

It is good to be gathered around God's powerful Word and God's community of faith where he has placed us. Welcome to St Petri and welcome to a moment with the Spirit and his Word sounding into your life!

We all have our moments of what is called a 'Presence Crisis'. A 'Presence Crisis' is not so much about being unsure as to whether or not God is present, but more to do with asking whether or not the Lord is still FOR you.

Moses and God's people are in such a presence crisis as they recover from their grave sin of worshipping that golden calf.

Moses, as usual, is speaking with the Lord about this crisis of presence. The Lord has

already relented on his earlier judgement to wipe out the people and start again with Moses. But something has changed. The Lord now says that it will not be he himself who goes with the people on the journey to the promised future, but a mere angel.

Moses shows the heart of what it means to live with faith in the Lord when he does not settle for this. He speaks boldly, freely, humbly and yet openly to the Lord. He says that he and the people need only one thing for the journey. They don't need lots of things, or safety or security or even blessing as much as they need the Lord himself – his loving presence.

In simple words, Moses shows us how we live in any presence crisis. He shows us that **the main**



thing to seek is not what God can do for us but God himself. Moses will settle for nothing less than the Lord and his presence and character and promises. He wants the Lord more than what the Lord can do or give.

May you seek the Lord and nothing less this weekend.

Pastor Adrian

Worship @ Home Order (website or dvd)

stpetri.org.au (Service order is online and in bulletin available on website)

HOME OR GROUP WORSHIP

Sunday 18th October 2020

20 Pentecost

Pastor Adrian Kitson

WELCOME

CALL TO PRAYER

P: You have turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God,

C: **and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead.**

(1 Thessalonians 1:9,10)

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

C: **Amen.**

WE SING *LHS 377 Take my life and let it be*

**Take my life, Lord, let me be
now your servant faithfully.
Take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of your love;
Take my feet, and make them, too,
swift and beautiful for you.**

**Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my king.
Take my lips, and fill them, Lord,
with the message of your word.**

**Take my silver and my gold,
nothing, Lord, let me withhold.
Take my intellect, and use
every power as you shall choose.**

**Take my will and purpose, too;
they belong, my Lord, to you.
Take my heart; It is your own,
it shall be your royal throne.**

**Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at your feet its treasure-store.
Take myself, and I will be
yours alone, eternally.**

*Frances Ridley Havergal
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WE PRAY, 'LORD HAVE MERCY'

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God:

Have mercy on us.

Lord Jesus Christ, Rest of God:

Have mercy on us.

Lord Jesus Christ, Peace of God::

Have mercy on us.

WE PRAY AN PRAYER FOR THIS DAY

The Lord be with you

And also with you

GOD SPEAKS HIS WORD: WE LISTEN

Exodus 33:12-23 The Lord shows his glory to Moses

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

WE LISTEN TO THE MESSAGE

WE PRAY FOR THE CHURCH, THE WORLD AND EACH OTHER

WE SING *Bless the Lord (10,000 Reasons)*

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;

Worship His holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul;

I'll worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up

it's a new day dawning,

it's time to sing Your song again.

Whatever may pass,

and whatever lies before me,

let me be singing

when the evening comes.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;

Worship His holy name.

***Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship Your holy name.***

**You're rich in love
and you're slow to anger
Your name is great
and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness,
I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons
for my heart to find.**

***Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship Your holy name.***

**And on that day,
when my strength is failing,
the end draws near,
and my time has come;
still, my soul will sing
your praise unending
ten thousand years,
and then forever more.**

***Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship Your holy name.***

***Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship Your holy name.***

**Worship Your holy name
Lord, I'll worship Your holy name**

*Words and Music by Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman
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WORD OF BLESSING (1 Thessalonians 1:9,10)

Go in his peace.
Amen.

SUNDAY MORNINGS 9.30 AM

Worship (service of the word)

WEDNESDAY MORNING 10.00 AM

Holy Communion Service
First & Third Wednesday in the Church

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS 7.00 PM

Worship Service - Will be filmed.
**Holy Communion immediately after filming
Second & Fourth Wednesdays in the Church**
Welcome to attend as congregation.

