

12th June, 2016

**QUEENS BIRTHDAY WEEKEND
WORSHIP CHARACTER: PERSONAL DISCIPLESHIP
I CORINTHIANS: 13:1-13**

Today we arrive at the end of a six week series on Worship Character. It has been an interesting journey with a few twists and turns on the way... but what a feast it has been.

The input from Paul Sparks from the USA was a left of field bonus with his deeply integrated community mission of the practice of 'Faithful Presence'. Added to that was the stunning witness of Lili in her journey of contrasts in worship, prayer and the character of God re-discovered in hospitality, welcome and the grace of Christ.

As we close today I want to share the impact that Chris Sharpe's encouragement of backing singers had on me last week as we heard from Sheri Gould featured on 'worshiptraining.com'

While Sheri addressed song leaders and backing singers I felt she actually addressed all worshippers. Here are some gems "The place you discover the kind of worshipper you are is in your own private space - it's how you get to know who you are as a person before you get in front of others.

Don't put on something false. You need to bring the real you!

People
are

watching you even when you are not on the platform - if you are not on the platform where are you as a worshipper? You are always 'on' - authentically no matter if you are up front or not. Others are noticing the 'worshipping you' no matter if you are leading or not."

Sheri and Chris reminded us that worship is for an audience of one. It is not about 'me, me, me' and that whether we are part of the 'upfront' team or not we are in fact all in the 'upfront' team before the Lord. All of us who walk in the Way of Christ are, despite our different voices, characters and personal likes and dislikes, called to be 'premier' worshippers.

As we gather out of our weeks of prayer, of noticing, of interceding, of appreciating, of celebrating God's gifts each day. So that as we gather in this multi-generational, multi-cultural, multi-life experienced, multi gifted, multi-learning modality, multi-socio-economic, multi-political collection we find ourselves transformed into the gathered body of Christ... into 'one loaf' of living bread as a witness and gift to the world as a sign of 'Faith, Hope and Love'. Worship is more about character than technique, style or technology.

John Sharpe

Welcome to Ringwood. We are not a perfect church.... But we do love the Lord and seek to take his life, call, ministry and hope seriously. We seek to THRIVE in his favour through an attentiveness to the Word, joining in community, seeking to recognize and exercise our gifts and connection with the wider neighborhood.

WORSHIP THIS MORNING 10AM

Worship Leading: Max Moody
Song Leader: Peter Breen
Speaker: John Sharpe

NO-WORSHIP THIS EVENING 6PM

**NO EVENING WORSHIP this
WEEK to
our support of SYG.**

10am Series: Worship Character. Last week– Living Backwards starts next Sunday.

Finishing with the focus on the development of a posture of worship in both private, corporate and leadership dimensions. (Based on work by Dan Wilt (M Min.) 'Essentials in Worship Values'.) **A NEW Individual and Life Group Study booklet is available** in both A3 and A4 editions and as a PDF on the Website for on request form the office.

This series is designed with really a few audiences in mind:

I have a reward - seriously - for anyone who can recite (at least in principle) all of these to me. John Sharpe

- 1: To encourage those who worship, lead and exercise areas of gifted service to the Lord.
- 2: To encourage each of us as living stones in a living temple not only as we gather on Sunday, but as we develop a heart of worship each day.
- 3: To cultivate a passion for the whole Body of Christ intergenerationally as we seek spiritual connection across sociological thresholds in such a way that honour, love and kindness are more important than age, language or nation and the petty divisions that define 'tribe'. And
- 4: To enhance the sense that in the end Worship is not what is 'done to us' but what we release as we remember that in worship there is only an audience of one. Everything is directed to the heart of the Lord.

