

PINETOWN PRESBY BULLETIN

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HEADLINE NEWS

For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life (John 3:16).

This is indeed good news!

Welcome to the first edition of our new Pinetown Presby Bulletin. This first edition has been put together in response to a perceived need to open up communication within the church. It is hoped this will serve a different purpose to the weekly intimations. We hope this will bridge the gap between church leadership and the congregation, as well as open up communication between us, as members of one family, one body.

Message from the Minister

Dear Brothers and Sisters

I am grateful to the people that have contributed to put this newsletter together. Why? I am thankful because I believe that this bulletin actually contributes to the work of God in our congregation. This newsletter is another form of communication and good quality communication is necessary to foster, nurture and strengthen our relationships. I also appreciate the postings on the electronic media because different media will reach different people.

Jesus Christ came to reconcile us to God and to each other and Pinetown Presbyterian church is the place where God has called us to grow, mature and be fruitful in Christ Jesus. We all surely recognise that it is within the church that we grow in our relationship with God and with each other. Our community is to be a place for transformation; this is where God has planted us.

The Bible shows us that the mission of God is accomplished through the church. And just as God set apart for Himself a nation in the old Testament, beginning with the patriarchs and Jacob's 12 sons, likewise Jesus called a group of 12 disciples

together and they were called to build a community, the people of God. Whilst God raised up particular people for specific tasks, they were nurtured, strengthened and equipped in a community.

This newsletter has different articles and contributions from different people and it is thus in some way a reflection of the church. Our congregation is composed of different people in different ministries. The individual members have a variety of gifts and interests and callings, yet we are all called to work in our different spheres in this community - coordinated by God. Let us remember that Pinetown Presbyterian Church is very much a part of the wider body of Christ yet we, in Pinetown, have a unique calling within our society and the wider church. We have a unique history and our Lord is still at work shaping and moulding us together. Let us never lose sight of the fact that God's work in Pinetown Presbyterian Church is by definition supernatural, and as He works He brings us closer together and to Him.

May Jesus Christ be revealed in us!

2 Corinthians 3:18 And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another, for this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

For your diary: January - March 2020

*= Communion

Birthdays

Anniversaries

JANUARY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 May 2020 bring you perfect vision of the Lord's plans for you.	2 Danny & Denise Robbertse	3 Megan Ambler	4
	5	6	7 Lance Schneider	8	9 Dave Standen Yvonne & James Costley	10	11
	12	13	14 Marcon Koen	15	16 Jacquetta Pearce	17 Darran Ambler James Wightman	18
	19 Rob & Dulcie Hindmarch	20	21	22 Irene Spratley	23 Mariette Murgatroyd	24	25
	26 Belinda Duffield	27	28	29 Sue Gertenbach Edward van Rooyen Zachary Koen	30 Brian Payne	31	

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
FEBRUARY							1
	2	3 Jaylee Faustmann	4 Emily de Klerk Hayley Parker	5	6	7 Yvonne Costley	8 MEN'S BREAKFAST
	9 * a.m Ruan Gertenbach	10 Darran & Robyn Ambler	11 Jeremy & Heather Smith	12	13 Brian and June Payne	14 Baxter & Anne Pearce <i>Tell someone you love them every day</i>	15 Meryl Squibb
	16 * p m Bronwyn Parker	17 Andrew Spratley Penny Flack	18	19 Jonty Smith	20 Luka Khumalo	21 Jacqui Kilanowski	22 ELDERS' RETREAT
	23 Jessica Boltman	24 Tony Kinsey	25	26	27 Alan & Lucy Smith	28	29 LADIES' BREAKFAST <i>It's a LEAP year!</i>
MARCH	1 Andrew de Klerk Sebastian Faustmann	2 Samantha Parker	3	4	5	6	7
	8 * a m	9	10	11	12 John Lancaster Luke Standen Pat Holland	13	14 Jacques Faustmann
	15 * p m Anick Lunt JAM PICNIC	16	17	18 Andrew Smith	19 Trevor Thompson	20 Hazel McKenzie	21 Shaun & Robin Clark
	22 Rob & Sue McKenzie	23 Rodney Hilligan	24	25 Roy & Madge Steffen	26 Howard Ferreira	27 Caroline Kemp	28
	29 Grant a& Lauren Hurley	30	31				

