



joyfully trusting, following & sharing Jesus

## FOCUS ON: MISSION

We want to be a community of people joyfully trusting, following, and sharing Jesus. Jesus said "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning in Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high". (Luke 24:46-49)

We have the privilege and a great responsibility to partner with God in reaching our community with the gospel.

Autumn Mission

Women's event - Saturday 16th March
Men's event - Saturday 23rd March
Young adult event - Tuesday 26th March
Good Friday - 29th March
Easter Sunday - 31st March
Outreach dinner - Saturday 18th May
Hope Explored

Christianity Explored will be run as required later in the year.

### TRAINING FOR MISSION

(quarterly in church)

evangelism

Connect events and outreach events are wonderful but limited in effectiveness. The most effective evangelism happens through personal relationships and conversations. To help equip people to make the most of the opportunities that God provides for us, we will allow space for a regular spot in our church services, called 'Adventures in evangelism'.

### FOCUS ON: PRAYER

"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)
God has given us the wonderful privilege of prayer. Simply, prayer is speaking to God. But, more than that, prayer is a way for us to express our trust in God - that He is sovereign over all things and that we are dependent on Him. In 2024, there will be a number of initiatives to help us pray:



### MONTHLY PRAYER BREAKFAST

1st Saturday of the month 7:30am breakfast 8am-9am prayer

### **MINISTRIES**

We want to encourage all ministry leaders to ensure that ministry teams pray at the beginning and end of their ministry.



### **COMMUNITY GROUPS**

We want to encourage community groups to pray at least twice each week—once in response to hearing God's Word, and again for personal matters.

We will also encourage each community group to adopt a mission partner and commit to praying for them regularly.

### PRAYER OF THE MONTH

In the family news each month, one of the staff will choose a prayer, write about why it's worth learning, and encourage people to pray it regularly.

# SPECIAL EVENTS



KYCK 26th-28th April

**EQUIP for women Saturday 22nd June** 

Holiday Kids Club 10th-12th July



Confirmation Sunday - with Bishop Peter Lin Sunday 1st September

Women's weekend away
October 11th-13th

Partnership dinner Saturday 16th November

Gingerbread - ALL AGES gospel outreach Saturday 30th November



Carols on the Lawn
Saturday 14th December



### WEEKLY MINISTRIES

### **SUNDAY**

Sunday Kids at Hammondville 9am Sunday Kids at Moorebank 10am

### **TUESDAY**

Food pantry (fortnightly) 10.30am-11.30am



SRE in
Holsworthy PS
Nuwarra PS
Chipping Norton PS
Hammondville PS
Newbridge Heights PS
Holsworthy HS (fortnightly)

### **WEDNESDAY**

SRE in Wattle Grove PS



### **THURSDAY**

Women's community group 10am-12pm



Playtime - 10am-12pm ESL - 10am-12:30pm Friday Kids Club (K-6) - 4pm-5:30pm RAYG (7-12) - 7-9pm

Community groups also meet weekly during term time at various times and places

### COMMUNITY GROUPS

A Community Group is a small group seeking to help each other in joyfully, trusting, following and sharing Jesus, in prayerful dependence upon God's Word.

Our desire for each Community Group is that they will be a tangible way of loving and serving our brothers and sisters in Christ. As we seek to obey God's Word to love one another, in a Community Group we commit to reading the Bible, spending time with each other, to praying with each other, to serving one another, providing care for one another, checking up with one another if someone is away from the group or from church, and to encouraging people to trust and obey the Lord Jesus Christ.

To be in a Community Group is to be 'swimming between the flags'. Not only is it good for our spiritual health, as we grapple with how to apply the Bible to our lives, it is the best way to build relationships with other people and to experience the love and care of members of our church.

Evidence shows that people in community groups are more likely to:

- · have a higher attendance at church
- · feel like they belong in the church community
- · be involved in serving others with the gifts God has blessed them with.

Everybody wants to belong to a community. What a great blessing our Community Groups are.

Community groups mostly run on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, with a variety of men's, ladies' and mixed groups. Some groups meet during the day, while others meet in the evening. If you'd like to join a group, please speak to one of the staff and we will link you into a group.



### MISSION PARTNERS

James & Penny Serving in Eurasia with CMS





Josh & Nici (Ollie, Eva, Lily & George) Serving in South East Asia with CMS

Andy & Nicolle Donaldson (Josh & Isabelle) Serving at University of Sydney with Power to Change





Bec Zakhia (Josiah & Grace) Serving at Holsworthy High School with Gener8



The Preliminary Theological Certificate (PTC) aims to give students a solid introduction to the biblical, theological and historical foundations of the Christian faith. The first two units, Introduction to the Bible and Promise to Fulfilment provide the framework for the whole course, that of the unfolding revelation of God in the Old and New Testaments and God's work in this world focused on the Lord Jesus Christ.

