



St Petri

music team

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FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

“Success in music ministry depends on us keeping relationship with God as our highest calling and then staying focused on the work He has called us to do.” Marie Wise

I have been involved in music ministry for some forty years and over that time I've seen people come, invest heavily, then leave, often burnt out by the demands and scope of the ministry. Music ministry is demanding - all those rehearsals, planning, training, finding and learning new music, upskilling... you know what I mean. It's so easy to get caught up in the building that one can easily neglect the foundation.

In her Christian Musician's Devotional, Marie Wise equates the modern church music ministry to skyscrapers:

“When we want to build a skyscraper, the foundation is quite different because the buildings are expected to resist earthquake, fire, and wind. The extra weight of the large building and the necessity of protecting the large number of occupants cause us to dig down to bedrock before attempting to create the foundation. Then we use large steel footings and beams which are reinforced with rebar for added strength. Skyscraper foundations are often five stories or more deep.”

Most of us want our ministries to be as large as skyscrapers. We have all seen what happens when skyscrapers collapse, both actual buildings and large ministries. Frequently the cause of the collapse is a foundation that is not strong enough to support the weight of the structure through the ever-changing conditions around it. If, in this analogy, the skyscraper is our ministry it must be built on the foundation of the strength of our spiritual life, which must be set on the bedrock of Jesus.”

Christ is described 13 times in the Bible as the cornerstone; the stone placed in the corner to both sustain the building and hold together two walls. It is a type of Christ who joins us together as Christians, into one body dedicated to God. A strong foundation starts with a deep and ever-growing relationship with God - there is no substitute for it. It must be worked on daily, consistently and with intention.

Our recent 'All In' was a time of building: learning and reinforcing skills, getting to know one another better, making new friends and investing in the vision we have for communal worship at St. Petri. But all of that will be in vain if we neglect to build a strong and firm foundation that rests on our Cornerstone, Jesus Christ. We know that you are people who love God and encourage you to keep growing in your relationship with Him (and one another). Thank you for your steadfast commitment to the music ministry at St. Petri and for helping us build a strong foundation as we seek to bring the light and life of Christ to our community. Blessings, Robyn

THANKS:

It was heartening to see an almost full-house at our recent 'All In'. We had a fantastic day being gently and encouragingly guided by Andy V., Andy L. and Darren. A summary pack will be coming your way shortly with resources and feedback from the day.

WHAT'S HAPPENING:

We're busy planning the 150th Anniversary of St. Petri. It is our intention to have a choir sing at both services and we'd love to have you involved. More details will be coming out shortly so please keep an eye out.

BIRTHDAYS:

3rd July - Peter Kroehn
4th July - Kathy Liersch
11th July - Tom Krahling
19th July - Emilie Hanckel
20th July - Sarah Minge
26th July - Robyn Markey
27th August - Sonia Geyer
29th August - Leanne Kitson