

## Regular Activities

### Sunday Worship Service

Sunday 10am // 81 High St, Preston

### Bundoora

Thursday 10am (monthly) // A church service for residents at Bundoora Retirement Village

### Connect

Thursday 12.30pm // 81 High St, Preston  
Community lunch and food for thought

### Harbour

Tuesday 1pm // 81 High St, Preston //  
Discussion group and communion after the community lunch

### Thirst

Tuesday 7.30pm // small worship group featuring discussion, social interaction, prayer, meditation and supper – contact Roger on 9462 6260 for details

## Items for the Circle

The deadline for items to be included in the Circle is Thursday 5pm. Please leave printed submissions at the church office and send electronic submissions to [circle@nccc.org.au](mailto:circle@nccc.org.au). Comments and suggestions are also welcome.

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## Life Groups

Tuesday 6pm (fortnightly) // Matt & Ros's House // A group for learning more about the Christian faith. Runs to about 8pm and includes dinner. See Matt for details.

## Come Pray With Me

Normally the third Tuesday of every month 10.30am // The Nicholls Chapel // A time of prayer

## Christian Women's Fellowship (CWF)

Second Tuesday of the month, 1.30pm // Guest speaker and time of fellowship

## Furniture & Clothing Op Shop

Monday to Saturday 9.30am – 4.30pm

## Community Lunches

Monday – Thursday 12.30pm // 81 High St, Preston // \$4 for a two course meal

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## The Circle



July 16, 2017

About 15 years ago I was listening to a recording of Erwin McManus, and I was challenged to consider what my core values are. Not simply nice things to aspire to if I felt like it on any given day, but the non-negotiables of life.

So, in the months and even years that followed I started to reflect on, and map out what my core values might be. I took the time to consider how my faith in Jesus affected these values, and would I be prepared to pay the price if these values were challenged.

They started as values, which over time were refined and tweaked. They were discussed with key people in my life and were then given time to rest and prove themselves. When challenged, I would go back to them and consider if they were too restrictive, was I too dogmatic. Then after a few years of prayerful consideration, they moved from being just values to core values.

These have become values that I have shared with various people and ministry contexts. When facing difficult situations, my core values have brought clarity and confidence to make and stand by decisions – even when that has resulted in my concluding employment.

Have you ever stopped to consider what the non-negotiables or core values might be for you?

God bless, David

## Online Giving and Direct Deposits

**Account Name:** Northern Community Church of Christ

**BSB:** 703-810 | **Account Number:** 05300313

To receive a tax-deductible receipt at the end of the financial year, please include your name and 'TD' in the reference field and your gift will be directed through our Tax Deductible Trust Fund.

We respectfully acknowledge the Wurundjeri people as the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet.

## Winter Market Book Sale

We would like to thank everyone involved in the Winter Market and Book Sale on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July. Events like this don't happen without a team effort by many people. It was a wonderful day with local music, authors, books, clothes, stamps, plants and great food. The day was a big success with many new and familiar faces in the building contributing to the ongoing work of CareWorks. A total of \$2315 was raised.

## Service Theme

Today we transition from our Nehemiah series 'Rebuilding a Thriving Church and Neighbourhood.' The focus today will be on having a 'Predetermined Response' and how we respond to the challenges of life. There will also be a segment for the children. Next week, a new series will commence called 'Living Values'. We are now podcasting our messages! So if you miss a week, you can catch up by visiting the church website, going to iTunes podcasts and searching for 'Northern Community Church of Christ' or through Northern's new Facebook page.

## Musical Extravaganza

This will take place on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July. If there are any tickets left, they need to be booked promptly.

## Hot Seat Interview

**John and Pat Gluyas** will be interviewed by **Nola Millar** in the service today. Prayer will be offered for them. This is an opportunity to hear about some aspects of their life, faith and church involvement.

## Pick Up/ Deliveries Volunteer

We are looking for some volunteers to work with our UTE driver, **Allan**, for pick up and deliveries connected with the Op Shop. Volunteers could do one or two days a week or could join our emergency on-call team. This is a supervised role with training provided. If you or anyone you know may be interested please contact the office on 9484 4788 or email [officemanager@nccc.org.au](mailto:officemanager@nccc.org.au).

## Come Pray With Me

Come Pray With Me is a life group with a special focus on praying for our church and local community. Since prayer lies at the heart of our responsiveness to God, it'd be wonderful to see some more people attending this gathering regularly. We usually meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 10.30am in the Nicholls Chapel. Due to **Matt** being on leave for the next 2 weeks, Come Pray With Me will be held on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July this month.

## Birthdays & Other Celebrations

Happy Birthday to **Terry McCredden and Brenda Greer** for today. Happy Birthday to **Cameron Vinson and Shirley Tyzzer** for Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July.

## Pastoral News

Pray for **Matt, Ros and Tessa Jones** that they will be refreshed while away on their holiday. They return on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July.

Pray for **Mary and David Toscano** who have both been unwell since their arrival in Melbourne. Mary needed hospital treatment during the week. Pray for healing strength, encouragement and peace in settling into their new home. Pray for **Bev Mulholland** who has a dislocated shoulder. She will have surgery on her arm and shoulder on Tuesday. Pray for her healing and good recovery.

Pray for **Michael and Karen Ratcliffe** in Glasgow, Scotland, as they celebrate their first wedding anniversary today.

Pray for **Nazi and Morteza Esmail** as they face the challenges of waiting for their visa approval. Nazi has not been well. Pray that the approval process will happen soon and that it will go well for them. Many of our folk have succumbed to winter illnesses and colds. Pray for health and strength, and rest when it is needed for good recovery.

## Successful Collaboration

A loading bay has now been erected in Warrs Avenue outside the Op Shop, for deliveries and pick-ups. This is the result of successful cooperation between Darebin City Council, local neighbours and Northern Community Church. It is a win-win for all involved.

## Visit From Stones Restaurant

The team of chefs from Stones of the Yarra Valley will be coming to Northern this Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July for an Italian-inspired meal. Everyone is welcome at 12.30 to come for a delicious meal and meet the team in the hospitality area.

## Daily Prayer

As we conclude the series on Nehemiah, use these verses and thoughts to prompt your prayers. What is your part in helping Northern Community Church to thrive? Think about the neighbourhood in which you live. Is there a particular person or family you can pray for? 'O Lord, God in heaven, the great and awesome God who keeps his covenant of unfailing love with those who love him and obey his commands, listen to my prayer!' (Nehemiah 1:5-6) 'Do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.' (Neh 8:10) 'You are a God of forgiveness, gracious and merciful, slow to become angry, and rich in unfailing love.' (Neh 9:17) What lessons and encouragement will you take into your life from this series?

## Next Week's Roster / Sunday 23 July

Communion: Terry Prayer: Lyn Bible Reading: Amy Music: Victor (m/v), Israel (m/v), Athol (v), Dan (m), Ray (m) Sound & Vision: Ian (s) Steve (v) Helpers: Kevin, Pol, John P, Joe Counters: Ian, Kevin Communion Prep: Richard Welcome: Veronica & Lorraine Kitchen: Chris, Sam, Joanne Kids Church: No Kids Church



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