



May 2025 Newsletter

Helping the people of Pakenham find life in Jesus



Welcome to our May Newsletter!

Spending time alone with God is a vital part of our Christian life.

Those who know us can tell if we practice this or not. The fact is, taking time to rest in His presence, read His Word and speak to Him in prayer is our source of new life. A life filled with peace and joy no matter what trouble comes our way. Many of us are too consumed by our busy lives and responsibilities to experience this. As a result, we easily neglect our time with God giving it a low priority. Easter often serves as a time to relax, but we may not spend enough of it with Jesus. Yet Jesus knows our need to be at His feet and continues to call us to himself.

May this be a month where we dedicate ourselves to this discipline and experience the many blessings that flow from it.

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2-1-2 Prayer Tool - 1 Timothy 2:1-2



We all know at least two people close to us, that need Jesus. This tool helps us to pray for **2** people, every **1** day, for **2** minutes. And as you do look for God-given opportunities to lead them to Jesus.

Sermon Series



This month Sana Raga will launch our new series working through the Old Testament book of Nehemiah.

We have so much to learn from this man of God who served his people so well. We will learn how to return to God as a community, rebuild and revive both physically and spiritually. We will see the importance of prayer, perseverance and reliance on God's power to overcome obstacles and achieve what seems impossible.

If you need a refresher, or to catch up on a sermon you missed, you will find all the messages on our YouTube Channel, via the website and on your favorite podcast channel.

4th May Sana Raga 'A Servant Leader's Prayer' Nehemiah 1:1-11

11th May - Mother's Day 'A Call to Discipleship' Luke 10:38-42

18th May TBA Michael de Kretser

25th May 'Prayer and Planning' Nehemiah 2:1-9

1st June 'Project Preparation' Nehemiah 2:10-20

Upcoming Events

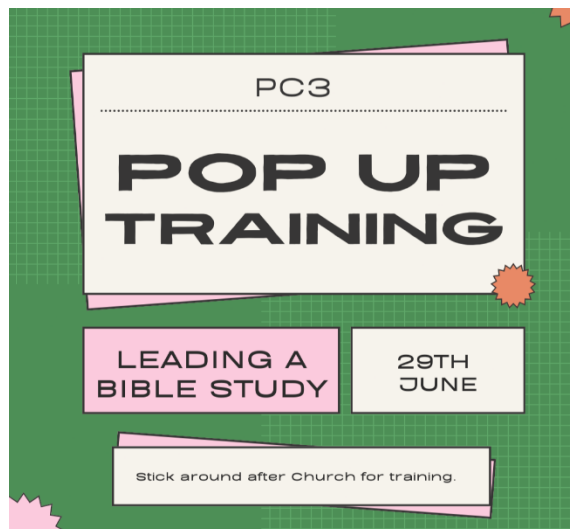


We hope that you will be able to join us on Sunday May 11th at 9am at 50 Lakeside Boulevard, Pakenham for our annual Mother's Day Breakfast. An opportunity to bless our Mum's and those special women in our lives with a delicious breakfast and great company. Gents, if you are joining us on this day, please see Sean de Kretser for ways you can help out in making this breakfast a real treat!

Hey PC3 Women,
Got a free Saturday morning? Check this one out. We hope to see you there!



Hi Everyone,
If you are keen to dig a little deeper into your faith, this one is for you. See you there!



Little Peas Playgroup runs on **Thursday mornings** from **10am until 12pm** during the school term at **Toun-Nun Family Centre (46 Fairweather Parade, Officer)**.

Please bring a water bottle and a gold coin donation along with you. Morning tea is provided.
For further details, please speak to Jenna Gould.

