

April 2019



The Contact

The monthly newsletter of the
Red Cliffs Church of Christ

WELCOME

We are delighted to have you join us here at Red Cliffs Church of Christ. May you be blessed and encouraged as we worship Jesus together.

Please join us for a cup of tea or coffee in the hall after our service, we'd love the chance to get to know you better.

SERMON THEMES

Following on from our "I Love My Church" series last month we began to follow Christ's pathway to the Cross. As we approach Easter we'll continue the journey together, not only in our Sunday messages, but through our Life Group discussions as well.

If there's a message you'd like to hear again, please remember that our sermons are recorded and can be emailed to you (or provided somehow) so you can listen again. If you'd like a copy of the message just let your Life Group leader or Pastor Naomi know.

This month we want to encourage you to pray about inviting a friend to Church. Our special guest on Easter Day Sean W Smith will provide an excellent opportunity to invite families with young children to join us.

Be brave ... be bold!

2019 LEADERSHIP RETREAT

This year we're continuing the pattern of having an annual Leadership Retreat involving our Board and other leaders.

On the weekend of **Friday 5 April to Sunday 7 April** we're excited to welcome



back Pastors Rick & Leonie Wright (*pictured*) to provide expert input into our Church's leadership journey.

Rick & Leonie have a keen interest in Red Cliffs Church of Christ and we're looking forward to learning from their experience, and to enjoying their own leadership during our Sunday worship.

For anyone who does not remember them, Rick & Leonie are the Senior Pastors of Kardinia Church – and Rick is a Board member of Churches of Christ in Vic/Tas (CCVT) – and both very friendly!

Celebrate Easter with Red Cliffs Church of Christ and

Sean W Smith

Easter Sunday
April 21st @ 9.30am

Everyone welcome ... bring your friends!
Morning tea will be provided.

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EASTER WITH RED CLIFFS CHURCH OF CHRIST



GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP

Our Good Friday service will commence at 9.30am and all are welcome as we continue our journey to the Cross, remembering "the day that death died".



COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT

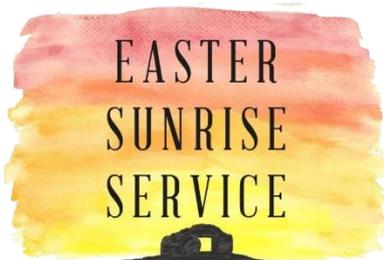
This great event is a gift to the community from the churches of Sunraysia and we have our own special part to play. Each year our church looks after the registration for the Easter Egg Hunt – it's a big job with hundreds of children registering and requires several volunteers. If you're able to help, please let Dale know.



RED CLIFFS EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

Each year the churches of Red Cliffs come together to Celebrate Jesus' resurrection at sunrise – this year The Salvation Army will lead us through a short service starting at **6.30am** at Quandong Park (near the skate ramps).

Following the service all are invited to enjoy a breakfast provided at The Salvo's hall, 16 Heath Street, Red Cliffs.



EASTER DAY CELEBRATION

We're excited to have Sean W. Smith lead our Easter Day celebrations from 9.30am on **Easter Sunday 21 April**.

Please note the start time – but be encouraged to bring along your friends, especially kids and families. A promotional flyer has been created to help you invite others – grab one while you're at Church to give away.

Sean W Smith is one of Australia's leading Christian communicator and recording artists. You can find out more about Sean at <https://seanwsmith.com>.

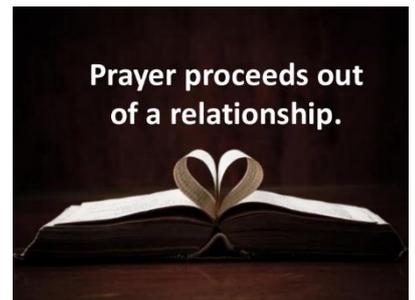
PURSUING PASSIONATE SPIRITUALITY

PRAYER – OUR PRIORITY

SUNDAY PRAYER TIMES

You're always welcome to join us for prayer in the Church 9.30-9.45am (before our service) each Sunday.