UPCOMING: Easter services 10/04 Good Friday and 12/04 Easter Sunday

PRAYERS

Thanksgiving

Intercession

- Our hope is in the Lord, not man; we put our feet on the floor every morning assured the God is in control
- Traveling mercies for all who traveled over the holiday period
- Good matric / university results from our young people
- Improvement in health, continued healing
- New life- we celebrate with the Hurelys on the arrival of Willow
- Abba's House one year on continues to grow
- Our PPC family

- For the ill and bereaved
- For Hazel McKenzie's family
- Neville Tyler and family
- Crossley and the Majojo family
- Leonora and especially her brother-in-law Clive
- Yvonne Young and family
- Faustmann family
- Belinda D, Lyn S, Monica, Maria, Judit and Eva, Meryl, Diane and John, Hazel, Les, Jean M, Norma M, Sonia, Mavis, Yvonne, Anne
- Our president and his cabinet
- Governance at all levels, local, provincial, business

"Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love." Eph 4: 15-16

Church ministries

Please consider supporting these ministries – there is sure to be one that is a “good fit” for you. Your time, talents, prayer or even financial support will be appreciated.

JAM (Jesus and Me)

We have a big group of JAMTOTS (1-4 years) ; the older children are split into 2 classes (ages 5-8 & 9-12) and we have between 5-12 children attending each week.

The teaching material for 2020 will focus on the gospel of Mark. The children will work through the whole of Mark, and should be complete in the middle of the 3rd term :This curriculum is sourced from <https://www.mustard-seeds.net/>

Date	Term	Lesson Plan	Scripture
19-Jan-20	1	The King is coming	Mark 1:1-8
26-Jan-20	1	The King is here	Mark 1:9-13
02-Feb-20	1	The King's men	Mark 1:14-20
09-Feb-20	1	The King's priority	Mark 1:29-39
16-Feb-20	1	The King Forgives	Mark 2:1-12
23-Feb-20	1	The King's friends	Mark 2:13-17
01-Mar-20	1	The King's enemies	Mark 3:1-6
08-Mar-20	1	The King's Word	Mark 4:1-20
15-Mar-20	1	The King's growing Kingdom	Mark 4:26-34

Please prayerfully consider joining the teaching team this year. The teaching team rotate through each term, so you will be committing to 2 out of 4 school terms. Teaching resources are provided and there is amazing support from the other team members.

The JAM picnic is planned for the last Sunday of the 1st term (Sunday 15th March) – hopefully at Benjamin Pine School again – more details will follow. THE WHOLE CHURCH IS INVITED!!

Youth Ministries: Pathfinders (gr 0-7) & Mountain Movers (gr 8-12)

These groups meet every Friday evening and are led by a wonderful team of young (and not so young) members of our congregation. These 2 groups provide outreach to over 100 children each week, an amazing testimony of the work our Lord is doing in this community.

Abba's house

Our little school is growing, praise the Lord. Thank you for your prayers. We started 2019 with 9 little people and in 2020 there will be 20 little people coming to be nurtured at Abbas house preschool, and an additional 11 who will join in the aftercare activities. Please remember the teaching and support team, as well as all these little people, in your prayers.

Consider donating time or resources to this ministry. If you can give one morning a week to join the support team of "aunties" – what about some "uncles?" Aunties and uncles help by reading to the children, helping out with craft activities or even in the kitchen. Barbara will find a fit for you!

Worship team

Our worship team is ably led by Anthony and Bronwyn Parker, supported by their offspring 😊 Adam and Samantha, as well as Melissa Ebelthite, Ruan Gertenbach, Margaret Holden, Grant Hurley, Donné and Duncan Miller, Margie Purchase, Jessica Schneider, Amy Smith.

AV support comes from Scott Nicholson and Edward and Luke Standen.

WATCH THIS SPACE– we have a group of people learning to play the guitar on Monday evenings and we hope to see them part of the team soon!

We are looking for volunteers to help with AV (sound checking and overhead). Please see Ant if you are willing and able to help on a Sunday morning.

Pastoral care

There are number of people who undertake this ministry in what can only be described as "under the radar" service. Les Jansen. Lynn Seymour, Judy Charles, John and Maria Lancaster, and off course Jeremy, dedicate time to this ministry, and would love your support

Prayer warriors

Another one of those "under the radar" ministries, and one which provides a foundation for our day to day lives, the prayer warriors are led by Lucy Majojo. The needs of our congregation and the broader community are lifted up to God through these prayers; specific needs are circulated via the prayer chain.

