



# St Petri

## music team

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### WHAT'S HAPPENING

- ❖ Have you noticed our new 10.30 Music Team logo? Thank you Mitch Kitson for the great design.
- ❖ Welcome to new/returning members Tom Krahling and Kathy Liersch who have joined the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday music team.
- ❖ If you missed the last *All In* at Markey's place you probably didn't get the 10.30 Music Team's new Vision & Expectations brochure. It's a handy little document that sets out our vision for the ministry. Hard copies are available from the church office and digital copies can be found on the St. Petri website ([http://stpetri.org.au/?page\\_id=1048160](http://stpetri.org.au/?page_id=1048160) - or click on the 'Community Song' tab on the home page).

### COMING UP

#### 23 October:

Dan, Anneka & Landon are being confirmed - a great opportunity to support our younger team members in their faith journey.

#### 26 November:

*All In* at the Kroehn's. Keep an eye out for your invitation - coming soon.



### FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Hey everyone, since becoming the leader of the new youth band, I've had to think carefully about what songs to choose for the band. Here are some thoughts about why I think we have music at church and what I think is important.

- Why do we have music at church? God tells us to. There are many points in the Bible where God says to use song and dance to worship him.
- We like how it sounds. People have different tastes and like particular sounds. But overall, it can be said that everyone does like hearing music of some description.
- We can express ourselves in a unique way. If you had a church service without any music, it would be a bit hard to connect emotionally and maybe spiritually, depending on who you are. Some people (probably most of us musicians) need music to help them enter the right headspace for church.
- It unites us. When we sing a song that everyone knows and believes in, you get a church that is great to be a part of.

When we choose songs for our bands, we need to consider that final point most of all. And when we play and sing them in a service, we need to make sure that anyone would find it easy to follow along.

**What are the songs that unite St Petri?** Most likely are songs that are easy to sing and have a relatively simple structure (verses, choruses, bridges), or those we've played often enough that the people know them well. As a church, we need to make sure the music we play encourages congregational singing.

**Why is congregational singing important?** Not all worship music is designed for groups of people to sing. A lot of the newer, popular stuff can actually be quite hard to sing because they're meant to be performed. There's a major difference there, and I think it's something worth thinking about. It comes back to that idea of unity. If it's a really great worship song but only a handful of people can actually hit the notes, it might be better to choose something else. We often want to search for new songs to introduce. This might work really well, and you might discover a new St Petri favourite. But it's important to remember your roots too, remember those songs that everyone sings together. I think we need to have a bit of both. I'm interested to hear your thoughts. What are your favourite worship songs? What are those songs that people at St Petri seem to sing a bit louder and more confidently? **In Christ, Mitch**