

## 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.

## Ministry Centre

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@NorthernCommunity

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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



September 10, 2017

## The Abundant Life

In John 10:10, during Jesus' teaching about being the good shepherd, he says 'I have come that they may have life, and have it abundantly'.

Does it surprise you today that God's plans for you are for abundance?

What has been your experience of this abundant life in Christ?

I have found that Christ's abundant life is not ultimately about material things. It is more about being open to receive what God is always giving us every day — mercy, security, peace, love, grace, wisdom, strength and the list goes on. When we commit to walk with Christ, these gifts from our good shepherd fill us and begin to flow over from our lives into others. We become humble stewards of these rich blessings from God.

In other words, we know we have an abundant life in Christ when we are sharing our life with others. When we have enough of God's blessings to share with others, and then we actually do it; that's when we truly have abundant life.

Let's abide with the good shepherd! Then when people are asking 'will there be enough?', we can share generously out of the abundance of what God brings, answering with a resounding 'Yes!'

'I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge – that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.' (Ephesians 3:17-19)

God Bless - Matt

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

## Online Giving and Direct Deposits

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

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

**Tax deductible donations:** **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.

## Sunday Lunch

Everyone is welcome to stay after the service and enjoy lunch together. Thanks to everyone who brought food and helped prepare – and thanks in advance to those who will assist with the clean-up.

## Future Forum

Next Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September, everyone is invited to stay after a short morning tea time and gather in the auditorium at 11.30am when **David** will lead a conversation about Northern's future.

## Keys For Building

If you have a key for the Northern building, and haven't already done so, please see **David Toscano** as the alarm codes have been changed, and you will not be able to access the building without a new alarm code.

## Sympathy

The sympathy of the church is expressed to the family of **Nancy Hall**, member of former Preston Church of Christ and then Northern Community, who died on Tuesday. Nancy had been a resident in Twin Parks Aged Care in Reservoir for a number of years. She was a woman of faith and prayer, and enjoyed receiving The Circle and visits. Funeral details are yet to be finalised at the time of printing. Please check the newspaper for further information.

## Pastoral News

**Bill Nash** had surgery to insert a stent during the week.

**Roy Weir** will have surgery on his foot tomorrow.

**Jean Weir** has an infection and is in isolation in Bundoora Extended Care.

**Nola Millar** has pneumonia and needs daily medical treatment.

**Pat Gluyas** has a challenge with glaucoma in her eye.

It was good to see **Glad Graham** and **Bev Mulholland** back in worship last Sunday.

## Lynette's away

**Lynette** will be away on holidays until Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October. If there are pastoral needs, please speak to **David or Matt**, or one of the pastoral care team: **Chris Doyle, Mary De Bono, Joe Gardner, John Gluyas, Pat Gluyas, Len Millar, Nola Millar** and **Lorraine Wollmer**.

## World Vision

Four Northern folk have donated \$5 or \$10 per month towards World Vision Child Support. Miraculously – with Northern's annual top up the sum of \$1,071 went to that Christian work in the last financial year. If you would like to contribute see **John Prideaux**. Tax receipts provided.

## Birthdays & Other Celebrations

Happy birthday to **Merle Glanvill** for Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September and **Lynette Leach** for Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September.

## CWF

The CWF meeting is to be held this Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September at 1.30pm in the church auditorium. **David Toscano** is the guest speaker.

## Safe Water September

Embodys annual fundraising challenge has started. During the month of September, hundreds of people across Australia will drink nothing but water to raise money for safe water projects around the world. That means no coffee, no tea, no soft drinks for the whole month of September. To participate, or support challenge takers in your local community, visit [safewaterseptember.org.au](http://safewaterseptember.org.au).

## Daily Prayer

Reflect on the Living Value – Generosity of heart. What does it mean for you to live generously? What are the signs of God's generosity? Ask for God's help to live and give in a generous way, which is not only about money (but does include money) but also time, hospitality, our home, our resources. Are there times when you have withheld your money, your time, your resources? Can you identify why? How is this Living Value expressed in Northern Community? The hymn 'When I survey the wondrous cross', finishes with these words: 'Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.' Make that your prayer.

## Prison Fellowship Week of Prayer

This week, running from today until next Sunday, Prison Fellowship is observing a special Week of Prayer. There are more than 10 million prisoners worldwide, with 7100 in Victoria alone. According to recent statistics, 43% of released prisoners will be back in prison within 2 years. The Week of Prayer reminds churches and communities of their role in restoring prisoners to help them reintegrate into the community, and is an opportunity to reflect on their ability to seek justice and restoration for all. This week, Prison Fellowship Victoria will join with local churches and the community to highlight opportunities to help those affected by crime, including prisoners and ex-prisoners, their families and those working with prisoners. As a church and a community organisation, this is an opportunity for us at Northern to reflect on how we can support those affected by crime in our community, and to remember them in our prayers.

## Next Week's Roster / Sunday 17 September

Communion: Lyn Prayer: Terry  
Bible Reading: John P  
Music: Matt (m/v), Victor (m/v), Israel (m/v), Dan (m) Sound & Vision: Campbell (s) Steve (v) Helpers: Kevin, Mary, George, Terry Counters: John P, Kevin Communion Prep: Marion  
Welcome: Ron & Mary  
Kitchen: Solita, Sharon, Veronica  
Kids Church: Ros



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