WORSHIP AT HOME

Recorded worship service available across the weekend. Holy Communion for small groups available upon request.

At the Wednesday evening worship, starting 14th October, we will be offering Holy Communion at the end of the filming service. This will be every Second & Fourth Wednesday of the month.

IF YOU HAVE ANY CONCERNS ABOUT RETURNING TO WORSHIP, PLEASE DO NOT FEEL OBLIGED, ONLY DO WHAT IS OK FOR YOU, BUT WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU!



A stitch in time builds lives

Read this week's story at www.lca.org.au/sow

At the Lutheran Community Sewing Group, a volunteer team supports and teaches migrant women not only how to sew, but how to be loved and to make sense of an alien world. 'The most important thing we do is equip the women with skills and confidence', coordinator Helen Semmler says. Visit www.lca.org.au/sow to read the story and find promotional resources to share with your congregation and friends.



Messy Church Facilitator

Our mission is to share the love and hope of Jesus Christ with everyone.

We are aiming to more fully engage with our Messy Church community

We are seeking applications from people who can join us to further develop the Messy Church mission as they coordinate the preparation of Messy Church, recruit volunteers and work with leadership to develop evangelism and discipleship initiatives.

This is a .2FTE two year contract with the possibility of longer tenure. The successful applicant would be welcomed as an integral part of our supportive staff team environment.

Role Description and other info available from our Office: 08 8562 1011.

Applications can be sent to childyouthfamily@stpatri.org.au

Applications close Wednesday November 11, 2020.



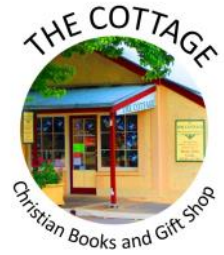
RENEW camp is a weekend camping ministry program for young adults across the LCA SA-NT District, held annually in February.

Applications for the role of camp director in 2021 are currently open. If you feel called to serve in this ministry, please contact one of our Blueprint Ministries team at admin@blueprintministries.org.au or head to <https://www.blueprintministries.org.au/camps/renew-2/> for more information. Applications close Sunday 8th November.

The Cottage Christian Books and Gift Shop

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Email: cottage@stpetri.org.au



“SALE TIME”

- 1. The 20% OFF Sale is on right now**, until the end of October; our Christmas stock is scheduled to arrive late October/early November, so we're making some extra room.
(Exceptions for this sale are: the card range; already discounted stock; selected new lines; Family History books)
- 2. We continue to rebuild our stock with a range of interesting, thoughtful and quality books.** Don't forget, we can order that special Christian book in for you at Adelaide prices; we can save you time, fuel and parking costs!
- 3. Now is a good time to think about a Cottage GIFT CARD** - these CARDS are available right now as a combination of \$5, \$10, \$20, and \$50 values.
- 4. A conversation and story on adoption**
Trish Townsend, local author, will meet us again in The Cottage on Saturday morning 24th October at 10.30am.
She will happily share her story of adoption in a faith-filled family while seeking out the truth of her biological parents.
She appreciates that every person's journey in and through adoption is quite unique. There can be some good and not so good moments.
This gathering will be capped at 6 people. Please let the Cottage know (8562 4631) if you would like to be a part of this time. A flow-on opportunity will be created if needed.
- 5. We can happily take on two more volunteers for a short term commitment** - from now until Christmas. Please pop in and introduce yourself at The Cottage. We're looking for warm, friendly, confident, happy to serve, happy to be 'alive in Christ' people to join the Cottage Team.

Trading Hours
Monday - Friday
9.30 am - 4.30 pm
Saturday
9.30 am - 12 noon

Chris
The Cottage
Bookshop Manager



The COVID-19 global pandemic has disrupted everyday life in some way for nearly everyone on the planet. Yet, Samaritan's Purse continues to share the eternal hope of the gospel and to serve in Jesus' name.

SAMARITAN'S PURSE

Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse, is a practical way for Australians to bless children in need around the world by filling shoebox gifts with toys, hygiene items, school supplies and other fun gifts. Through a volunteer network across the country, the project plans to collect shoebox gifts during National Collection Month, October 2020.

