

BENDIGO BAPTIST CHURCH

Our Mission is to
develop people into fully devoted
followers of Jesus Christ

THIS WEEK

9:30am Eaglehawk

10:30am Junortoun

6pm Junortoun

Ps Davd Lovell - The
Christmas Album - Mary's
Song

6pm Eaglehawk Cafe 3:16

Htoo Moo Plaw

Karen Service 1pm Junortoun
Pastor Hae Bo

NEXT WEEK

9:30am Eaglehawk

10:30am Junortoun

6pm NO PM SERVICE

Ps Davd Lovell - The
Christmas Album - Zechariah's
Song

Htoo Moo Plaw

Karen Service 1pm Junortoun
Pastor Hae Bo

CHRISTMAS EVE

CHRISTMAS DAY

See insert

Htoo Moo Plaw Christmas

Karen Service 9:30am

15th Dec NOVO Centre

WELCOME

VISITORS!

We'd love to meet you, so please stay for a cuppa after the service. Call in at the Connect Desk to find out what is happening around our 2 campuses and beyond.

Dear Church

I trust you're enjoying the lead up to Christmas and the opportunity it presents to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Saviour. We are moving into a new series this weekend, which focuses upon some of the songs found in the Gospel of Luke from that very first Christmas season. I trust that the next few weeks is an encouragement to you personally as we focus a little more intentionally on the story of Christmas and what it means for our lives.



With our **Christmas Eve & Day** services just around the corner, I want to encourage you to step out of your comfort zone and invite that friend or family member that doesn't know Christ to come with you to one of our services. We are called to be a light to this world so please consider giving the invite inside of this bulletin to someone you are

praying for. Showing people Jesus is the greatest gift we can give them this Christmas.

This weekend we also take the opportunity to publically express our thanks to **Ps Leighton Gates** for his ministry amongst us. Leighton has been serving as the Worship & Creative Arts Pastor for the past eight years and been a great blessing to our church. What we have around us today is the result of his gifting and the incredible teams that he's built around him. We are truly thankful to God for the Gates family.

One of the key aspects of our wider church family is our commitment to growing deeper relationally with one another. We do this each time we gather and **this weekend** we have the opportunity at each ministry campus to enjoy a wonderful time of lunch and fellowship together. Please stay and enjoy having a meal with one another, straight after the service.

Blessings Pastor Dave Lovell

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Please be praying for:

- + Planning for our Christmas Eve & Day Services. Pray for a great move of the Spirit in people's lives that are invited.
- + The impact of Food Hampers as items are collected, hampers packed & distributed to those in need.
- + The establishment of new small groups and the need for new leaders to facilitate environments which are conducive for being and making Disciples of Christ.
- + Ministry leaders as they plan for the coming year and seek guidance.
- + Kel Bramley who faces physical challenges with his breathing. For peace in this time.
- + The Bendigo Winter Night Shelter Project. A new initiative that will bring Bendigo Churches together and offer

Praise God for:

- + Dave & Enty Thomas: Just received the positive news that they have been given the Overseas Aid Relief Fund status that provides tax deductibility for personal donation to their ministry "Better Learning: Brighter Lives".
- + Arthur Shand recovering well in hospital after being admitted a week ago.
- + The addition of two new Small Groups that have commenced helping men as they strive to follow Jesus.
- + Opportunity to engage in community events across our city in the lead up to Christmas.
- + Staff & volunteer teams as they serve, share, guide & nurture those within their ministry area.
- + The impact of our community care in the heart of the city.

a bed to the homeless in the winter months.

- + Bev Watson who is still experiencing debilitating pain due to discs in her lower back.
- + Praise God that Beth Cameron has responded well to her first week of chemo. Pray that this will continue with her second course on Wednesday, Beth will get the rest she needs and also that our family will adjust to our new routine. Also continue to pray for full healing.
- + Jess Hinson: Pray for her recovery from reconstructive surgery on December 12. Pray for a quick recovery for Jess so she might return to work in January.
- + Stephanie McWilliam as she travels to Tanzania for training and a wedding before moving to Lake Tanganyika.
- + Mike Bellamy, who is praising God that his burns are healing well, and that the accident will not have any serious ongoing implications.

ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF WORSHIP

Expressions of interest are now being sought. See the BBC website for more details - <http://bendigobaptist.org.au/aboutus/employment-opportunities>

Please be in prayer about this important opportunity.

BBC OFFICE (JUNORTOWN)

The church office will be closed from 1pm Friday 21st December until 9am Wednesday 2nd January. If you have prayer/pastoral needs, please leave a message on the church phone (5449-3033) or send an email from the website (<http://bendigobaptist.org.au/bbc-cares>).