This is an excellent time to prepare yourself for the service ahead, and you still get time to welcome visitors & friends.



CHURCH OPEN FOR PRAYER & COMMUNION

Every Wednesday our Church is open from 12-1pm for prayer and communion with Pastor Naomi. All are welcome to join her to pray for our fellowship, our community, and for the salvation and healing of our friends and family.

MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING

On the first Wednesday of each month we encourage our whole church to gather at the Church for prayer from 7.00pm to 7.30pm. This prayer meeting is followed by 'Worship Jam' on **Wednesday 3 April**.

PASTOR'S PRAYER PARTNERS

Our annual Pastor's Prayer Partners Dinner is scheduled for **Wednesday 8 May**. If you're a current Prayer Partner or interested in learning more about this crucial aspect of our Church life, let Liz know that you'd like to attend the evening. Further details will follow closer to the event.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

LEADERSHIP RETREAT 2019

On **Friday 5 April** all our leaders are invited to meet with the Board and Pastors Rick & Leonie,

On **Saturday 6 April** our leaders are invited to join with leaders from the Mildura Church of Christ for a combined leadership seminar from 9.00am through to 12.30pm. During the afternoon Rick and Leonie will be working with our Board.

On **Sunday 7 April** Pastor Rick will be speaking at the Mildura Church of Christ while Pastor Leonie will speak at Red Cliffs Church of Christ.

CCVT SUMMIT - ACCELERATE

In 2019 Churches of Christ Vic/Tas (CCVT) will explore the 'Accelerate' theme at their annual *Summit*, to be held at Kardinia Church in Geelong from **Thursday 16 to Saturday 18 May**. Anyone wishing to attend Summit is welcome – for more details contact Liz or Naomi.

GLS PLUS WITH CRAIG GROESCHEL

GLS Plus 2019 is a one-day Leadership Conference with Craig Groeschel, for anyone wanting to grow their leadership capacity.



The conference will be held in Melbourne on **Monday 22 July** in Melbourne with some of our leaders attending. For more details or to register visit: <https://gls.org.au/gls-plus-2019/>.

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT (GLS)

Be sure that you're free to attend the Global Leadership Summit on **Friday 8 & Saturday 9 November** in Mildura, hosted jointly by Red Cliffs and Mildura Churches of Christ.



DISCIPLESHIP

LIFE GROUPS

Life Groups are where our Church members share life together – they're the best way to get to know others, yourself, and God better. Our Church has several *Life Groups* meeting at different days and times of the week. Why not find the one that suits you best? To find out more chat with Rachel, who can be contacted on ☎ 0448 373 131, or join a *Life Group* with a friend.



RETREAT

Retreat meets each Wednesday at the Church from 10am through to 11.30am. Throughout the year each meeting includes a word theme.

The ladies enjoy fellowship and prayer and raise funds for designated projects through an offering collected in the last week of each month.

Date	Host	Word
3 April	Coral	Prisoner
10 April	Pam	Failure
17 April	Gail	Praise
24 April	Lyn	Shine

CONNECT

Connect meets on alternate *Tuesdays* in the Church meeting room from 1pm. The group is open to ladies of all ages to encourage faith for daily life through topical and bible-based discussion.



Connect will be meeting for studies at the Church on **Tuesday 2, 16, and 30 April** and at various venues from 12noon on alternate weeks. Any ladies who might be interested are invited to chat with Sue.

FAMILIES

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

ADVENTURE CLUB

Adventure Club will be taking a break for the School Holidays during April but will re-commence on **Sunday 24 April** for all primary school aged kids.



To register, or to find more info, please visit ...

www.redcliffschurchofchrist.org.au/adventure-club

Please keep praying for our young people and their families, and for those who will be leading the program.

APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

A fun filled Primary School Holiday Program is being run by Mildura Church of Christ on **April 9, 10 & 11** from 9am to 3pm. For more info check the back page of *The Contact*, or call Josh Cole on ☎ 0417 554 341.

YOUTH MINISTRY

A RED YOUTH

RED Youth are meeting on alternate Thursday evenings and have launched into the Youth Alpha study series. For more info or to talk about what's planned see Tanika or call her on ☎ 0411 801 191.



MEN'S MINISTRY

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Hey guys ... if you're not away over this weekend I'd love to have brekky with you at the Church on **Saturday 27 April** from 8am. We'll eat, and we'll talk, and \$5 will cover it. Love to see you there!



DON'T FORGET ...

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS

Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour on **Sunday 7 April** (before Church!).



HELP US HELP OTHERS

We're pleased that other groups are making use of our facilities. To allow them undisturbed use, please avoid the following times in April if you're planning to do work at the Church (e.g. lawn mowing/cleaning).

- Tuesday and Thursday mornings
- Thursday afternoons, &
- Saturday 27 April from 10.30am – 1.30pm.

Your assistance is greatly appreciated. On the flip side, if you know of anyone seeking a venue for an event, we would be open to requests for hire.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

**Ladies ...
let's get together for coffee.**

TUESDAY 2 APRIL, 10AM
@ Good Golly
(41 Ilex Street, Red Cliffs)

Please RSVP by noon
on Monday 1 April to:

Naomi Thorne
☎ 0488 720 962



COMBINED WOMEN'S COFFEE

The next date for the Red Cliffs churches women's morning tea is **Tuesday 2 April** at Good Golly café. Please let Naomi know if you are planning to attend.



LAVISHED 2019

It's nearly here! The *Lavished Women's Conference* is almost here (**May 3 & 4**) and registration is now open. You can go to lavishedconference.com to register or complete the form and pass it to Naomi.

Earlybird rates are available until **Sunday 7 April**.

LADIES NIGHT OUT

April's ladies' night out is for dinner at the Irymple Hotel on **Wednesday 13 April** from 6.30pm. If you're planning to join the group, or for more details, please chat with Angela.

COMMUNITY

WORSHIP @ JACARANDA

Each Monday the churches of Red Cliffs lead a time of worship at Jacaranda Village. Our Church's next rostered turn is **Monday 15 April** and the start time is **10.30am** in The Manor.



If you're able to assist with this service, or at any other time, please chat with Elaine, who does a fabulous and faithful job of leading these services when our Church is rostered.

RED CLIFFS COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP

Do you know of a family who might like to come and enjoy a community playgroup in a casual and friendly environment?

The playgroup meets in our hall from 10am – 12noon every Tuesday and Thursday and welcomes all children aged 0-5 years.



FOOD HANDLERS COURSE

As a church, many of our activities involved food, and we know better than some that food can be both marvellous and dangerous. It's important we 'do food well', not just because we don't want anyone to suffer, but because regulations require people handling food on behalf of others to be trained.



We're encouraging people who are interested in serving food (or in food related mission ideas) to complete a *Food Handlers Course*. We're promoting the opportunity to gain the qualification through MADEC with a half day or evening short course in Mildura on **Wednesday 17 April**.

For more details, contact Liz, who's doing the course and would love others to as well. The course cost is \$95.

MISSIONS

MAY IS MISSIONS MONTH

May's *Mission Month* will provide an excellent opportunity for us to consider how we can be "a movement of the people of God gathering in and around the central figure of Jesus Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit, living out his way in our neighbourhoods, and inviting others to do the same" (courtesy CCVT's mission statement).

One significant change being made this May is to intentionally embed our Church within our community's monthly market. Starting **Sunday 5 May** we'll have a stall at the market each Month, in an effort to meet and connect meaningfully with our wider community.