Looking forward to the coming season, the ministry is monitoring local, state, and national guidelines and making adjustments to help protect the health of everyone involved in collecting and processing shoebox gifts.

In 2019, over 273,000 shoeboxes were packed in Australia and New Zealand, and over 10 million packed worldwide. The shoebox gifts were delivered to over 100 countries across the world, including our 2019 focus countries of the Philippines, Fiji, Papua New Guinea and Cambodia.

To start packing, individuals and families can use a shoebox from home or pick up pre-printed Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes at St Petri Lutheran Church, Nuriootpa or the Christian Community Hub, Tanunda. For any inquiries, please call 1300 884 468 or contact the OCC local representative Karina Schaefer 0417 816 272. This year, Operation Christmas Child is also launching an exciting opportunity to pack a shoebox online. Visit operationchristmaschild.org.au to find out more about this convenient and personal way to give shoebox gifts directly from home.

Pack a shoebox today and be a part of this life-changing project.

Honey Biscuit Bakers

St Petri Women's Fellowship are calling for those who can bake honey biscuits, or would like to give it a go. They are required for Christmas Cheer for the aged and residents in aged care facilities and hospitals. We would be grateful for any amount that you can provide.

If you wish to decorate, please do this with royal icing, long sprinkles, choc bits, cherries or just egg wash or milk. We would also like to have enough to give locally.

To be at the church office by Wednesday 18th November. Thanking you in anticipation.



Book of Reports — AGM Sunday 22nd November

Ministry and admin leaders, please have your St Petri reports written and emailed or dropped in to the office by Friday 30th October. Thank you 😊

RECHARGE



YOUTH SERVICE | OCTOBER 18

Come along for a night of energetic praise with our Youth Band
& Guest Speaker Rachael Simons.

Recharge is for Youth, Families & all Young at Heart.

6:00pm - Mornay & Salad

6:30pm - Youth Service

7:30pm - Hot Chocolates &
Marshmallows

small cost for food

Location-

Strait Gate Lutheran Church,
412 Light Pass Road,
Light Pass.



Recharge is held on the 3rd Sunday of Every Month

Want more info? Contact Kayla: 0421 978 925 or find us on Facebook

HoOt Playgroup Help Required

Our littlies have loved that they can come back and play at the HoOt playgroup. The mums think it is pretty good to be able to catch up again too. The only thing that is a little hard for the organizers, Ingrid and Heidi, is all the cleaning of the toys afterwards. If you would happen to have a bit of spare time late on a Friday morning, once a fortnight, the girls would love to have your help!

As there would still be children around, you would need a Working with Children Check which you obtain online if you don't already have one. Rosie would be happy to help you obtain one of these when she is back in November.

Christmas Hampers for Lutheran Community Care Thanks for your contributions!

If you are able to donate, just pop them in to the trolley in the church foyer or bring into the office. Over 400 hampers were packed by LCC last year, let's see how many items we can donate:

ITEMS NEEDED FROM ST PETRI

- Vegemite (medium sized) **7**
- Christmas Lollies **8**

TOTAL 15

What's on at St Petri

Sunday 18th October

9.30 am Worship in St Petri Church, Service of the Word

Tuesday 20th October

9.30 am **Coffee & Friendship Group (Jenny Wood's Group)**
Venue: East Room (Meeting Room complex, closest to road)
Continue with the study of Hebrews.

Wednesday 21st October

7.00 pm Filming of St Petri Worship Small resource
Worship open to all to attend.

Sunday 25th October

9.30 am Worship in St Petri Church, Service of the Word

No longer a need to register! - but we do still need to take attendance records. We feel that we have a fairly comprehensive list of who is likely to be coming on Sunday (and the Wednesday night and Holy Communion 10 am) and will just tick names already on the list and add those names and phone numbers that we don't have down.
The only down side to this is that if we do have more than 183 turn up for worship, we will need to ask people to come to one of the alternative worship times instead. It is our building's limit for social distancing requirements.



Dried Apricots for Sale (in the St Petri Office)

to support Compassionate Ministries Overseas.