THE HOPE PROJECT



Our Love Offering this Christmas will go towards our benevolent work within this city as well as two ongoing projects inside of Myanmar where many of our Karen congregation are from. Our goal this Christmas through the HOPE PROJECT offering is to raise \$10,000. The first \$5,000 will be directed towards the ongoing needs of those that have been internally displaced within Myanmar. Food supplies are critically scarce and our gifts will make a huge difference within the Eh Htu Hta refugee camp. The other \$5,000 will be

allocated towards our own work in this community. NOTE: All money given during our Christmas Eve / Day services will be split evenly unless it's a designated gift to a local or global projects.

Your gifts can be given in two ways: You can utilize the envelope that is provided in the bulletin during our Christmas Eve / Day services or you can give online through our website at www.bendigobaptist.org.au by selecting the iGive tab at the top of the page and then the Special Giving Appeals under the Campaigns heading. NOTE: All gifts given are tax deductible if requested. Please leave your contact details on the envelope or call church office if you've given online and need a receipt.

Would you consider joining us and make a difference in their lives this Christmas?

During the school holidays there will be no printed or online bulletin - be sure to check out your campus noticeboards, screens, and emails for news and updates.

CHURCH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

Church Council nominations have been re-opened as there are 3 positions vacant. Each of these positions will be for the remainder of a two-year term, through to BBC's AGM in 2020.

Nomination forms, and Expectations of Church Council Members, are now available at campus Connect Desks and also by contacting the office on 5449 3033 or email admin@bendigobaptist.org.au.

Nominations close Sunday 3rd Feb 2019 and can be placed in the locked boxes at both campuses.



HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR GLOBAL INTERACTION
BY COLLECTING USED STAMPS

Stamps are sold to dealers and collectors and the money raised (over \$70,000!) goes directly to our life-transforming work.

MADCOW CAFE`

MADCOW Café is seeking expressions of interest for a paid position as café supervisor to commence in February 2019. If this is something of interest to you, please email Matt Parkinson for more information. matt@bendigobaptist.org.au



SAMARITAN'S PURSE

Did you know that Dec/Jan/Feb is a GREAT time to shop for Samaritan's Purse? Toys and stationery, in particular, are cheap at this time of year. If you buy things, let a GB leader know and we can store it for you for Term 3 2019.



FATHERS' DAY PHOTOS (JUNORTOUN)

Have you enjoyed the Fathers' Day photos in the Junortoun Foyer? We have a lot more photos, including lovely family shots. Contact the office if you are interested in getting your family photos sent to you via email. 5449 3033 or office@bendigobaptist.org.au



Q & A OPPORTUNITIES PAPER

We will hold a Q & A evening on the Opportunities Paper on Thursday, 24th January 2019 in the Function Hall at the Junortoun Campus. We will gather from 7.00pm for 7.30pm to 8.30pm. Coffee & Cake provided.



RECYCLING



Often there are pastoral care cards or flyers in the bulletin that you may not need. If so, instead of putting them in the bin, leave them at your campus Connect Desk to be reused.

Are you listening to Bendigo's contemporary Christian radio? Tune in today to 105.1FM and find out more at life1051.org.au



CHURCH STAFF & COUNCIL

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Youth Ministry Worker: Isaac Parkinson 0448 339 202
Children's Ministry Worker: Donna Clarke 0428 418 180
Safe Church Concerns Person: Jenny McWilliam 0431 459 464



3 WAYS TO GIVE



Weekend Service
Cash into offering buckets



Direct debit
BSB: 633000
Acc. #: 127248490
Ref: Offering



Website
Click "IGIVE" at bendigobaptist.org.au

COMMUNITY CARE

Op Shop & Life Essentials Bookstore
Mon - Fri 9:30-4:30; Sat 9:30 - 1

MADCOW Cafe`: Mon - Fri 9:30 - 2:30
214 Hargreaves Street, Bendigo
Ph: 5441 4747

Managers:
Rod Meadows
Dave Anison

Gilead Counselling Centre:
Counsellor - Mark Boyd ph: 5441 1494

Playgroup enquiries:
playgroups@bendigobaptist.org.au



YOU'RE INVITED TO A



christmas
lunch

**Sunday 16th December,
2018**

**Come and join us for lunch as we
celebrate all God has done in our
midst in 2018.**

Eaglehawk Campus - 11.30am
Following our Sunday Gathering.

*Please bring a plate of cold meat, salad or
desert to share.*

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Our Karen brothers and sisters will be blessing us with a combined lunch on Sunday 16th December at the Junortoun Campus. All welcome. It will commence in the function hall immediately after the morning service finishes.

BENDIGO BAPTIST CHURCH

Presents



THE
CHRISTMAS
ALBUM

Christmas Eve

MONDAY 6PM
JUNORTOUN CAMPUS
757 MCIVOR HWY

Christmas Day

TUESDAY 9AM
EAGLEHAWK CAMPUS
10A PARSONAGE GRV
JUNORTOUN CAMPUS
757 MCIVOR HWY