6.00pm

**HEAVEN
AND HELL
ABOVE US AND BELOW US**

**Continues
Next week...
No night church this
week due to SYG**

Prayer Action:

- ♦ Pray for our nation as the election cycle continue to unfold.
- ♦ Pray for areas significantly damaged by recent storms along the east coast and throughout Tasmania. Pray for those who have lost loved ones, houses, businesses and farms.
- ♦ Pray for a shift in our national attitudes to climate change... we are well beyond saying these events are 'once in a life time'. They are becoming the new regular.
- ♦ Give thanks for the initiative of the 'Time Out' Group in hosting the special Moring on the 'Sexualisation of girls' with a guest from Collective Shout.
- ♦ Pray for the SYG team and the many supporters involved over this weekend. Pray for safety as they travel backwards and forwards from events and particularly as the pack up tomorrow and return home.
- ♦ Give thanks for the very fruitful and faithful conversations emerging through ALPHA... pray in advance for the next season of Alpha groups.
- ♦ Uphold those recovering from recent surgery, injury or undergoing treatment. Pray particularly for Karen Kepert, for Phil Nathan, for Val and Jonathan Higbed and Sandra Smith. Also pray for Alan Byrne who has started radiation therapy.
- ♦ Give thanks for the crew that have stepped up to be part of the YWAM Newcastle Practical Mission Team. Pray for the pre-emptive work they are doing in advance as target tasks are established.
- ♦ Continue to pray for the upcoming School Holiday program and for the assembled leadership team.... Pray for the Word to get out there and for parents to enrol.
- ♦ Pray for both Chris Sharpe and Dave Moody as they enter a season of transition and change (Dave end of June – Chris mid November) . Give God deep thanks for all that they have brought and are bringing to their calling. Pray for the wider leadership team as changes are anticipated and new possibilities explored.

New 10am Series starts next week: Living Backwards

This is a series based on Revelation and the sense of finding our Holy Spirit birthed identity, personality, call and purpose from the secure future of God than the past or the circumstances we find ourselves in. To live 'UP' rather than drift into backwaters of confusion and forgetfulness.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY : 12.30pm-2pm All Welcome!
In recess... Resumes July 13: Worship Character Study.

SENIORS OUTING – Friday 17th June
Jewish Museum, St Kilda

Cost \$20
9.30am – 3.30pm



**Can we talk
about Poland?**

6 March – 31 July

Featuring photographs by
Arnold Zable and Lindsay Goldberg

Leaving the church at 9.30 and driving to St Kilda to the museum, where we will have morning tea, which is included in our tour.

This pioneering major-exhibition serves as an invitation to talk about Poland, and asks questions that are pertinent to migrants from many backgrounds. Featuring photographic works by prize-winning storyteller, Arnold Zable and contemporary photographer, Lindsay Goldberg. *Can we talk about Poland?* sheds light on post-war Poland for the first time in Australia. If there is time we could possibly visit the synagogue.

BYO Lunch, and we will find a suitable place to eat, hopefully near a coffee shop ...

Please phone the church on 9870 8169 or sign up on the sheet in the foyer to reserve your place.

SUNDAY ROAST

The next **Sunday Roast** will be on **Sunday, 26th June**, immediately following the morning service. This is for anyone who may live alone and rarely cook a roast dinner for themselves.



The cost is \$10.00. Please put your name on the Response Sheet on the notice-board.

If you're a regular moviegoer or one-movie-a-month type; then I invite you to come along to my Monthly Movie Moments!

The next Moment will be:

Me Before you

on Friday 17th around 6.30pm (possibly Croydon)

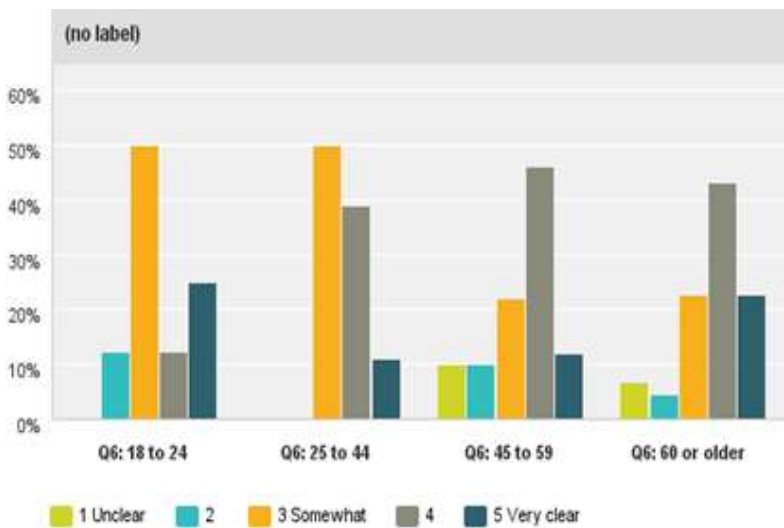
Please rsvp your attendance to 0409 007 396 or email Tim Marriott
(timbo_marriott@hotmail.com)

SNAPSHOT: Heart Beat #3 – Vision and Direction:

Late last year we undertook a survey of Ringwood Church of Christ. One question we explored was ‘How clear is the vision and direction of our church?’