Hope House

The Church has adopted a cot – this is a programme whereby funds are donated to assist with the needs of a specific child at Hope House. Pray for God inspired changes to legislation that does not impede the process of placing these precious children in loving families. Please pray too for the team of volunteers and for Sonia, that they may be strengthened and guided in this valuable ministry.

Veggie club

The Veggie Club is essentially a Bible study or Home Group; not a bunch of veggie growing experts😊. Anyone is welcome. Below are pictures of seedlings planted by Club members for donation to the Village Green initiative (an initiative started by Dwell Church in Pinetown with the intention of providing employment and healthy vegetables for sale; using municipal land where the railway used to run to the power station); crops of spinach and kale at the site and spinach leaves for sale.



GETTING TO KNOW YOU

We'd really like to get to know each other so in each edition of the bulletin we hope to feature a family group or cell group or new members (with your permission of course). This month we're starting with the elders and their families. We may think we know them, but perhaps there's something here you didn't know...

Clockwise: Alan, Ant, Grant, Jeremy, Mike, Duncan; Leonora was chief photographer ☺. Please pray for our elders and their families.



WHO	Brief bio	Family connections <i>Italicized = at PPC</i> Not at PPC	Did you know ?
Jeremy	Birthday: 7/11 Member of PPC since approx. 2000 Became our minister in 2006, after a career as a horticulturalist at ESKOM and The Durban Turf Club.	<i>Heather, Amy Jess, Lance & Trent</i>	This patriarch of a 3 generational PPC family had a life ambition to plant 100 000 trees (yes that is <i>one hundred thousand</i>) . This was achieved in 1994!
Mike	Birthday: 24/05 Member of PPC since 1976, Ordained as an Elder in 1985	<i>Pen, Susan, Ruan and Alec, Pat</i> Also Katherine, Brenda, Stuart, granddaughters Megan and Sarah, Mark, Kim	Also for his sins serves on the local Presbytery Grandson Alec is the 4 th generation of the (Holland) family currently at PPC
Alan	Birthday: 24/4 Member of PPC since the mid 70's <i>actually a product of PPC youth</i>	<i>Lucy, David and Andrew, Jonty and Alex (who now live in the UK)</i>	Owner of Rays' Builders which he took over from his dad and now runs with David: testimony of the Lord's faithfulness
Ant	Birthday: 9/04 Member of PPC since birth <i>actually a product of PPC Sunday school and youth, where a certain young blond lass caught his eye ☺ (and the rest as they say, is history)</i>	<i>Bronwyn, Samantha, Adam and Hayley, Jean and Graham, (who have recently moved up to Hillcrest Also Mike and Alex</i>	Ant and his brother Michael attended the Stepping Stones preschool that was run in the main church hall (quite) a few years ago. His vision, supported by others, for a preschool on these premises again has resulted in Abba's house
Grant	Birthday: 4/07 Member of PPC since childhood <i>actually a product of PPC Sunday school and youth</i>	<i>Lauren, Theo and Willow Monica and John, Robin and Darran, Courtney and Megan</i>	One of our amazing " 3 generational" families
Leonora	Birthday: 9/10 Member of PPC since 1994 when she moved from the Dutch Reformed Church with her late husband Stephen	Mum Magda, niece Lauren, both of whom live in Bloemfontein and nephew Neal who lives in the Wilderness area in the Cape	A Classics scholar and not one to retire quietly, or rest on her multiple qualifications, she has just embarked on a degree in theology
Duncan	Birthday: 12/04 Member of PPC since 2009 <i>when a certain young blond caught his eye too ☺</i>	<i>Donne, Evelyn and Emily June, Vanessa and Mark, Melissa Also Ashley, Nicole and Isabella</i>	His daughters Evelyn and Emily are now the 4th generation of the (Ebelthite) family currently at PPC

WHAT ARE WE READING?

The “we” refers to all of us. Please support this section by submitting recommendations either for a new book or an old favourite you return to time and again.

