



Psalm 23

Christmas time comes with lots of different things and sometimes they come all at once. Relief, stress, joy, sorrow. Maybe heartache over losses, maybe joy over newly 'found' things. It can often be a time of hustle and bustle over everything that needs to be done.

Even in the busyness of good things, we can forget to stop and look to our Shepherd. To stop and enjoy as the psalmist does the knowledge that He is with us. That He provides, and restores and blesses us beyond all else.



His goodness and mercy will never cease to follow us, as we His people will dwell with Him one day... forever...

Join us this Sunday morning from 9:30am as we stop and meditate on Psalm 23.


REGULAR MEETINGS


SUNDAY CHURCH.....weekly at 9:30am
SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER.....8:15am on 1st Sunday of the month
WEDNESDAY FRIENDSHIP GROUP.....weekly at 9:45am
WIGGLING WOMBAT PLAYGROUP.....Thursday from 10am
THURSDAY CHURCH.....weekly at 6:30pm
COMMUNITY PRAYER NIGHT.....7pm on 4th Sunday of the month

INTERNSHIP NEXT YEAR: An Opportunity To Partner

We are thankful to God for the initiative of GWFC who have come up with an 'internship' for churches in Greater West Sydney to help those wanting to explore/invest in ministry (be it considering a call to be pastors, church planters, pastoral care workers, chaplains, administrators, etc) or for those wanting to further invest into the ministry of the local church. **This internship will require one day study (at Cranebrook, through Morling College) and 2 days a week ministry experience.**

As we think about being and making passionate disciples of Jesus, using our God-given gifts and seeing the gospel transform the lives of those around us, **Sam Mafi and Julia Harms have discerned God's leading towards this open door.** We are committing (after GWFC's encouragement to churches to do so) to pay for the college fees for our interns as well as mentoring and discipling (partnering with them) as a church.

 **If you would like to give towards this specific partnership please label the offering 'internship' either on an envelope or on the online reference.** Please speak to Andrew or one of the Elders or Deacons if you would like more information about how you can financially support this.

 We are so excited about this opportunity. **Please pray for our interns and their families as they step out in faith in this way.** Pray for God to use this to grow them and others as passionate disciples of Jesus.



Wonderful News for the Preece Family

We are very thankful with the Preece family for the news this week that **they have been approved for a rental property in St Clair.** This has been a long time coming for them as they have desired this and worked towards this, and with recent provisions for them this has become possible. We are very thankful they will have more space now to enjoy as a growing family and we rejoice with them that **they will be able to move in before Christmas!** Thank you for your prayers for them in this way.



THURSDAY CHURCH ENDING: Christmas & Celebration Dinner

This Thursday 14th December was the last 'Thursday Church' for the foreseeable future.

This last year and a half of these Thursday evenings have really been a wonderful time of fellowship and prayer, of 'doing life together'. But we are discerning as we look into 2018 at making passionate disciples of Jesus that this is one of the avenues that will need to shift, morph, or change into something else.

A big thank you to those who were able to come along and share with us over this time as we grow together in our passion. **We thank God for our time together in this way and pray for God's leading as we move forward into 2018 together.** Please join us in doing that.



LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FOR MEMBERSHIP for Arthur Garcia

On Thursday December 5th, JJ and Lee visited Arthur in response to his request for membership at Westview. During the course of what was both a frank and revealing evening, Arthur's story testified to both his faith in God and God's faithfulness to him and his family in many difficult circumstances.

Please take some time to read the letter of recommendation here:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/115EBYMKvAb3VQb24tzegCoVyg5UyYOsm-NajuAcUeg/edit?usp=sharing>

There will be an opportunity to sign this over the next few Sundays to indicate your affirmation.

A Break and A Thank

Sunday school will be on break from this Sunday until the school holidays are over. Along with this the Weekly News' (Bulletins) last edition will be next Sunday and then it too (makes it sound like its alive!) will be on break for most of January.

Thanks!

We do want to take this opportunity to thank Gina, Connie and Wendy for the efforts they make in serving us in these ways and those who tirelessly serve us each week behind the scenes (morning tea, cleaning, communion set up, projections and putting the songs and verses in digitally each week).



Let us also consider if in any of these or other ways God may be calling us to serve as we seek to use our gifts and our time for His glory, to make passionate disciples of Jesus.

Let us enjoy this season of rest in our Shepherd, being prayerful and dependant on Him for all He will do in and through us in 2018 for His glory.



CONNECT WITH US

Online...

-  www.westviewbaptistchurch.com.au
-  www.twitter.com/westviewbaps
-  www.instagram.com/westviewbaptist
-  www.facebook.com/westviewbaptistchurchdoonside

Speak with Someone...

ELDERSHIP CONTACT

JJ Bomford 02 8212 4534

ADMINISTRATION/OHS

Lee Arundel 02 9621 6907

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

Tony Kenning 02 9621 8932

POST

PO Box 965

Kings Langley NSW 2147

ADDRESS

Corner of Crawford Rd & Coveny St
Doonside NSW 2767

ELECTRONIC GIVING

'Westview Baptist Church'

BSB: 704 922 Account: 100003291