The following table breaks the data into various age groups

How clear is the vision and direction of our church?



For you to consider:

What do you draw from this data?

What do you see as the vision for our church?

To what extent should our vision be any different from other Christian churches or faith communities?

REGISTRATIONS FILLING FAST

CHAMPION'S CHALLENGE



Scan here for
the webpage.

Holiday Program

Ringwood Church of Christ

13 Bedford Road, Ringwood



Foundation to
Grade 6

Checkpoint Café for Parents **29 June - 1 July 2016**

Open 9.45am - 10.30am &
12.15 - 1pm daily

10.00am - 12.45pm daily

***\$45 per child for the week (max \$90 per family). Limited spaces. Register early.
Download a registration form or register online at www.ringwoodchurch.org.au**

ph: 9870 8169 email: office@ringwoodchurch.org.au . *Payment options available.

Notice of Special General Meeting

In order to comply with the Constitution we will be holding a Special Meeting for the members to approve the proposed budget for the coming financial year.

Therefore we are holding a Special General Meeting on June 26th at 11.30am for the approval of the proposed budget for 2016/2017.

All church attenders are invited to this meeting however the budget can only be voted on by members of the church.

Voting can also be done by proxy if a member is unable to attend the meeting. Proxy forms will be available from the office or can be emailed to you.

SYG AND HOLIDAY PROGRAM:

Just a little note we have several people from our Youth and Children's community finding the cost of attending SYG (this weekend), and Holiday Program (the first week of the school holidays). If you would like to and were able to contribute in some way, please contact the church office to speak with Anne or Gina ... 9870 8169.

Diary Date

THANKSGIVING DINNER - MONDAY AUGUST 15TH

This will be our 3rd annual celebration dinner honouring and encouraging local council, and community leaders in education, health and business, sports leadership, wellbeing and community development providers, volunteers and emergency services. Invitations will be available shortly for you to use to invite people in your network ... more later.

A Transition in Worship Ministry:

After 24 years serving in worship ministry at Ringwood C of C in both a voluntary and paid capacity, I have discerned that it is time for me to transition out from this significant role.

This has not been an easy or light decision but there are times and seasons for all things.

Serving the church in this role has been a privilege. Being part of shaping and encouraging a unique worshipping community and witnessing the discipling relationships that have flourished and grown over the years is a source of thanksgiving and inspiration. Many have gone on to serve in other churches, while others continue to serve here with commitment and grace. The worship team continues to inspire me. I will remain committed to bringing my best to the role until mid-November and will work with the leadership team to actively sustain and dream the next phase of this ministry with the Lord's guidance.

With thanks to my church family. Your prayerfulness over this ministry now and into the future is appreciated. Our God is faithful.

Chris Sharpe

SAFE SCHOOLS:

There has been a lot of interest in the 'Safe Schools' materials and I have found that many people (including some teachers) have not actually been able to access the materials let alone read them.

I always concerned when strong opinions fly around in the absence of a background of credible information.

Some guiding questions might be:

1. To what extent does the Safe Schools Program, as presently described and resourced, provide sound guidance about combatting bullying at school, remembering that anyone perceived to be 'different' for reasons such as hair colour, skin colour, personality style or religious preferences, for example—not just gender—tends to be bullied?
2. To what extent does the Safe Schools Program, as presently outlined and resourced, provide adequate and balanced sex education?
3. What are the best supports, at all levels of society, which could be given to the approximately 17 out of 1000 individuals (such as Phoebe in the program) who may have abnormalities in their genetic makeup and could be described as intersex? To what extent could the Safe Schools Program be one of these supports?

This is the link to the website where you will find all sorts of info:

<http://www.safeschoolscoalition.org.au/resources>

This is the link to the page where I was able to read more about the programs being taught to students:

<http://www.safeschoolshub.edu.au/safe-schools-coalition-australia-resources>

John Sharpe



Kids Zone Offering Project – WATER BOTTLES NEEDED!