James Merritt has a series of “One year journey” books, which include devotionals and study guides. I am currently reading “52 weeks with Jesus” and “52 weeks through the Psalms.” I have to confess that it has taken more than a year to get through the 52 weeks with Jesus –not because it is heavy, it is in fact a very easy read – but because I am rather ill-disciplined when it comes to regular reading time. Each book takes you through 5 scriptures for the week, which you can spread out across the working week or read and re-read all week, whatever suits you. There are some great reflective questions at the end of each weekly section.



WHAT ARE WE LISTENING TO?

The “we” refers to all of us. Please support this section by submitting recommendations: what are you listening to in your car, on your phone, ipod or ipad. It may be just one song or a collection. Thanks Ant Parker for starting us off with his list. If you click on the link you can watch or listen to the songs:

*Album that I am listening to is **Victory**, by Bethel Music*

- *Some songs we play in church include: Living Hope & Goodness of God
listen here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u1w7p7vJacY>*

These are some of the more recent songs introduced at church, and include a wide range of musicians:

- Waymaker by Leeland https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iJCV_2H9xD0
- God You're so good by Passion (Kristan Stanfill) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7IIZIPtQuW8>
- Jesus loves me (it was just 3 words) by Hillsong <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ysxtpdnQfxY>
- Come Holy Spirit, uThando <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IUd0t7x1Ax0>; try this version with some rap in the middle: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YyKlMOfq5Jg>
- One we will be learning soon is: Is He worthy? by Chris Tomlin we can practice it so long by going to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-c6pl6CaiD0>

WHAT TO BAKE TODAY:

Please submit your favourite, tried and tested recipes for inclusion here. We're starting with a recipe we have all benefitted from at one time or another- Amy Smith's delicious cupcakes

AMY'S CHOCOLATE CUPCAKES

*1 cup Oil
1 ½ cups sugar
½ teaspoon salt
4 heaped tablespoons cocoa
4 eggs*

*1 cup cold water
4 cups flour
6 teaspoons baking
1 teaspoon vanilla extract*

Add all ingredients to mixing bowl and mix on high speed for 2 minutes.

Line cup cake or muffin trays with cupcake papers and half fill with mixture. Bake at 180°C for approximately 15 mins. Ice when cool.



Creative Contributions

Here and Now

To live in the present, we must believe deeply that what is most important is the here and the now. We are constantly distracted by things that have happened in the past or that might happen in the future. It is not easy to remain focused on the present. Our mind is hard to master and keeps pulling us away from the moment.

Prayer is the discipline of the moment. When we enter into prayer, we enter into the presence of God whose name is God-with-us. To pray is to listen attentively to the one who addresses us here and now. When we dare to trust that we are never alone but that God is always with us, always cares for us, and always speaks to us, then we can gradually detach ourselves from the voices that make us guilty or anxious, and thus allow ourselves to dwell in the present moment.

If we could just be, for a few minutes each day, fully where we are, we would indeed discover that we are not alone and that the One who is with us, wants only one thing; to give us Love.

(Henri Nouwen, 1994 (reprint 2017) *Here and now: living in the Spirit*. London, Darton Longman and Todd)



*The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want
He make me lie in pastures green,
He leads me by the still still waters.
His goodness restores my soul.*

POETRY *submitted by Monica Hurley*



TOMORROW

"Why, you do not even know
what will happen tomorrow."
James 4: 14

God didn't promise us tomorrow – today's the day He gave
To seek His face, His infinite grace and His redeeming love.
We were never assured of tomorrow – today's the day we've been given
Broken relationships to mend, lost friends to find, past hurts to be forgiven.

Tomorrow is not a certainty; we must not waste today.
Seek God's face while He may yet be found – He wants none to go astray!
Be bold and tell a friend who's lost, of the amazing love of God;
When life is closed it's far too late to draw others to the Word!

For some there will be no tomorrow – the future's not ours to know;
Seize the moment, make the time, true Christ-like love to show.
The Word instructs us to encourage each other as long as it's called *Today*;
You may be the only hope for one who is floundering and has gone astray!

Forget not those who are near and dear who so often we fail to show
How much we love and appreciate them; if we don't speak up, will they know?
Don't take for granted family and friends, tomorrow they may not be there;
Offer a helping hand, a gentle word; make a phone call to show you care.

Tomorrow has never been ours to own – that should make each day more precious.
Use time wisely, make every moment count, you'll be left with no regrets!
Our God has given us the gift of *Now*, to live for Him, and to do His will;
Treasure the present, use each opportunity, the world with His love to fill.

