



## September 2025 Newsletter

*Helping the people of Pakenham find life in Jesus*



### **Welcome to a new month in the life of PC3!**

Don't you love September? It's a beautiful month marking the beginning of spring.

Bringing warmer temperatures, longer days, and glorious budding plants. It's a wonderful time to enjoy renewal and explore the great outdoors. It brings so much promise. Reminding us that we are in the "Safe Hands" of our Heavenly Father, our loving Provider. King David describes it this way:

*One thing I ask of the LORD, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple. For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his tabernacle and set me high upon a rock. (Psalm 27:4-5)*

As we have been seeking God's direction and provision for PC3 these past weeks, I sense God is calling us to remember we are in His Safe Hands and as we draw near to Him, and each other, He will provide growth. All we need to do is hear, trust and obey.

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# August, What a Month!

## PC3's Men's and Women's Night

On Friday night the men gathered in Dan's shed to enjoy each other's company, whilst eating pizza. They came up with some great ideas for future men's nights. Some of the PC3 women got together on the same evening at Jenna's house to make terrariums for the upcoming fete. Lots of fun was had and over 20 terrariums were created!

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us! If we missed you this time, we hope to see you at the next one.



## Games Night 3.0

Thank you to everyone who joined us for Games Night. We had a ball challenging each other to Mexican Trains, Pot and many other games. A night that will be remembered for great conversations, laughs and snacks. We hope you will all be able to join us for the next one.

# Sermon Series

## GALATIANS

The Gospel  
that brings  
FREEDOM

This month we will continue our Freedom series working through the letter to the Galatians. We will explore the Gospel of Grace, Freedom, Justification and Faith. We will see how the apostle Paul defends the true gospel against false teachings and emphasises living a life transformed by Faith in Jesus Christ.

*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.*

**7th September - Father's Day -**

'The Heart of the Gospel' Galatians 2:11-16

**14th September** 'Justified by Faith Alone' Galatians 2:17-21

**21st September** 'Receiving the Spirit'

Galatians 3:1-5

**28th September** TBA

**5th October** 'Living by Faith' Galatians 3:6-14

# Upcoming Events

## Father's Day Breakfast

Sunday  
September 7th

Starting at 9am  
with the service to  
follow at 10am.

All Welcome!





**CHAT ENCOUNTER  
CULTURE CAMP**  
FOOD SPORT ART MUSIC YARNS



**What is a CHAT Encounter Culture Day Camp?**

CHAT Camp is a four day program built to encourage and teach us how to have respectful and curious conversations with people different to us. .  
Enjoy yummy food, sport, basketball, dance and drama, play djembe drums, make new friends, win prizes and share the experience of different cultures whilst we learn how to show respect and curiosity towards one another.



Each day builds on the last, with a performance , sideshow alley carnival games & sausage sizzle for the family on the last day. So make sure you come to all four days to rehearse !

**Your local camp with a difference!**

**LOCATION** PAKENHAM Baptist Church Community Hall , 1 Bentley Court, Pakenham

**WHEN** 9am-3:30pm on Mon 22nd Sept - Thurs 25th Sept -1st wk of school holidays

**WHO** Grades 4-8 (co-ed)

**HOW MUCH** **EARLYBIRD \$70** (or \$80 after 7<sup>th</sup> Sept) per lid for all **4 days** including morning tea, lunch & afternoon tea (family discount)

**ENQUIRIES** Samantha Bond 0468 314 499 E: [samantha.bond@suchaplaincy.org.au](mailto:samantha.bond@suchaplaincy.org.au)  
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The Fete is well on track for November but we are need of some helping hands. If you are able to assist us with any of the following, please see Lucy, Sami, Lesley or Jenna:

- Bakers of Sugar Cookies or Scones
  - Tables or Gazebos
  - Volunteer Face Painters

On the day, we will have the following stalls: Christmas Gifts, Baking, Lollies, Plants and Trash or Treasure. If you have items you can contribute to any of these stalls, please save, collect or create them for the day. There will be more to come as we draw closer.



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 Andre van der Walt.

## CRCA Women's Real Retreat

Greetings fellow CRCA churches,  
**Real Retreat 17 - 20 Oct 2025 | Update and Live Stream Registration**

In person registrations for the 2025 Real Retreat are now FULL. If you would like to go on the waitlist for a place please email us at [realwomensretreat@gmail.com](mailto:realwomensretreat@gmail.com).