Every term the children in All Stars and Underground Station put their weekly offering money towards an overseas aid project.

In Term 3 the money brought will go towards Global Mission Partner's **Showers of Blessing** project in Zimbabwe. "Showers of Blessing" provides assistance with food distribution, the drilling and installation of borehole wells and the establishing of income generating projects.

As part of this project, Linda is looking for empty, clean, **500ml – 600ml water bottles** to recycle as money boxes for the children to save their spare change during the term. Next time you happen to buy bottled water, save the bottle and pass it on to Linda Mill. She will need these by **Sunday 3rd July**.

Stories of Refuge- Tamil Feast—June 22nd @ 6.30pm

Join us in Warrandyte during Refugee Week for a wonderful three course vegetarian meal provided by Tamil Feasts. Money raised will support Tamil Feasts & the important work of Refugee Legal (previously RILC).

Refugee Legal has been assisting asylum seekers, refugees and disadvantaged migrants in the community and in detention for more than 25 years, providing key support which helps people to stay in Australia, and which has saved many lives.

Organised by the Churches of Christ Victoria/Tasmania Asylum Seeker Network

Venue: Now and Not Yet Café

148 Yarra St Warrandyte 3113, Warrandyte

Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased via link below:

<https://www.trybooking.com/LPPF>

Entertainment Books 2016/17

Entertainment week is coming !!!

Once again Ringwood Church of Christ are selling the Entertainment Book and Digital Memberships this year to help raise funds. Every Membership we sell raises \$13 towards our fund-raising cause.



For only \$65, Entertainment Memberships are full of hundreds of up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers for the best restaurants, cafes, attractions, hotel accommodation, travel, and much more!

The Memberships are available in April this year, but we are letting you know now so you can pre-order and you will receive an extra \$160 in Early Bird Offers valid till 1st June 2017.

You can order in various ways - order securely on: www.entbook.com.au/9s20380 , through the Ringwood Church of Christ Facebook Page, see Anne in the foyer to sign up for a book or ring on her on 0418 565 931. (The books are now available.)

Stay posted for information on our Entertainment Book Week – you will need to purchase a book to participate in this fun week of activities and prizes.

Offering Envelopes ... For people who are wanting make use of Offering Envelopes for their tithes/offerings ... there is a supply available on the mailout table, near the pigeon holes.

For more information please see Anne Morley.

Changes to the Ministry Team:

The Ministry Team is constantly in a process of strategic change and flux. Interns, changes of time fractions, job descriptions and roles all reflect the prayerful discernment at a personal level and also as a journey of the leadership group. Our key conversations, discernment and decision, ongoing training and decision making rests on **4 key areas: Calling, Character, Competency and Capacity.**

4: Changes:

1: Seniors Ministry: Marg Goddard has moved from a voluntary capacity to a paid position from June 1. After considerable discernment, prayer and exploration Marg's role is now 2 days (1 day paid/ 1 day voluntary). She will be inducted next week June 19th.

2: Associate Minister (Young Adults): Drew Nicholls is being encouraged to further expand his role and formation by moving from a 3 day to a 4 day position starting in July.

3: Worship Ministry Chris Sharpe concluding in November– see her notice in Breaking News.

And 4: Executive Ministry... In a season of Discernment Dave Moody has decided not seek a renewal of his position at the end of June.

From Dave Moody :

Dear friends, after significant thought and prayerful reflection by Robyn and myself, I will not be seeking a renomination for the role of Executive Minister after my current employment agreement period concludes on the 30th of June 2016. I love my role and love my church, but in this season it is clear that my highest priority is my ministry to my family. You may already be aware that we have been navigating through some challenging times as an extended family for a number of months now and we have plans for an extension to the home we now share with John Mollison, which is to be completed through the second half of 2016. I need to be present and giving my best as a dad, a husband, a son-in-law and as a leader in my family.

I will continue on as Secretary until January 2017 and look forward to being an active member of my church and unfold my sense of calling in worship leading, preaching and others areas of community life as I am able.

Thank you all for your kindness, your friendship and your support.

