

DATES FOR THE DIARY SUNDAY SERVICES

SEPTEMBER

3RD COMMUNION - 9:30 & 11:00

10TH ONLY 200TH ANNIVERSARY THANKSGIVING SERVICE - 11:00

OCTOBER

15TH HARVEST - 9:30 & 11:00

22ND GB ENROLMENT - 11:00 ONLY; 9:30 REGULAR WORSHIP

NOVEMBER

5TH COMMUNION - 9:30 & 11:00

12TH REMEMBRANCE - 9:30 & 11:00

19TH BB ENROLMENT - 11:00 ONLY; 9:30 REGULAR WORSHIP

DECEMBER

3RD, 10TH, 17TH, 24TH ADVENT SERVICES

17TH CHILDREN'S NATIVITY 11:00;
LESSONS & CAROLS 19:00

25TH CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE AT 10:30

FROM SEPTEMBER THE PRAYER MINISTRY SERVICE WILL RECOMMENCE ON THE FIRST SUNDAY EVENING OF THE MONTH FROM 19:00 AND RUN MONTHLY THROUGHOUT. THE THIRD SUNDAY EVENING OF THE MONTH WILL BE "BIG ISSUES" AN EVENING OF SOME DISCUSSION AND LEARNING FROM SCRIPTURE ABOUT THE WORLD TODAY.

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THE FOUR MAIN SHIPS

I have talked about the Christian faith being like a harbour. A harbour is a safe place away from the storm, a place to get restocked or repaired or just seek shelter. It is a place to be before heading out into open waters. This is the Church, or at least it should be.

There are 4 main ships in this harbour and over the next few Connect magazines I wish to cast a little bit of the vision as to what these mean and what we are doing to fulfil them.



DISCIPLE-SHIP WOR-SHIP FELLOW-SHIP RELATION-SHIP



Discipleship

Within the Christian Church we have a number of callings from God to complete His Mission in the world. One of these we call Discipleship, and put simply this is the continual growing of each person in faith. Growth should be evident in spirit, in mind and in ministry (living it out).

Can I ask it in this way...How often do you eat? Every day? 3 times a day? Yet we usually think about "coming to church" once a week. If we are not taking in the Spirit everyday we are running on empty; if we cannot talk to God everyday we are living a one sided relationship; if we only listen to the words of Jesus on a Sunday morning then we are starving ourselves. To help with this we have a couple of different ways where you can learn and grow in faith:

DISCIPLESHIP



- **Small Group Ministry**

To help refresh and relaunch our small group ministry (some of you will know this as Home Groups or Life Groups) we are inviting any and all who are interested in this to come on each Wednesday evening through September for some Small Group Training. You may be new to the congregation or just new to the idea of Small Groups, or maybe you have been involved in the past but found yourself out of the way of them, whichever starting point you are coming from the important thing is to start.

If you are already in a small group, then you are welcome to come along and maybe learn some new things. You may be able to share with others the benefits of being a small group for support and further discipleship.

From Wednesday 13th September for 4 weeks, meeting at 19:30 - 21:00 (or earlier, but no later). We are not asking for your commitment to Small Groups at this stage, but after this training time you may want to take it further.

- **Midweek Bible Study**

We are moving the Thursday evening Bible Study to a Wednesday evening. The reasons for this are to free up Thursday evenings for a different activity, which you can read about further down. Secondly, it gives myself (Graeme) an open window to teach and share at a more intimate and in depth level with those who meet. I will be teaching on these evenings in various chunks, some direct Books of the Bible study, other times following a theme. This will start on 4th October, probably 19:45, but that is to be confirmed. If you want to know about this time please talk to me.



- In House Alpha

This one is still a bit light on the details, so please bear with us! We intend/hope to run an abridged Alpha course for ourselves on Thursday evenings (Although this may not start until the new calendar year 2024). This may seem strange as Alpha is primarily used as an Evangelistic tool, so let me explain why we are doing this:

Explaining the Gospel in clear simple terms (Evangelism) is not just for the not-yet-believer.

Even people who have faith can learn and grow from hearing the Good News of Jesus again.

Over the last number of years and months the world of Shore Street has changed - from Covid to a change in minister with a good helping of new faces - so having a common thread like Alpha can bring many people together.

As Alpha is an Evangelistic tool we would like to see it used as we reach beyond our walls. So we are using this time as something of a training ground for future groups and leaders of Alpha through Shore Street.

We believe that a work of the Spirit is needed across this town and the peninsula as a whole.

Revival is a keyword. So let's look to the Spirit, pray in the Spirit and await the wind of God to blow through the land.

Can you pray for this? We want this to be saturated in the prayers of the saints. Do you think the voice of God is calling you to assist with this?

Then please talk to one of the Leadership team.

As much as we would like this to run in the Autumn term, we are not going to rush into it, if the Psalmist can continually 'wait upon the LORD' then so can we.



- Something else?

Maybe you are passionate about growing in your own faith; maybe you are excited about helping others grow alongside you... this is great.

However, we may have missed an idea or an opportunity to help with this. Your timetable for work and life may prevent you from engaging with what is on offer. Family commitments (especially younger children) can take their toll on time. We would love to hear from you in order to help us all provide something more for you. Please get in touch.