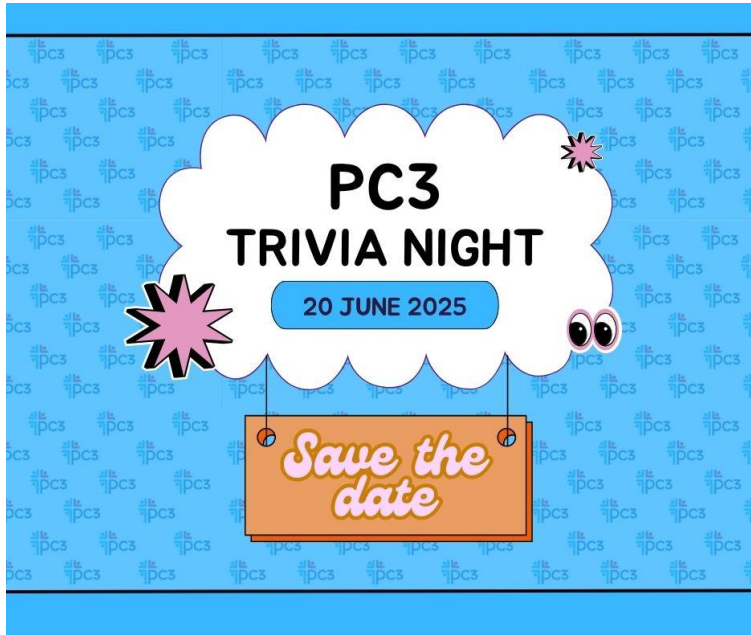
Youth Collective runs on **Friday evenings** from **7pm at The Shed (450 Cardinia Road, Officer South)**.

If you are between the ages of 13 and 18, please join us for fun activities, studies and great company.

Please keep an eye out for special events in our newsletter.

For further details, please speak to Charis Ormesher.





Get ready to put your knowledge to the test—PC3 Trivia Night 2025 is coming June 20th!

Gather your team, sharpen your wits, and prepare for an evening of fun, laughs, and friendly competition. Whether you're a trivia champ or just in it for the vibes, it's going to be a night to remember. Lock the date in your calendar - you don't want to miss out! We are also looking for people to donate items for our silent auction, if you have any items or contacts that can help out please let Brigitte or Kristy know. Thank you!



Thanksgiving Sunday is an opportunity for us as a church body to give thanks to God for all that he is doing and respond to God's love and grace in our lives. We will hear of blessings through testimonies, stories and God's word, from the youngest in our church through to the very wise. This will also be a chance to support some of our ministries here at PC3 and overseas, a time when we can pull together and create new opportunities for advancing God's work. Please pray that this service will be a great time of praise and thanksgiving, along with prayer about making an extra generous one off gift to God's work on Thanksgiving Sunday. The service will end with a meal we can share together to celebrate God's goodness and grace.

We are having a PC3 Twilight Fete on Sunday November 9th. Save the date in your calendar because it is sure to be a wonderful occasion.

In the meantime though, if you are a creator, baker, gardener or crafter, we would love to have your works and creations ready to sell on the day. The funds raised will go into funding PC3 and the works into our community.

Not a creator, baker, gardener or crafter? That's great too! We are going to need all hands on deck to make this one a success so please see Sami, Lucy or Jenna with any of your ideas or if you would like to volunteer to run a stall or game on the day.



If you find yourself needing a bit more notice or thrive with having a calendar on hand, jump onto the PC3 calendar to sync with your calendar app. Simply click on the following link:

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=pakenhamc3%40gmail.com&ctz=Australia%2FMelbourne>

Life Groups

Our Life Groups are the main way we grow as disciples of Jesus together. We open God's Word together, pray together, support each other, and think creatively about how we can get involved in God's mission to reach Pakenham for Christ.

Sunday

JAM kids

Every Sunday during the service (except during school holidays)

Contact Lynn de Kretser

Life Group 5

Every 2nd and 4th Sunday evening each month.

Contact Dan van Rossen

Wednesday

Life Group 4

Fortnightly on Wednesday evening, 7:30-9pm

Contact Sean de Kretser

Thursday

Life Group 1

Fortnightly on Thursday evening, 7:30-9pm

Contact Richard Schoenmaker

Life Group 2

Fortnightly on Thursday evening, 7:30-9pm

Contact Lesley Schoenmaker

Friday

Life Group 3

Fortnightly on Friday evening, 7:30-9pm

Contact David Barrot

Hope Builders

HOPEBUILDERS INTERNATIONAL BREAKING THE CYCLE OF POVERTY



www.hopebuilders.org.au

Short Term Team

Sept 18 - Oct 6th 2025

We are seeking people interested in being part of a short term team next year.

