

# Announcements

**November editions of ConneXions and Challenge are now available.**

**Today:**

- 9.00-9.20am: Prayer meeting
- 9.30am: worship – Ian Touzel
- 11.15am All age Sunday School
- 5.30pm: evening fellowship – Gary Ware.

**Monday:** 9.00am – Womens' growth group at Allison St.. 7.30pm – Elders' meeting (Session) at Allison St..

**Wednesday:** 6.30pm – Ladies Fellowship BBQ and Annual General Meeting at 14 Comaum Ave.

**Thursday:** 6.30pm – Growth group at 12 Tallarook Crt (Peter & Sally Duffet P: 8724 9375). 7.45 – Growth group at 21445 Riddoch Hwy, Moorak (Jeroen & Diana Zwijnenburg P: 8738 9336).

**Friday:** 9.30am – Mums' Group at Allison St.. 10.30am – Bible study at Allison St..

**Next Lord's Day:**

- 9.00-9.20am: Prayer meeting
- 9.30am: worship – Gary Ware
- 10.45am: Congregational meeting
- 5.30pm: evening fellowship – Gary Ware.

**Tear Fund 2011:** the Tear Shop will run on next Sunday (27<sup>th</sup>), then on 4th and December 11<sup>th</sup> in the Allison St. foyer.

Payment can be made using cash or a cheque made out to the Tear Fund.

Gifts range from \$5.00-\$500.+ including health care, livestock, support earning a living, support for learning and support for whole villages.

Contact Shana Morgan question or queries on P: 8724 9941.

**Congregational meeting:** immediately after morning worship Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December for the purpose of receiving the proposed 2012 budget from the Board of Management.

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*...growing God's family...*

**Lord's Day, November 20, 2011 AD**

# Far Away But Not Forgotten

**1 Thessalonians 2: 17 – 3:13**

**"Welcome", as you worship with us today**

## Order of Service

*Please speak to God before the service and to everyone else afterward.  
Those who are able are invited to stand for the items marked \**

### 9.20am Prelude to Worship

#### *Gathering God's People*

He's the God of the endless outback

Immortal, invisible God only wise

\*O all you peoples bless our God (Psalm 66)

**Announcements:** Graeme Hamilton

### 9.30am Worship

*Call to worship:*

*Responding To God's Presence*

*Responsive Reading of God's Law* (see insert)

**\*Song of Confession & Assurance:**

Create in me a clean heart

**\*Assurance:** Psalm 32:1  
Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered.

**\*Affirming our Faith:** The Apostles' Creed

**\*Praise:** Unto God be praise and honour

### ***Experiencing God's Word***

**Bible Reading:** Isaiah 29:1-14

**\*Praise:** Speak, O Lord

**Bible Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 2:17-3:13

**Sermon:** *Far Away but not Forgotten* – Ian Touzel

Paul's arguments...

1. He left with great reluctance.
2. He made repeated efforts to return.
3. He sent Timothy when unable to return.
4. He was overjoyed at Timothy's news.
5. He was praying the whole time.

## ***Responding To God's Grace***

**How does God want me to respond to His word?**

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**Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer:** Graeme Hamilton

### ***Tithes & free will offerings***

Visitors are not obligated to give an offering. Please stand as the offering is brought forward.

### ***Blessing***

**\* Praise:** Far and near

### **Next Lord's Day:**

- Continuous reading plan: Isaiah 29:15-24
- Passage for preaching: 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12
- Songs: Salvation belongs to our God; Here is love; Yours is the kingdom; Jesus, lover of my soul; My hope is built on nothing less; The LORD said to my Lord (Psalm 110).

## **Words Worth Thinking About**

"God does not send out his church to conquer. He sends us out in the name of the One who has already conquered. We go only because he reigns."

— Kevin Deyoung and Greg Gilbert  
What is the Mission of the Church?  
(Wheaton, Ill.: Crossway Books, 2011), 46