

Sunday 5 October 2025



SERMON TOPIC: Be Ready  
BIBLE TEXT: Matt 24:1-3, 36-44 & James 2:26  
PREACHER: Herman Linde  
ELDER ON DUTY: Martin van der Merwe  
OFFERINGS:  
1st Collection: The work of the Church  
2nd Collection: Ministry & Mission

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## OCTOBER THOUGHTS

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Dear Church Family,

As the season shifts into October, we are reminded of the beauty of change. The crisp air, blooming trees, and longer days inviting us to pause and reflect on the faithfulness of God through every season of life.

Just as creation transition with purpose, so too does God shape and guide our journeys.

October feels like a month of preparation - we are moving from the busyness of the year into the slower rhythms of the year's end. In this time, let us remember the words of Ecclesiastes 3:1 "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens."

As we enter the new month, may we:

- Give Thanks for the blessings God has already poured out this year.
- Be prayerful for the needs within our church and community.
- Stay hopeful for the work God is still doing in us and through us.

This October, let us look for the quiet moments to draw closer to the Lord - whether it's in prayer, in serving others, or in simply enjoying the beauty of His creation.

May we be encouraged that no matter the season, God remains the same as yesterday, today and forever.

Grace and peace to you.  
Leana

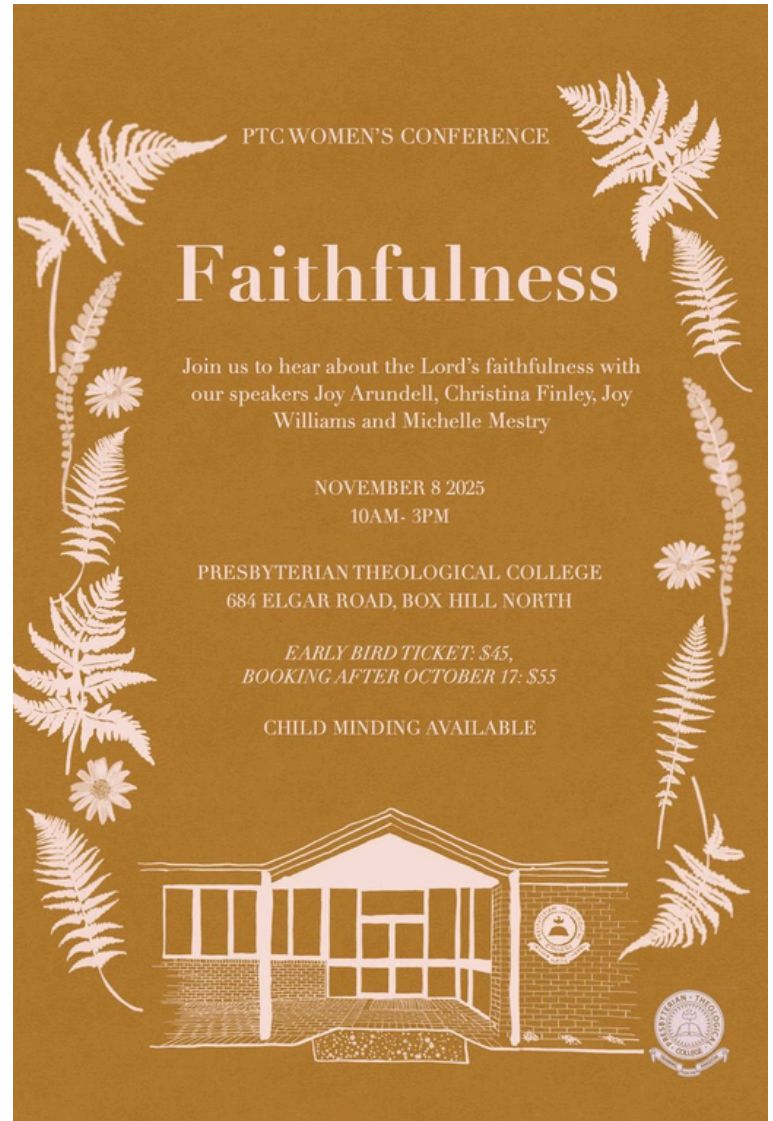
The PTC Women's Conference 2025, happening soon. I believe this event would interest a number of you, and it could be a wonderful opportunity for personal spiritual growth, reflection, and encouragement.

