



St Petri

music team

May/June 2017

FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Music and singing in Jesus' presence is God driven and people focussed. Our role in it is a privilege to be enjoyed more than a right to be demanded.

It is the Holy Spirit after all, who calls us into his community in Baptism. It is Jesus who calls you to the task of supporting his people in song, and gives you the skills and experience to use his gifts wisely and carefully with creativity, and most of all joy.

The gifts the Spirit gives and the experience he shapes us in are never only for the wellbeing or satisfaction of the musician or singer. Everything he has gifted you with to sing or play, along with all the experiences - good and bad - of playing and singing among God's people (or anywhere else), has been given so that you give the glory to Him. He gives his gifts so we are well equipped to serve his people in the public worship gathering. He serves his people through singers and musicians like us!

And this serving in joy is all about movement. The Spirit moves his people from one thing to the next in the rhythm of worship. Let's break it down.

GATHERING: Music and singing play a big part in helping people actually **be present** in the worship gathering. They come from their homes, their cars, their relationships, their hassles, their burdens and their pride to the public gathering in Jesus' presence. They need help to truly be engaged in what God is doing for the holy hour and a bit!

WORD: God's people need to **hear God's voice**, sense his presence, receive his holy touch and respond a little before coming to that first high point of worship, which is the hearing of the Word. Music and song can help them get ready and be open to hearing Jesus speak in his Word.

MEAL: Then we can help people respond with some **words of faith** or giving of their first fruits in the offering. Then music can assist a person to **pray** and prepare to get up to that second high point - that second encounter with the resurrected Jesus - **Holy Communion**.

SENDING: Music can then help people respond to the great gift of God's grace given in the holy meal and **receive his blessing** as he sends us into study, family, work and life in general where he continues to work through them.

So, help them move when you pick and play songs. You are being part of the Spirit's work of moving God's people from death to life, from doubt to faith, from fear to freedom! **It's all about movement.**
Blessings, Ps. Adrian

THANKS:

- ❖ Well done to all those involved directly or indirectly in our Easter services. All up, over 1000 people attended the five services across the weekend with great feedback from regulars and visitors alike.
- ❖ Thank you for responding so positively to the restructure of our teams. The new teams kick in this month and we pray God's blessing and guidance as we take this next step in our journey together.

WHAT'S HAPPENING:

PLEASE NOTE: The ALL IN planned for May 27th has been rescheduled to **June 24th**. Please save the date as we would like each and every team member to attend if possible. More details about this and the program for the day coming soon.

BIRTHDAYS:

3rd May - Bobb Traeger
12th May - Quentin Falkenberg
22nd May - Luanne Gates-Atwood
29th May - Marg Schutz
31st May - Naomi Ridley
2nd June - Frank Gallasch
6th June - Dan Kitson
12th June - Landon Schutz
22nd June - Rosie Edwards