A VISIT TO BAYNESFIELD COUNTRY FAIR submitted
by_Marcia Whittal

It was heavily overcast and drizzling as we set out early on the morning of the first Sunday of December 2019. I wasn't so sure this was a good idea but having procrastinated for some years and having heard so many good reports about the Baynesfield Country Fair, I encouraged my husband to press on regardless. A tree lined driveway brought us to the parking area and luckily a parking near the entrance. After paying a mere R30 for pensioners we walked straight into an array of delicious food aromas coming from the food stalls. A placard announcing "Pulled pork rolls with BBQ sauce" was all I needed to see to decide on our breakfast menu. Armed with steaming coffee and our rolls we found a seat under a dripping tree. After the first bite I no longer noticed the drips on my head; mmmmm sumptuous is the word that springs to mind.

Once fortified we headed for the ticket office to book for a tour of the house. While waiting for the tour to start, we watched a procession of smartly painted vintage tractors of all sizes, huffing and puffing jauntily along at their own regal pace. What an impressive sight as they paraded proudly around the grounds. Finally they retreated to their parking area to be rubbed and cleaned by their proud owners, member of the Vintage Tractor Club in the area.

The gardens surrounding the house were a mass of beautiful flowers, pansies bigger than any I have seen, tossing their vibrantly coloured wet heads in the slight breeze. Despite the rain I was not cold. Before long it was time to join the queue waiting to enter the beautiful Victorian style house. Once inside we were transported into the Victorian era.

There are so many wonderful treasures to see, old clocks, ornaments, original paintings, brocade covered chairs and all sorts of memorabilia to make a gentleman and lady's life genteel. The servants lived very comfortably in a replica of the rooms underneath the house. The kitchen too was downstairs and we were shown the bell pull mostly used by Mrs Baynes to summon the servants.

Our guide told us the sad story of Joseph Baynes' private life and of his successes in his business ventures. His first wife Maria passed away giving birth to their baby daughter who also died. He had a mausoleum built in the grounds of Baynesfield where they are buried. His second wife Sarah was not happy living in the original homestead, still on the estate, so Baynes House was built for her. There were no children born to Joseph and Sarah. Subsequent to his death in 1925, 3 years after Sarah had died, his Last Will and Testament declared his wish that the whole estate be placed in a Trust.

The original homestead now houses the Old Trading Store where one can look at antique miniature dolls houses, furniture and beautiful porcelain dolls. There are miniature cars, trains, tractors, trucks and buses. In the background long forgotten melodies ring out from a phonogram. In another room men ply their woodwork skills using equipment from a bygone era, turning out small wooden items. For model train enthusiasts there is a room all set up quite realistically with model trains steaming hither and thither controlled by their owner who will regale you with many a true story. An old cheese factory room now houses a fantastic collection of sewing machines and overlockers from way back and many sewed articles and items of interest for the ladies.

There are opportunities for fun rides on a double decker bus, or a tractor and wagon. For the children there are barrels with seats and steering wheels in each and a tractor pulls them around looking like a gaily painted train.

After a tasty lunch from the food stalls we made our way to the rose garden. If you never believed in God, the sight of the beauty in that rose garden would convince you immediately. Only a wonderful God of awesome beauty could have created the rainbow of gorgeous colours, the exquisiteness of each rose so perfectly formed, gentle buds with the kiss of water droplets glistening on them. No painter will ever be able to capture the true beauty, no hand will ever craft the

perfection and even our photographs cannot capture the glory of God's creation.

You have to go and see it to appreciate it and I urge you to visit this delightful piece of history before it's too late. We will be going again, there is so much still to see 28 June is the date, diarize it now for an unforgettable outing.

To find out more about the Baynesfield Estate museum and fair, visit their facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/baynesfieldestatemuseum>

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Zulu lessons are underway on a Thursday evening.

LET'S LEARN GREEK

For lessons contact Leonora Jackson

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referral to a private practitioner*

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to help you. *Contact Mike Flack*

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This is YOUR magazine. Please feel free to contribute prayer requests, visions and prophecies or words God has laid on your heart, poetry, songs, reviews, snippets of this and that or even just ideas. Let us know what you'd like to see covered in the mag. The editorial team will be happy to help with writing or formatting (flack@iafrica.com).



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