We will visit our projects as we immerse our self in Ugandan life and learn how we can be part of helping break the cycle of poverty. We will be involved in helping our teams at the Village of Hope, Youth Support Uganda and Home of Hope as we partner in bringing hope to the next generation of Ugandan young people

If this is something you are interested in please contact Glenn Dekker – glenn@hopeinthehills.org.au for more details and an expression of interest form

PC3's Faithful Volunteers



Thank you to all who have faithfully served PC3 over the past year! As you serve, we see God at work. We could not do it without you.

If you are not already, please consider joining one of our volunteer ministry teams. Speak with Pastor Richard or one of our leadership team.

	4 th May	11 th May	18 th May	25 th May	1 st June
Pastor	Sana Raga	Ps Richard	Ps Richard	Ps Michael de Kretser	Ps Richard
Call to Worship	Dave	Andre	Peter	Dan	Peter
Communion Set/Pack Up	Renee & Justin	-	-	-	Lucy
Second Offering	Reformed Theological College	-	Church Planting Taskforce	-	Solomon Islands Workgroup
Sound	Andre	Malachi	Riley	Andre	Malachi
Media	John	Sean	Dave	John	Sean
Music	Siska	Siska	Jenna	Siska	Jenna
Jam 1	Renee	Dads	Lynn	Renee	Charis
Jam 2	Janet	Riley	Anneke	Ansa	Riley
Greeter 1	Ian	Peter	Vivi	John	Kevin
Greeter 2	Mel	Lesley	Marius	Chris	Janet
Set Up/Morning Tea	Gould	Schoenmaker	Bond	De Haan	Madhavan
Pack Up	Schoenmaker	Bond	De Haan	Madhavan	Van Rossen
Notes	Lord's Supper	Mother's Day			Lord's Supper

Church Council Update

Dear PC3 Church Family,

We are praying you have all settled back in your routines after a relaxing holiday.

Pastor Richard opened our last Church Council meeting by reading the final chapter of the book **Enjoy Your Prayer Life**. Reminding us that prayer is the chief exercise of faith, which is exercising the belief that our almighty triune God is for us.

We are thankful and encouraged that our Dashboard showed good attendance and a good number of visitors at our services over the past month.

We heard reports from all our programs which again revealed we have a desperate need for more JAM teachers. We are actively inviting members to consider serving Jesus in this way. Can you please consider if you are able to, or if you can suggest someone suitably gifted we can ask.

Our finances remain a cause for concern and prayer. We have emailed out an update to all our members. Please prayerfully consider your level of giving. We are grateful to Pastor Richard and Lesley for being willing to work part time for the next few months.

We plan to have a "Thanksgiving Sunday" on the 20th July. It's a day where we will be given an opportunity to show our gratitude for God's gracious love and provision by donating to the ministries of PC3.

Please continue praying for us as we seek to serve you as faithful godly leaders.

Deacon's Dispatch

Greetings All,

Please let us know of anyone in our community that could do with some meals and we can activate the Meal Train. This is always a great way of practical support. We are looking forward to blessing the people of Pakenham this Saturday with the Giveaway. Thanks to those of you, who are coming along to help out on either Friday or Saturday, we really appreciate your help and it's great to see some new faces assisting us this year. As it is Election Day, we will be doing a sausage sizzle, so if you are out and about voting, please feel free to drop in and buy a sausage!

Blessings,
Justin, Renee & Lucy
PC3 Deacons

Youth Collective

As school holidays took up most of April, there's nothing really to report on from Youth. We went to Kemizo for term 1 break-up and we will be starting up for term 2 this Friday. I will be away for the month of May to recuperate and recharge and will be back in June. During this time, I will have limited access to my phone so please don't be offended if I'm not responsive to messages during my time away.

Blessings, Charis

Pop Up Update

It was such a brilliant time to see how going deeper in relationships both at church and with our neighbours is an extension of the Church and love of God. It was great to be able to practically put that into practice with those who attended. I enjoyed getting to know others in the Church better than I had before. This month we will be having a guest coming from the Bible League to talk to us about Prayer. Prayer is VITAL to the life of a Christian and the Church Community this is a great opportunity to dig deeper in this area as a Church family.

