

Dear Friends,

Is St Matthew's coming of age? Amongst the lovely bunch of people who were confirmed last Sunday night were a few young people - Luke Woodward, Emma Martin and Christine Breen - who had been baptised in the first year this church was known as St Matthew's. That was in 1980 when the meeting place was under the vicarage and the Rev Rob. Carter baptised the second child, Luke, in May of that year.

It is events like the confirmation and welcoming of new members that we had on Sunday night that we feel the need for a larger meeting place. We had even run out of standing room as the number of people present neared 300! It was not only an exciting night with so many there but a deeply significant night - a new generation were giving themselves to the Lord.

Bishop John Wilson's word was inspiring as he told of the apostle Paul's conversion and of his deep desire in life to know Christ. Perhaps parents, godparents or friends might like to order the tape of that sermon for the confirmees and new members?

As you can see from the insert, we have a new 'stepping-stone' activity coming up - the *St Matthew's Stepping Out Dance next Saturday night*. It is going to be a lot of fun, and you don't have to be an expert dancer to come and enjoy yourself! The point is also that you have friends who don't go to church but who like to go out and do some dancing. They are the people you should be wanting to reach and with whom you should be building those relationships and friendships. Use all means to save some! So, get out your Saturday Night Lever, prise your friends and yourself away from the delights of Hey Hey, and come on down.

Loving greetings,



**Our WARMEST WELCOME to any newcomers here today,
and our regular St Matthew's community**

TODAY AT ST MATTHEW'S

9.00 & MORNING WORSHIP
10.45am

- Creche - Church Hall (9am only).
- Crying room - church.
- Sunday School - Church Hall.

9.00am YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS: Years 7/8: Theobald's
Years 9/10: boys - downstairs Woods'; girls - Endeavour Centre.

6.30pm WORSHIP FEST

*Lord, you show us the path that leads to life; your presence fills us
with joy, and your help brings pleasure for ever. Psalm 16:11*

THIS WEEK

Tues 2nd
7.15pm

Dandenong Women's Aglow meeting at the White Peacock,
3 Princes Domain Drive, Hallam. Sharing Time. Contact
Marilyn 796 1347 or Lorraine 796 1407.

Thurs 4th

Peter's & Brian's day off.

Fri 5th
7.30pm

Men's Group - Pool & Darts Night with special sausage
sizzle at Eddie's, 23 Van Der Haar Ave, Berwick. Cost \$5.
BYO Drinks. Proceeds to Gideons.

Sat 6th
1.30-3.30pm
7.30pm

Dancing Lesson No. 5 - for the Stepping Out Dance.

St Matthew's Stepping Out Dance in the Church Hall. \$5
per couple, \$3 per person. Pay at the door. Bring a plate of
supper.

Cleaning: Spry, Poretti

Gardening: Martin, Ellis

Flowers: Joan Luxford

OUR PURPOSE
Loving Disciples,
Worshipping God,
Extending His Kingdom.

OUR VISION
A regional church based on 150
home groups by the year 2001,
reaching families & needy
communities

ST MATTHEW'S STEPPING-OUT DANCE



Saturday

November 6
7.30pm

at St Matthew's Church Hall.

Cost \$5.00 per couple
\$3.00 per person
Day at door.

Bring a plate of supper.

featuring
Dennis Farrington Band
MC Mr Bob Yeomans

Dress: neat semi-formal

NEXT SUNDAY - November 7

9.00am & 10.45am Morning Worship/Holy Communion
Mission Box Sunday. Please remember to bring your boxes.

6.30pm Evening Worship

Next Sunday's Rosters:

Creche:

Rate, Barber

Communion Assistants:

9.00am - Da Costa, Schultze,
Breen

10.45am - Bett, Woods

Sidespeople:

9.00am - Breen

10.45am - Rate

6.30pm - McLeod

COMING UP AT ST MATTHEW'S!

St Matthew's Coming Events

Nov 21

Note: PM Service time change from 6.30pm to 7.00pm.

Nov 27

Working Bee.

Nov 28

Sunday School Concert.

Dec 6

Church Banquet

Dec 12

Brian Shields' ordination at St Paul's Cathedral.

Dec 24

7.30pm - Christmas Eve Family Service

Dec 25

10am - 11am Christmas Day/Holy Communion Service

Jan 17 - 21

Kids' Holiday Program.

Other Events

Nov 6

St James' Dandenong Family Fair- 9am- 4pm

Nov 7

Keith Rayner will answer The Questions People Ask - Part 2 - 'What is God Really Like' Sunday evenings at 7.30pm at St Paul's Cathedral.

Nov 9 & 10

Penetration Evangelism Seminar at South Eastern Christian Centre. 8pm - 10pm.

Nov 19 & 20

Teen Challenge Sexual Abuse Seminar at South Eastern Christian Centre. Cost \$40 per person. Please contact 700 2314

Nov 20

Healing & Wholeness Service led by Canon Jim Holbeck at St James', Syndal (cnr Blackburn Rd & Stableford Ave)

Nov 23

Healing & Wholeness Seminars 1 & 2 - 2.00pm - 5.00pm in the Chapter House at St Paul's Cathedral. Healing Service - 6pm at St Paul's Cathedral.

DIFFERENT STUFF

Youth Ministry Fund

We have 4 yellow forms in so far with over \$3,000 committed for next year. PTL!
We still need \$8,000+ minimum.
Please return forms by next week.

Bible Reading Notes

Every Day with Jesus is available now.
Please see Lynette Clark.

Wanted - Berwick Anglican Church is having a family camp at Merricks Anglican site on Nov 19-21. They would like a couple of people to run the children's ministry for 12 Sunday School children on the Saturday from 9.30 - 12.00. Lunch will be provided. Peter & Jeanette Woods will be the speakers for the adult sessions.
Please contact Peter. if you are able to help.

PRAYER NOTES

*Do not abandon me, O Lord; do not stay away, my God! Help me now, O Lord my saviour.
Psalm 38:21,22*

PRAYER FOR TODAY

Let us pray (that our lives may reflect our faith.)

God of power and mercy, only with your help can we offer you fitting service and praise. May we live the faith we profess and trust your promise of eternal life. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

FOR OUR CHURCH

Pray for •Peter, Jeanette and family that they may know the joy of the Lord and unity of the Spirit in their ministry and family relationships.

•Brian, Jan and family that they may know God's peace and protection.

•Shirley, Egils and family that they may know God's presence with them at all times.

•Steve, Shellie and family for God's blessing upon Steve's ministry and their family relationships.

Pray for all ministries; for Sunday School and our young people.

Pray for all VCE students doing exams this week.

Pray for Cindy Bruechert, Allison Wytkamp and the Home Group they lead. Pray for the co-leaders.

FOR THE SICK & GRIEVING

Pray for Daryl Blackwell (awaiting surgery - Nov 8), Debbie Johnson (Ruth Schultze's friend), Mary Bracegirdle, Jodie Ramage. Pray for continuing healing for Pat Hughes, Jan & Phil Shields, Shirley Seskis, Jeanette Woods, Junette Blackwell. Pray for the Breen family as they mourn the loss of Elaine's mother.

FOR THE WIDER CHURCH

Pray for all missionaries that they may know God's peace and encouragement in their ministry.

Pray for continued financial and physical provision for David and Jenny Neibling.

FOR THE WORLD

Pray for those in government in Australia that they may know wisdom in their decision making.

Pray for all still suffering because of world events.

Prayer Chain Co-ordinators -

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