Why I think you might want to go:

1) It's always great to take dedicated time out to grow in understanding of God, of ourselves, and how we live out faith in everyday life. This will give you the space to do that with other likeminded women.

2) Joy Williams will be one of the key speakers. I know Joy personally, and she is a wonderful lady with a deep heart for the Lord. She is the wife of Martin Williams (lecturer at RTC), a strong Christian mother, and co-editor/author of the children's book John Calvin's Illustrated Institutes Book 1: Knowing God and Knowing Ourselves (Chapters 1-5).

3) It will be a great encouragement for the other women who attend as well.



## Details

WHAT: PTC Women's Conference 2025

WHEN: Saturday 8th November from 10:00am - 3:00pm

WHERE: 684 Elgar Rd, Box Hill North, VIC 3129

FOR WHO: Women who desire growth, fellowship, encouragement

SPEAKERS:

Joy Arundell - God is faithful

Christina Finley - When God doesn't feel faithful

WORKSHOPS:

Faithfulness in the home with Joy Williams

Faithfulness in the workplace with Michelle Mestry

How to register: <https://ptc.edu.au/event/ptc-womens-conference-2025/>

Please also let Jenna know if you are want to go, because we would love to carpool together!

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## *Podcast series: Neurodivergence and the Christian Life*

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Centre for Christian Living is an initiative of Moore Theological College, which has a theological basis very similar to CRCA. They've produced a well-researched series of 3 1-hour podcasts titled "Neurodivergence and the Christian Life". The aim is twofold: (i) to support neurodivergent Christians, and (ii) to give insight into neurodivergence to parents, friends, ministry leaders and others.

Neurodivergence is where a person processes information, learns or behaves differently to the general population. It includes autism spectrum, ADHD, dyslexia, etc, although the podcasts focus on autism and ADHD. Together these two affect up to 10% of children and between 3% and 6% of adults in Australia. So it's relevant to people in our church, in your workplace or school, and wherever you meet people.

The first podcast explores the experiences of a range of neurodiverse people, to give an understanding of the range of different ways it's experienced. Part 2 takes a Biblical perspective. And with that as a basis, Part 3 looks at how neurodivergence affects churches and lives and families as Christians.

Podcasts are on CCL's website <https://ccl.moore.edu.au/> and also on Spotify: search "Centre for Christian Living" and you'll see the 3 podcasts listed. For those who prefer to read than listen, Transcripts are here:

<https://ccl.moore.edu.au/resources/podcast-episode-143/>

<https://ccl.moore.edu.au/resources/podcast-episode-144/>

<https://ccl.moore.edu.au/resources/podcast-episode-145/>





# ANNOUNCEMENTS

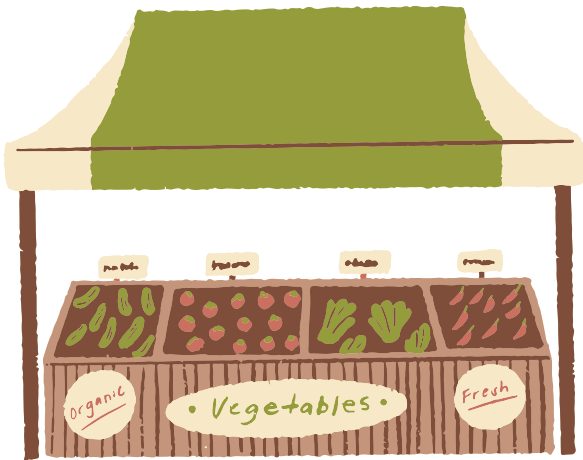
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## Dining room mission **HOW TO HELP**

The next Dining room mission is Tuesday 28 October .