The PTC units are arranged into three levels. There are six units in each level and students receive a certificate after the successful completion of each level. Although we recommend starting with Introduction to the Bible and Promise to Fulfilment, you are free to enrol in any PTC unit at any time. There is no requirement to complete all the PTC units in level 1 before attempting a level 2 or 3 PTC unit.

You can enrol and/or subscribe to study. Either or both options can be chosen. **PTC Enrolment** – for those wanting to formally study, take exams to consolidate their learning and work towards a certificate.

**PTC Subscription** – for those wanting extended access to unit material or who do not want to take exams. This option would especially suit Group Leaders and former students.

You are given access to the <u>PTC Online</u> which contains the online PTC course materials, including online PTC notes, quizzes and feedback.

Throughout 2024, we plan to study two PTC subjects:

### INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE

(1st term 2023)

Shows how the great themes of the Bible fit together into one story that spans both the Old and New Testaments. At the centre of the story is of course Jesus and this unit shows how God plan to redeem his people, which begins with promises to Abraham and continues through the fortunes of the nation of Israel, reaches its climax at the cross.

### **EPHESIANS**

(3rd term 2023)

Works through Paul's letter to the Ephesians, showing that God's intention is to unify all things in Christ. While we wait for this intention to be completely fulfilled, God has already provided a living demonstration of this unity in the church, in which the fundamental distinction between Jew and Gentile has now been overcome. The subject unpacks the implications of this unity for individuals, the church and the whole creation.

### STAFF TEAM



Stephen Cook Senior minister stephen@mhachurch.com 0402 903 323

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OFFICE HOURS
Monday & Tuesday 9am-1pm
Thursday 9am-4pm

### MINISTRY LEADERS

Sunday Kids - Sarah Barber 0428 905 273

> Friday Playtime - Thora Marsh 0411 488 584

Friday Kids Club - Sarah Barber 0428 905 273

> RAYG - Emily Cook 0468 330 029

SRE - Diane Whittle 0414 066 005

Food Pantry - Margaret Brown 0423 209 772

Men's ministry - Stephen Cook 0402 903 323

> Women's Ministry - Thora Marsh 0411 488 584

Safe Ministry - Jeremy Vickers 0419 495 580

> Young Adults - Dave Philpott 0419 984 105

Music 9am & 6pm - Josh Barber 0424 254 796

> Community Groups - Dave Philpott 0419 984 105

Music 10am - Amy Bosker 0401 726 963

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**Church Lunch / Dessert** 

All ages gospel outreach - Gingerbread

Parish Council

### **Gospel Outreach Dinner** 15 Mens breakfast 18 21 **Christianity Explored** 17 Parish Council **Church Lunch / Dessert** 26 22 Equip 27 Parish Council 30 **Church Lunch / Dessert**

**JULY** 

5 6 10-12 15 22 27 <b>28</b> 29	Term 2 ends  MHAC prayer breakfast  Holiday Kids Club Parish Council Term 3 begins Food and Fire mens' gospel outreach Church Lunch / Dessert Community group leaders meeting	3 MHAC prayer breakfast 11 Family Lord's Supper 17 Mens breakfast 23-25 Church weekend away - Waterslea 26 Parish Council

**AUGUST** 

29 Community group leaders meeting	
SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
1 Confirmation Sunday 7 MHAC prayer breakfast 9 Community group leaders meeting 16-18 Parish Council / Diocesan Synod 23-24 Diocesan Synod 27 Term 3 ends 29 Church Lunch / Dessert 30-04 LiT Spring - youth training conference	<ul> <li>MHAC prayer breakfast</li> <li>11-13 Women's weekend away</li> <li>Term 4 begins / Community group leaders</li> <li>Church Lunch / Dessert</li> <li>Parish Council</li> </ul>
NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
2 MHAC prayer breakfast 3 Hammondville family service 10 M'bank family service/Family Lord's Supper 16 Partnership dinner 24 Church Lunch / Dessert	<ul> <li>Community group leaders meeting</li> <li>Women's Christmas gospel outreach</li> <li>Carols on the lawn</li> <li>Parish council</li> </ul>

Term 4 ends

24/25 Christmas!

Regular font - for your information and prayers Bold font - for everyone's participation

### 2024 BIBLE TALKS

Jan 7 - Apr 14





May 5 - Jun 30

Jul 28 - Aug 18





Aug 25 - Oct 13

Oct 20 - Nov 10





Nov 17 - Dec 15

Term 1 & 2 hols



a world that

CMS SUNDAY

knows Jesus

lessons

Jul 7

Dec 22

