Treasurer

The Treasurer's role is a very important ministry of the church.

The role of Treasurer has become more extensive over the years as legislative requirements have increased.

The addition of a member of the church to assist in the role would allow for training in the role and to serve as a 'stand-in'.



For further information please contact Ps Jeff, Geoff Haddon, or the Elders

Prayer meeting Every month

First Friday of each month

from 7:30 pm (via Zoom)

Contact Richard Wood - 0438 847 718

for more details on login and password details

Join in a time of praising and seeking God

All welcome

Hi parents, care givers and kids!

Just a follow up to everyone re our Easter colouring competition.



Please encourage your children who received the Easter pack to do their very best colouring of the *He Is Risen* poster and either scan and email to admin@livingwatersloxtton.com.au (Or call Heather Webb on 0414942880 for collection by May 24.)

Ultimately we would like to display the originals in the church by Pentecost, Sunday, May 31.

Winners will be announced in our service – whether that be together at the church building – or online!

There will be some good prizes to win.
So make sure your kids get them done, and submitted!

Offerings &
missions support

Wondering how you can continue to give your tithes & offerings at this time?

You can contribute online. (see details below)

OR to make alternate arrangements,
Contact treasurer Geoff Haddon on
0402 207 331 for more details

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Mary Hutton

BSB: 105 059

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