If you would like to contribute with a cooked meal or pantry staples  
please contact Joy van Veen

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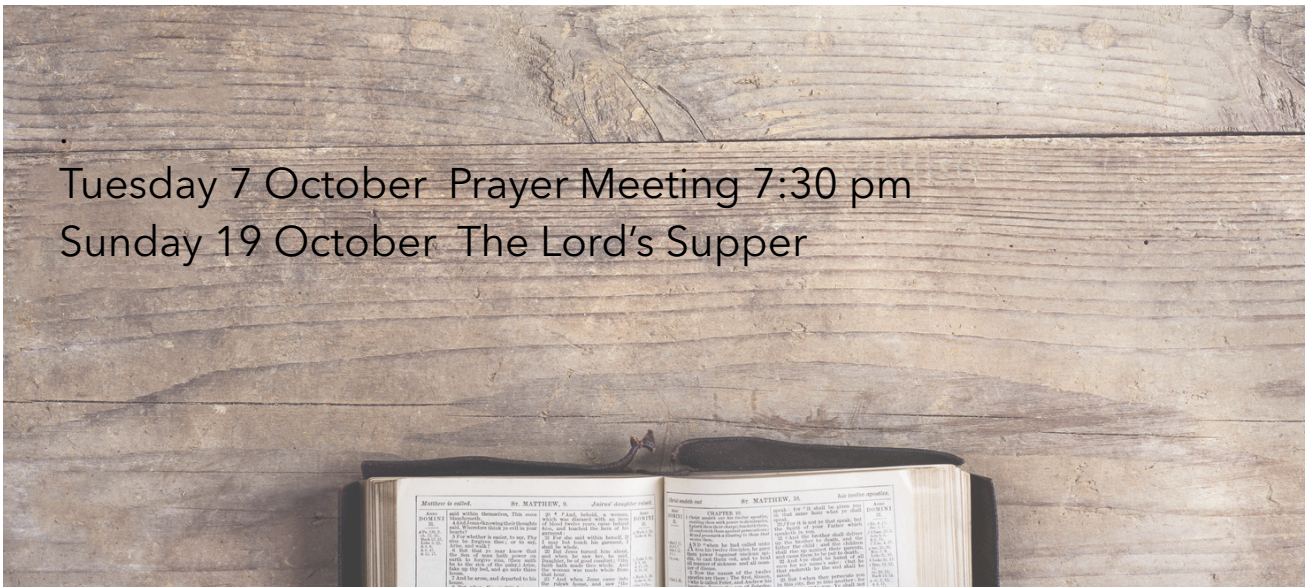
An Organic Fruit and Veggie co op runs from  
our church hall every second Thursday. You  
are welcome to stop by to purchase fresh  
fruits and veggies.

Next date: 9 October  
9:30 - 12:30 & 16:00 - 18:00

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## Church Calender **WHAT IS HAPPENING**

Tuesday 7 October Prayer Meeting 7:30 pm  
Sunday 19 October The Lord's Supper



# TERM 4 **2025**

# SUPERDASH

<b>17</b> OCT	<b>Q&amp;A NIGHT</b> 7: 30 PM @ PRETORIUS HOME
<b>26</b> OCT	<b>STATE YOUTH SERVICE</b> 5 PM @ ONE HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH
<b>31</b> OCT	<b>NO SUPERDASH</b> DUE TO MELBOURNE CUP HOLIDAY (4 <sup>TH</sup> OF NOV)
<b>7</b> NOV	<b>BIBLE STUDY: MARK</b> 7: 30 PM @ WONGA PARK CRC
<b>21</b> NOV	<b>BIBLE STUDY: MARK</b> 7: 30 PM @ WONGA PARK CRC
<b>5</b> DEC	<b>SOCIAL: CHURCH SLEEPOVER</b> 7: 30 PM @ WONGA PARK CRC TIL 6 <sup>TH</sup> 12 PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION SPEAK TO YOUR YOUTH LEADERS



# Update from one of the Missionaries we support



## Partner Field Report

I am Ramesh Chandra Ahari from Udaipur district of Rajasthan State. I belong to the Bhil community and working among my own people.