\$14 per 500g packet

Apricots grown and processed in the Riverland for the Trinity Lutheran Church New Residence Lutheran Parish Apricot Fund Raising Project.

Yields were down this year and once the box full is sold there will be no more for this season.

Diary Dates:

All of October Shoebox drop off month. St Petri office is a drop off point for your shoe boxes and fillers for Samaritan's Purse.
You can pick up printed boxes and info pamphlets from the office.

Sunday 22nd November

St Petri Annual General Meeting - St Petri Church

We Pray

- **Remind us of your promises you made to us in our Baptism** and help us remember them. Be with us and for us to the very end of our lives, that we remain children of our heavenly Father.
- **We sense your renewing in this time. Things have changed.** Help us step wisely into your future plans for us as a church in mission in this community so that love wins and the gospel shines in all kinds of places through us. Without your presence in this church or this community, there is little hope for the very best things we can know and live in. With you going before us and behind us, we have confidence that there is overflowing hope for all crisis, and confidence as Christians to keep on moving into your promised future of resurrection.
- **Father, we pray for the many people we know** and many we don't who only seem to know you as a Jeanie in a bottle of butler or some kind of 'good force' in the world. We pray that you show them your glory in the ace of your Son. Jesus, and just how wide, long and deep is his love for human beings and all your creation.
- **We pray for God's healing and peace for all those of our church family who are ill, facing medical treatment or recovering from surgery** - and those who care for them: Howard Schulz (Mt Pleasant Hospital), Les Harnath, Roma Bray, Pat Scholz, Joan Pollard, Margaret Wolfenden, Hedy Stanley, Ruth Rathjen, Margaret Kleinig, Barb Doecke, Rosemary Angel, Mark Steinert and Helen Thiele.
- **We pray for others of our St Petri family and friends by name:** Pastor Robert & Sadie Voigt; Brian & Marie Mibus; Peter & Mignon Sich; Graeme & Sandra Ruwoldt; Bob Noll; Margaret Geyer

Please email any prayer points or messages of what God is up to in your life. Send them to admin@stpetri.org.au. Or drop a note in the letterbox at the office.

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In Touch

Mission Foci

As has been widely reported in the media, the COVID pandemic has caused major interruptions to all of our lives but at the same time has seen a rapid uptake of many modern technologies that would otherwise have taken many more years to implement. We have also seen that consequence here at St Petri too. Obviously the most notable example is the offering of online services that now reaches many more people than had been attending services on Sundays.

While we believe our five key Mission Foci are still very relevant, the GC believes there is a need to re-evaluate the overall St Petri mission areas to ensure we have the appropriate resources allocated to those that provide the best outcomes for our endeavour.

The Governance Council will spend time in reviewing our mission goals as a priority early in the New Year.

Annual General Meeting

In my note last month, I noted the approaching St Petri AGM. Given that we weren't able to hold our SGM, earlier in the year, the AGM presents as an ideal opportunity for all the St Petri people to reconnect with what is going on 'behind the scenes' in our church community.

A number of vacancies also need to be filled, including positions on the Governance Council. It is healthy to have new people involved in the decision-making processes on our committees, and encouraging those already involved and especially as we have seen new mission opportunities over the last six months or so.

Redevelopment

The Redevelopment Committee met a couple weeks ago. Despite caution in proceeding with our original plan, the committee agrees it is crucial that our church facility is upgraded to include new toilets and compliance to current regulation code in other areas within the existing church building.

Therefore, a more modest/manageable revised plan will be proposed. It is anticipated that updated costings together with a revised first stage plan be presented to the congregation at the November AGM.

Christmas

It is highly unlikely that we will be able to hold our "normal" Christmas services, as we have done in the past, simply based on the social distancing rules that will remain in place for some time yet. This will also mean that changes to our worship over the Christmas period will be made.

These envisaged changes will enhance the Christmas experience our families enjoy and also increase the opportunities to invite other people from the Nuriootpa community to join with us in celebrating the birth of our Saviour, Jesus.

I invite you all to get involved once our plans have been finalised!

Greg Schubert