From John Sharpe, Dave Wilkins and Craig Brown :

We encourage you pray for Dave and his family in this ongoing season of transition and change. Dave has been in a formal Executive Ministry over the last 5 years. In that time he replaced John when I was on sabbatical /long service leave in 2014 and has been a proactive, energetic, creative, fun, inspirational, thoughtful and strategic person on the Ministry Team over that time. More will be said when we take time to acknowledge his ministry after the end of June.

Dave has graciously offered to stay on in the role as Church Secretary until January 2017. This will include continuing as a member on the Finance, Governance and Audit Committee, and also holding the Secretarial role at Elders meetings. In the intervening period we will be prayerfully exploring a replacement for Dave's role as Church Secretary and also considering how we ensure that Dave's key responsibilities are covered.



Pushpay™

We are trialing a new way of convenient giving. **Push Pay** enables you to give in a moment. Anywhere, anytime. Even as part of Sunday offerings as the bowls are being passed around.

A new and simple way of partnering with us, it allows you to easily give a one time gift or recurring gift and you have the ability to give from your smartphone anytime and anywhere during the week. It gives you the control of your credit card instead of giving out your information to others.

We will also be using it to pay for Holiday Program and other events as they come up through the year as well.

It's easy to give:

1. Text **ringwood** to **1991 9000** on your phone and it will send you a link to setup your online giving. **Or**
2. Download the **App** and search for an organization - **Ringwood Church of Christ** and follow the prompts **Or**
3. Give via the Pushpay website
<https://pushpay.com/pay/ringwoodchurch>

You can choose the option that suits your transaction best and you can add a description if required. If you have any questions please contact Anne Morley 9870 8169 or anne@ringwoodchurch.org.au

Worshipful, faithful and regular giving to God's work ... consider

I authorise Ringwood Church of Christ, 13 Bedford Road, Ringwood 3134. to charge my credit card for \$_____ being my offering for today.

Or

My regular offering amount of \$_____ to be debited from my credit card each week/month. (Please circle the appropriate option)

Visa

Mastercard

Card
No:

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

Name on card: _____

Signature: _____

Card Expiry Date: ____ / ____

Contact No: _____

Direct Debit or Internet Banking

Ringwood
Church of
Christ Inc.

NAB
BSB: 083 343
Account No:
89 395 1419

Pushpay





Birthday Greetings - June

Sunday	12th	Sujatha Plakkat, Gloria Ireson
Monday	13th	Maria Fernandez
Tuesday	14th	Jon Fraser, Peter Easdown, Peter Thomas
Thursday	16th	Ashton Scott, Marg Goddard
Saturday	18th	Ashleigh Newnham
Saturday	11th	Jenny Crozier, Paula West
Sunday	19th	Phoebe Henry, John Nathan

10AM

Next Week - 19th June

6PM

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND LIVING BACKWARDS PLANTED Revelation 2:1-11

Speaker:	Craig Brown
Worship/Communion:	Matthew Moore
Song leader	Penny Martin
Bible Reading:	Adrian Sinnatt
Communion Helpers:	Peter Alsop, Beth Joyce, Janet Woodlock, Marg& Mark Nettelbeck, Julia Fullerton, Joe Kutka
Band:	Peter Breen
Singers:	Kathy Alsop, Andrea Salmon, Grant Monro
Audio:	Neal Glover
Projection:	Allan Swan
Morning Tea:	Gwen Thomas (M), Linda Rowe
Communion Prep:	Julie Lanaway
Flowers:	
Welcome :	Gail Simpson, Dorothy Birch, Carol Macallan, Dave Watts
Offering Counters:	Cameron Palmer, Russ Cheal

NIGHT CHURCH: HEAVEN AND HELL

NO NIGHT SERVICE

Speaker:	Drew Nicholls
Worship Leaders:	C&V Broadbent
Song Leader:	E Wilkins
Vocals:	Keir Fowler, Luke Hall
Band:	Rachel Broadbent, Mitch Salmon, Tim Allred, Drew Nicholls
Audio:	M Nettelbeck
Projection:	

Op Shop: **Wednesday/Thursday**
 (10.00am - 3.00pm)

Oasis Meals: - **Thursday**
 (12.00pm)

SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES

8.30am Communion & Study

10.00am Morning Service

6.00pm Evening Service