There several consequences to this change, including;

- Our 10am Sunday Service will change to the time of 6pm on the first Sunday of each month.
- Adventure Club will continue on Sunday mornings from 10am to 11.15am, even if it's Market Day.
- Church members are invited to either come to the church for a time of prayer, and/or play a part in our activities at the market.

Further details will be shared across the month of April. Please keep our whole Church in your prayers, we'll all need to trust the Lord's clear leading as we take this step of faith.

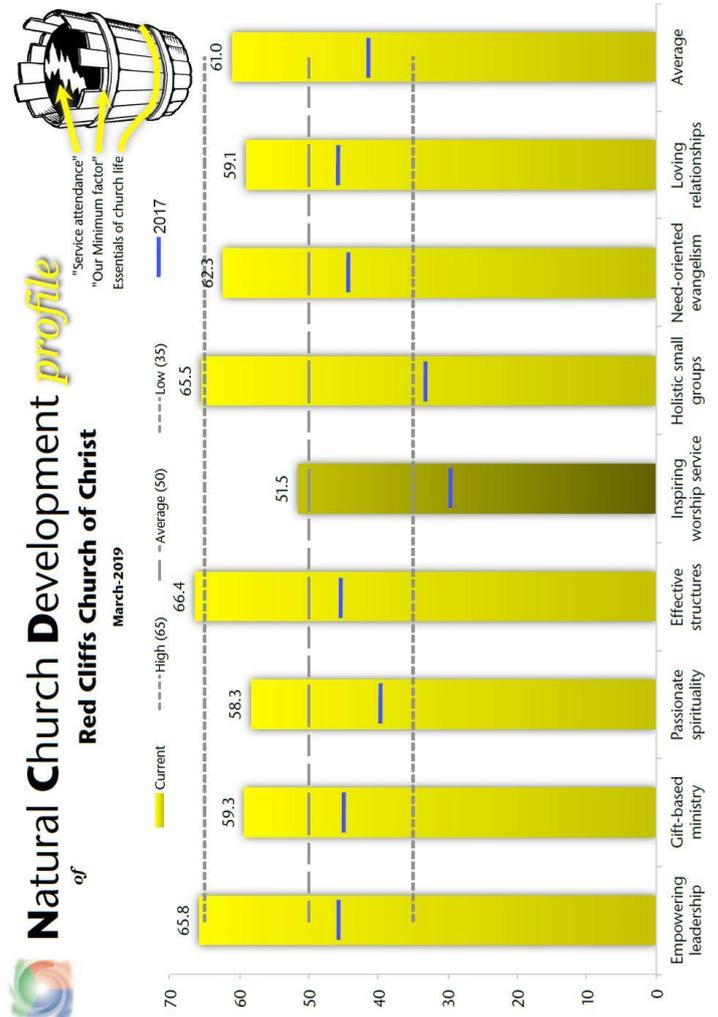
LIVING LINK MORNING TEA

Following the service on **Sunday 14 April** we'll be sharing in our Living Link Morning Tea. All donations are sent to our missionary Fiona Briers at Bright solutions, Vietnam.



NATURAL CHURCH DEVELOPMENT (NCD)

Thanks to those who helps complete NCD surveys during March. This is the third survey we have completed as a church (2015, 2017, 2019) and the results (summarised below) are both informative and helpful as we seek to be a healthy church.



JAM SESSION
Build a Better Beat

A fun filled primary school holiday program
9:00AM - 3:00PM
April 9th, 10th and 11th
Mildura Church of Christ - Cnr 10th St and Deakin Ave
\$10 a Day or \$25 for 3 Days
Meals Provided - All Primary Students Welcome

TITHES & OFFERINGS

For those who find it most effective to arrange giving via online transfers, the details are;
Red Cliffs Church of Christ
BSB: **633 000** Account: **159 189 497**

There's no need to enter any identifying names but it is helpful if it was described as "offering".