

# Welcome to

the  
*grain shed*  
CHURCH OF CHRIST

**31st March 2019**



## **Message from our Interim Minister Ted Keating**

Think now about someone you could invite to our Palm Sunday Service on April 14<sup>th</sup>. We will be having a “drama” that features characters involved in the Easter story and will be putting them on “trial” on various charges.

It will be informative and interesting and people without a church background should find it more interesting than a sermon!!

Don’t forget our Baptism Sunday on April 31<sup>st</sup>! Pray for those people considering this form of commitment.

The Leadership Group has been busy pursuing options for a full time ministry but at this stage it seems unlikely that there will be any appointment until at least later this year.

*If we are able to make an appointment there are implications*

1. The Ministry Team is preparing name tags not only to assist any new minister but also to assist us all to remember names of people that we don’t know that well. We also have a number of new worshippers that we want to get to know.
2. Associated with this initiative we will want to tidy up our data base and so we ask everybody to be conscientious in filling out the registers each time we worship.
3. We will need to think about our weekly offering and tithes to resource the possibility of a new ministry.

I will be continuing on in an interim role for most of the Winter months. However in May, the Rev John Elliott returns from Texas to be our guest speaker. (I will be in the USA setting up a leadership study tour for some of May, and Marge and I will be doing some chaplaincy duties on a cruise around Japan for the rest of the month. Tough gig!!)

In the meantime Easter approaches....wonderful times of worship ahead.

Ted

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### **Message from Leadership Council**

Yesterday the Swan Hill community celebrated Harmony Day down at Riverside Park. It is great to see so many cultures gather together celebrating with food and dance. The continuing message of Harmony Day is ‘Everyone Belongs’. Harmony Day is about community participation, inclusiveness, celebrating diversity, respect and belonging.

When we look around The Grain Shed we see that God made us all unique. We are from different cultures, backgrounds and upbringings, but God has placed us all here together to make the body that is The Grain Shed. Just like Harmony Day, The Grain Shed is a place of community participation, inclusiveness, diversity, respect and belonging. We are all equally important with unique roles to play in the mission of bringing more people to Jesus.

## Welcome Lounge

- Steve and Gwen's welcome team

If you can't make it please contact the relevant leader in that team (Café contact Sharon, Host Contact Louisa Faraci, Welcome Lounge contact Steve or Gwen)

### Coffee Group (Formerly Chat and Chew)

We are meeting Next Thursday 4th April, at the House and Bean Café—Riverside Park at 2pm. We would love to see you there for Coffee.

### Daylight Saving Change

Don't forget - daylight saving finishes next Saturday/Sunday. Put your clocks back one hour and attend the 9am service!

### School on Saturday!

A highlight for the Thailand team was joining in on the 'Compassion Saturday School' where each sponsored child receives a nutritious meal, teaching about health, hygiene and safety, Bible study, music, singing, dancing and opportunity to have fun in vocational clubs like hairdressing, mechanics and sewing. Village life in the mountains of Thailand seems tranquil, however for many village children the crushing weight of poverty steals their hope. Its heartbreaking. Poverty erodes their sense of worth and makes them feel as though no one cares and that things will always be this way.

The Compassion Sponsorship program helps reverse this thinking and offers a glimmer of hope when children get the support they need. Desperate parents are able to educate and raise their children with much needed resources which creates opportunity. The joy on the children's faces reminded us that the work of 'Compassion Sponsorship' through our financial support and prayers plays a crucial role in raising hope and changing lives.

Jan & Colin Martin



## Grain Shed Church Alarm System



If you are the last person to leave the Grain Shed building could you please ensure that the building Alarm is set. If it isn't set, we get phone calls and the Security Company visits to ensure all is well, at a cost to the church.

### Life Groups

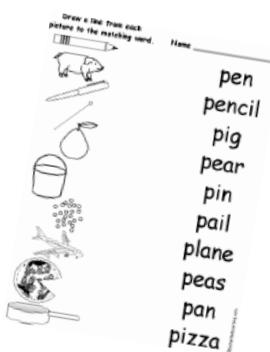
Here at the Grain Shed we have many small groups who meet regularly and do 'life' together. These groups vary according to what suits them. Some do Bible studies, some meet for coffee and catch up, some for a meal, there are some for men, women, and people in all ages and stages of life. The important thing is the connection and time for people to share what's going on in their life while still belonging to a larger group.

If anyone is interested in joining or forming a Life Group, please contact Jodi on 50329449 or see her after the service.

### *Grain Shed Youth's last day of term (5th April)*



Grain Shed Youth's last event for the Term will involve a "P" party, so try and dress up in something beginning with the Letter P,



Sunday services 9:00am and  
10:30am

**Tuesday 2nd April**  
Fun in the Foyer 10am—12pm

**Thursday 4th April**  
Craft Group at 10am

**Friday 5th April**  
GS Youth 7—9 pm

**SAVE THE DATE**  
Saturday **6th April** working bee at  
the Grain Shed

**Sunday 14th April**  
**(Palm Sunday)**  
Trial of 8 at both 9 & 10:30am  
services

**Good Friday Combined  
Churches Service 19th April**  
Catholic Hall Splatt St

**Easter Sunday 21st April**  
Rob Nyhuis Churches of  
Christ EO 9 & 10:30 am

### Giving Details

BSB: 703-810

### Contact Details

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