Want to join us online? Sure! We are offering Live Stream registration for all the talks on Friday 7:30pm, Saturday and Sunday 9am - 12:30pm and Monday 9 - 10am.

Register at [www.crcarealretreat.com](http://www.crcarealretreat.com)

Watching as a group? Email the committee for group discounts.

Erica Pugh,  
on behalf of the Tasmanian Real Retreat Organising Committee 2025

## Katova High School Project - Newsletter

Hi Everyone,

The Solomon Islands Workgroup has had an amazing project running where they have been able to see the school up and running with students on site and learning. To check out the latest, please click the link below to their September Newsletter.

[Katova High School Project - September 2025](#)

# PC3's Faithful Volunteers



Thank you to all who have faithfully served PC3! 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.

	7 <sup>th</sup> September	14 <sup>th</sup> September	21 <sup>st</sup> September	28 <sup>th</sup> September	5 <sup>th</sup> October
Pastor	Ps Richard	Ps Richard	Ps Richard	TBA	Ps Richard
Call to Worship	Dan	Dave	Andre	Dan	Dave
Communion Set/Pack Up	Lucy		-	-	Lucy
Second Offering	-	Solomon Islands Workgroup	-	Reformed Theological College	-
Sound	Malachi	Andre	Riley	Malachi	Andre
Media	Sean	John	Dave	Sean	Kristen
Music	Jenna	Siska	Siska	Siska	Siska
Jam 1	Sam	Anneke	School Holidays	School Holidays	School Holidays
Jam 2	Ansa	TBA	School Holidays	School Holidays	School Holidays
Greeter 1	Kevin	Lesley	Vivi	Kevin	Ian
Greeter 2	Janet	TBA	Marius	Janet	Mel
Set Up/Morning Tea	Bond	Gould	Madhavan	Schoenmaker	Van Rossen
Pack Up	Gould	Madhavan	Schoenmaker	Van Rossen	Bond
Notes	Lord's Supper Father's Day				Lord's Supper

## Church Council Update

Dear PC3 Church Family,

We hope you are all prayerfully considering the future of PC3 and your part in the Gospel work here.

At our last Church Council meeting we continued our study on what it means to be a Missional Community. We looked at our need to learn from what Jesus did just as much as what He said. The Gospel accounts show how He brought people together around meals. How meals together build connection, community and growth.

Our Dashboard of the last six weeks show all our spiritual indicators are still down. And at our recent AGM we did not have the numbers to approve the Budget. This is of grave concern to us and is why we are seriously seeking God for direction and provision. Please join us in praying that we will be more committed and active in the life of PC3 and more partners in the Gospel will join us to share the load.

We are thankful that last month we had many opportunities to join in fellowship. We pray this will continue and more of us will join in to be encouraged and strengthened in our relationships.

As yet we have not received any nominations for one Elder and two Deacons to replace Peter Noorbergen, Renee and Justin De Haan. Please prayerfully consider suitably qualified people to fill these important roles.

We are still desperately in need for more JAM helpers. Please pray God will raise up those He has chosen.

To reach out to our local community we encourage you all to consider volunteering for Bless Collective and look for other ways we can reach out and help our community.

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

# Deacon's Dispatch

Greetings All,

We are hoping to support Bless Collective this year for their annual Christmas food drive. They are specifically after:

- Pasta Sauce
- Boxes of Cereal
- Long life Milk

At the beginning of October a box will be placed in the foyer at church, where these items can be placed. In the meantime, maybe add one of these items to your shopping list this month.

The meal train can always be set up quickly, so please let us know if you know of anyone in our community who could do with some help in this practical way.

Blessings,  
Lucy, Justin & Renee  
PC3 Deacons

## Soul Enrichment

Because the first Sunday of this month is Father's day we want to promote the work of Focus on the Family. You may have heard that the founder, Doctor James Dobson has just passed into glory after a lifetime of serving families in Jesus name.

Our friend David Sollbeger, from the Pakenham Baptist Church, has taken on the role of Focus on the Family, Family Champion Facilitator. He has provided us with great resources for families.

My favourite is the Dads Toolkit. If you would like to see it follow the link below. <https://families.org.au/download/dads-toolkit/>

## 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.





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