Blessings,
Charis

Little Peas Playgroup

Hi everyone,

April has been a blessed time for the Little Peas team to recharge for term 2. We are really excited to be starting again on Thursday the 1st of May. We have been blessed to be able to continue our rental of the Community Room at Toun-Nun Family Centre in Officer and hope it will be another great term for everyone.

If you are around and available on Thursdays at 10am, we would love for you to join us for a cuppa and chat.

Blessings,
Michelle and Jenna

Soul Enrichment

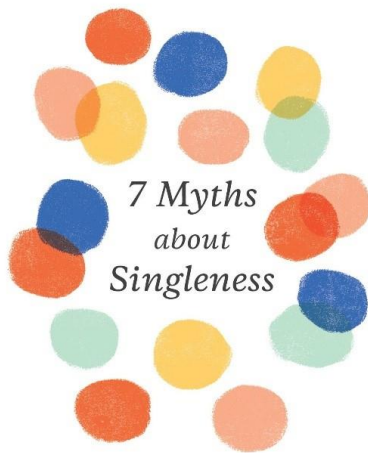
In Luke 10:38-42 we find the account of Jesus visiting with His two friends Mary and Martha. Martha spends all her time distracted by getting everything ready for Jesus and His followers. Mary, on the other hand, is sitting at Jesus feet listening to His teaching. Before long Martha expresses her frustrations to Jesus. In verse 40 she says; *"Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"* Jesus answer helps us understand the benefits of spending regular time at His feet. Please consider the following four truths.

- 1. SERVING IS NOT WRONG.** Jesus' whole ministry on earth was serving others. However, He spent a great deal of time alone with His Father. He teaches us that if we don't, we will end up doing everything in our strength.
- 2. WE NEED TO HEAR FROM GOD FIRST.** If we prioritise the Word of God in our lives we will joyfully serve Him. Martha was so distracted by serving, she lost sight of who she was serving, and it became a burden. If she spent time at Jesus' feet first, her serving would have been a joy.
"We need to have a Mary heart in a Martha world." (Joanna Weaver)
- 3. IT SHOWS WE KNOW WHO HE IS.** Being at a person's feet is very significant. Many people spent time at Jesus feet while He ministered on earth, a synagogue leader with a sick daughter, a women healed by touching Jesus, a mother with a demon possessed daughter, a demon, a healed leper. Being at the

feet of Jesus is an act of worship and giving Him the same honour reserved for God. It is declaring Jesus is God and worthy of our worship. Mary was not lazy, she recognised who Jesus is and put Him first. Martha did recognise Jesus later, when she declared; "Yes, Lord, "I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world." (John 11:27)

4. IT SHOWS WE TRUST HIM. When Mary was at Jesus' feet she showed a sense of quiet trust. She rested in Jesus' presence and did not worry about all the things that had to be done. Mary was so focused on all the work and so irritated with Mary she took her anger out on Jesus – the One who came to spend time with her. The fact is, even if Mary was helping her, she would still be worried and stressed.

This month's MUST READ:



Sam Allberry

7 Myths about Singleness

Sam Allberry dispels common assumptions about singleness – that it is primarily about the absence of good things like intimacy, family, or meaningful ministry.

The Bible paints a very different picture of singleness: it is seen as a positive gift and a blessing from God. Allberry provides a pastoral guide to correct this and help the Church live like the family of God.

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Giving

Thank you to all those who generously give to our Gospel Work!

We believe regular, joyful, and sacrificial giving is our act of worship to a God who has so sacrificially given to us. As we give, we proclaim our faith to God as our Provider and the Lord of our lives. Your generous giving supports our mission to reach Pakenham with the Gospel.

If you would like to give, you can do so in the following ways:

General Fund

Bank: West Pac
BSB: 033-341
Account number:
505817
Account name:
Pakenham Christian
Community Church

Building Fund

Bank: West Pac
BSB: 033-126
Account number:
616792
Account name:
Building Fund

In Person

Donations can be made
in the offering bag
passed around during
the closing song.

