

Church News

Welcome to the weekly email



According to recent surveys the average person spends an estimated 45 to 62 minutes waiting every day. This means that over a life time of 70 years a person would spend around 3 years just 'waiting'. In one survey in Britain it was estimated that the average adult spent 67 hours a month standing in line. Over an average life time that is around five months simply 'waiting'. In another survey it was estimated that the average adult spends around six months of their lives waiting for traffic lights to change. Waiting can be frustrating but it can also be the cause of enormous worry and fear especially when an outcome is unknown and very significant. Think about students waiting for HSC results or a patient waiting for the results of cancer tests or a judgement in a costly legal case. This is a very different type of waiting.

Psalm 27 is a song written by a man who was in a horrible and stressful situation. He speaks of being attacked and besieged by people who wished him harm (verse 2 & 3). Even his closest relatives had turned their back on him (verse 10). He was filled with fear at what would happen to him in what had become an uncertain and hopeless future. However, the Psalmists insists that he would continue to trust in God's care and protection. The Psalm ends in verse 14 with these words, *'Wait for the Lord. Be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord'*.

Waiting in the Bible is more than merely 'putting up with' a situation that you can't change. The word 'wait' in verse 14 is used in other parts of the Old Testament for 'waiting in ambush'. For example Psalm 56:6 and 119:95. Someone who is planning to ambush another person waits in eager anticipation, watching constantly for the expected arrival of their intended victim. When the word is used of 'waiting' for God the meaning is to wait in eager anticipation of God to act. To wait for the Lord involves hope, confidence and an endurance that accepts that God's timing is always a better option than our own. This Sunday we are looking at Psalm 27. Why not take a moment now to read through the Psalm.

See you on Sunday

Chris
Senior Minister

January Services 2012



Services are back to 'normal' times from this week.

- 8.15am** Traditional Service
- 10.00am** Family Service
- 4.30pm** Point Church
- 7.00pm** Night Church

Lunches in January



Why not join us for lunch in January this Sunday?

Come along to the Chardon's home from **12.30pm** on **15 January** and also on **22nd January**. The meal is potluck which means you bring a dish along to share with everyone. To assist with catering please place your name on the list at the back of the church. We would love you to join us. Any questions then please contact Lyndel on 80335604 or 0414431189.

Men's Katoomba Convention 2012



Each year a group of men get together from our parish to attend Men's Katoomba Convention. So set aside **2nd to 3rd March for Men and Work**. MKC 2012 will be looking at what God thinks about work. So take a break from your normal work and join us up the mountain as Gary Millar and Paul Grimmond help us to unpack what work means for God and the Christian man.

Registration is \$70.00.

To Register Online at www.mkc.kcc.org.au; or complete a registration form (available from the back of the church).

Let us know if you are attending by filling in the list at the back of the church.

Pointchurch 1st Birthday

Celebrate Point Church's first birthday with us!

Afternoon tea provided. Party games for kids.

Sunday 5th February, 3:00pm

Followed by Point Church, 4:30-5:30pm

(dinner for kids provided after the service)

Contact: Geoff - 0435 126 121

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Point Church meets at:
58 Brays Rd, Concord.

Safe Ministry Training



It is this time of the year for Safe Ministry Training.

If you are involved in any form of children's ministry or youth ministry, from crèche to DNA, then you must have completed the Safe Ministry Training Course. Youthworks is running courses in March for those who need to do either the **Safe Ministry Course Part A and Part B** (this is for those who have not done the training before) and the **Refresher Course** for those who did their training 3 years ago. More details about times and venues can be found at Youthworks website <http://www.youthworks.net/events/march-safe-ministry-week>. Lyndel will also be running the Refresher course in early March for those who have completed their training 3 years ago and now need to do the update. If you have any questions then please contact Lyndel on 80335604 or 0414431189 or email her at lsdc@tpg.com.au.

Working Bee @ Holy Trinity for Council Clean Up



The Council Clean up for Holy Trinity is the week beginning 30 January. So to utilise this service we will be holding a working bee at Holy Trinity on **Saturday 28 January** from **8.30am to 11.30am**. So please mark this date in your diary and remember 'many hands make light work'.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Can all those involved in organising morning tea at church please remember that under no circumstances should peanuts or tree nuts be used in any food thank you.

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