SPOTLIGHT

ELDERS, DISTRICTS AND PASTORAL SUPPORT

You should be aware of the restructuring of the Districts and Pastoral Care within the congregation. Some people have been within districts which have not been able to have an Elder, some others may be new to the congregation and are unaware who their Elder may be. You may have been with an Elder who has now been moved into a new area that was previously vacant. Of course, you may see no change at all!

We have been updating our records, which has been a mammoth task undertaken by a couple of people who I would like to thank at this juncture.

Do you know how many people are included in the family that is Shore Street? Lots! And with only 12 Elders it is not an easy task to offer care and pastoral consideration as much as we would like. To help with the care of everyone and to widen lines of communication we are launching a couple of practices:

You will have received, with this material, an Elder's Information Card. This will tell you which District number you are now in, who the Elder is for this district, and a number of different contact numbers for Pastoral Care in the congregation. Please keep this card safe so you can refer to it in the future. If ever you want to contact us please use these numbers. And if you find yourself in hospital don't assume that we know this. If you would like a visit you will need to let us know.

Alongside the Elders there is a team of people from the congregation who are willing to serve as Elder Support. This is a role that will involve delivery of the dispatches which you are reading as well as face to face time. As mentioned in the covering letter, you may no longer wish to receive material from the church nor interested in pastoral care. We would like to stay in touch with you, but if not please let these visitors know.

The main pastoral team of myself (Graeme), Brian Gibson (retired minister), and Sonya Anderson (Deaconess) are more than willing to come to you in your need, whether that is a major worry or just wanting a chat. Can I also remind you that if you are in hospital - whether for a long time or a short time - we do not get the same notification that may have happened in the past. Please let us know.

Alongside this can I remind everyone, especially Communicant members, that we can offer communion at home if you cannot attend in person. Please let me know so we can arrange times and dates.



RESTART DATES

Currently running

Music Practice - Warren Room - Tuesday evenings - contact Graeme for more

Watchman Prayer Team - The Attic - Fortnightly; Tuesdays from 19:30

September Starts

Kid's Church - Creche to P7
3rd September - during 11:00 gathered worship

Bible Class - Yrs 8 - 10
17th September - meetly fortnightly during morning worship

Youth Fellowship

10th September (Sundays) 19:00 - 20:30 meeting 2nd & 4th Sundays

GB (phased restart)

5th September (Tuesdays)
5.30 -6.15pm Tinies for registering and uniform (come and go)
6.30-7.15pm Explorers for registration and uniforms (come and go)

12th September
6.00 - 6.45pm Tinies in the Glenfield Hall
7.00 - 8.00pm Explorers in the Glenfield Hall
7.00 - 8.15pm. Company in the Andrews Hall

BB

15th September (Fridays)
Anchor Boys P1-4 6.30 - 7.30pm Glenfield Hall
Junior Section P5-P7 6.30 - 8.00pm Andrew's Hall
Company Section Year 8 - 18 years 8 - 10.00pm Andrew's Hall

Coffee With Kids

13th September (Wednesdays) 10:00 - 11:15

Cuppa Chat and Prayer (Mondays)

11th September 10:30 - 12:00

Craft Group

5th September (Tuesdays) 10:00 running the 1st & 3rd weeks of the month

Badminton

5th September (Tuesdays) 10:00 -12:00

Small Groups Training

6th September (Wednesdays for 4 weeks) 19:45 - 21:00

October Starts

PW Afternoon

4th October (Wednesday) and meeting monthly

Gift

9th October (Mondays) and running monthly

Bible Study

11th October (Wednesdays) More details through September.

Men's Fellowship

Intending to start on 4th October from 10:30. More details to come.

200TH CELEBRATIONS

Shore Street is celebrating 200 years this September... even though it is 201 years - Covid was really inconvenient!

There are a couple of things we would like to bring to your attention and invite you to celebrate with us:

Photographic Exhibition: Open to the public from Friday afternoon through Saturday and concludes on the Sunday.

Saturday Afternoon "Birthday Party" Running in the Andrew's Hall from 14:00 - 16:00 We are planning a fun party for all the family with games and competitions. Look out for the special Birthday Cake Bake Off! Under 18s and adult home-baked cakes will be welcomed for judging - more details will be announced.

Sunday Thanksgiving Service. The 11:00 Service will have praise through the ages, some personal testimony and we are pleased to invite Rev Alvin Little back to the pulpit. We will have a congregational BBQ afterward (weather dependent).

WHERE CAN YOU SERVE?

Have you ever stopped to ask yourself how all the activities run from week to week, year to year?

Everything we do is a response to the faith we have in Jesus and how we respond to the call He has put upon our lives. So we are not volunteers, we are servants.

Where can you see yourself serving? Everyone can do something, in fact everyone should do something.

From working with Children and Teens to helping with coffee on Sundays; relational roles, practical roles. In fact, we have a great opportunity for you to practice your serving. Throughout the weekend of the 200th events we will need to have stewards to help with the exhibition. Can you give a couple of hours over the weekend to be at a door or show people round the buildings? Please let Jim Pollock know