### Family:

My wife's name is Nirma Devi. God has blessed us with four children. Elder son Praveen is 13 years old, he is studying in 8<sup>th</sup> Standard; Second is my daughter Asha, she is 10 years old, studying in 5<sup>th</sup> Standard; Third is my son Deepak, he is 9 years old, studying in 4<sup>th</sup> Standard; Fourth is my daughter Payal, she is 5 years old, studying in 1<sup>st</sup> Standard. Please continue to pray for my family, good health and for children's education.



### Impacts in my ministry:

**Praise God!** By the grace of our Lord, we have added 16 new believers in to our congregations, last year. I have two worship groups in Leeladi and Kakad Mala villages. There are more than 50 believers coming together for Sunday worship service in both the places. Also, I am taking care of two prayer groups in Upli Magri and Jamun villages.

### Target for 2025

- I want to share the good news to 40 new people and to bring at least 25 to faith.
- I have plan for our congregation next year to organize women's meeting and family seminar for the spiritual growth of my congregation.

### Prayer and Praising Points:

- The training for our elders was extremely beneficial for the congregation. Two of my committee members participated, and the teaching had a positive impact on their lives, enabling them to implement what they learned within the congregation.
- Persecution from other community people is more active in my outreach villages. Please pray that our Lord has to change the situation to preach the gospel without any hindrance.
- Please pray for my outreach villages to reach more souls and establish the kingdom of our Lord.

***Your faithful prayers and financial support help me continue working in the Kingdom through IndiWay. Please know that I too pray for you, my partner. Thank you again for your partnership in the ministry in Rajasthan.***



**Ben Peletier**

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## Our Giving, an Act of Worship

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In our Church we have two offerings every Sunday. The first goes toward the ministry of this congregation. The second offering goes toward various Christian causes. This week our second offering is for the Ministry & Mission.

If you would like to support the work of you can do so by in Church giving - simply add your offering to the bag at the back of Church or by bank transfer -

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If using bank transfer please indicate whether it is for the first offering "Sun1" or second offering "Sun 2" in the reference line. Or you can give online via our Church app

<https://wpcrc.org.au/give>

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### *This week's* **PRAYER POINTS**

Every other consideration and plan and emphasis is secondary to that of wielding the forces of prayer.

John Mott

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### *Personal* **PRAYER POINTS**

As we go into the coming week let us daily pray;

That we will always stay alert remembering that no matter where we are or what we do we are children of God and that all our actions reflect back on him, either good or bad.

If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to every one: 'Watch!'

Give praise and thanks to our God for giving us opportunities to demonstrate the love of Jesus.

### *Congregational* **PRAYER POINTS**

Please pray for all our university students as they go into a very intense period towards the end of the year.

Please pray for Peter Williams as he will have surgery on his other knee this week, pray that everything will go well and that he will have a swift recovery.

Please continue to pray for Lydia as she recovers from her operation, pray that the problem with blood clots will be resolved quickly without any lasting problems.

## Local & Global PRAYER POINTS

Please pray for the teachers in our schools, pray that they will be revitalised to tackle the last, most hectic term of the year.

Please pray for our nation that the Lord will do great things so as to bring many of our citizens into his kingdom.

Please pray that international tensions will be eased, that all those in power will seek the good of all.

Please pray for our brothers and sisters in China.

In a sweeping operation that began about two months ago, Chinese authorities deployed 300 to 400 police officers in 200 vehicles to target Christians linked to house churches across different areas in East China. One of Open Doors' local partners remarks, "We have not seen such a massive force used to address church-related matters; this is something that warrants serious attention."

More than 70 individuals have been detained, including pastors, co-workers, host families, and even a few seekers who had not yet formally joined the faith. Some were caught during church gatherings, and others were taken from their homes or workplaces. Authorities concentrated their questioning on financial matters and denominational affiliations. So far, 20 individuals have been fined. Penalties range from several thousand to tens of thousands of yuan. The fines appear to be tied to the church financial offerings and the "illegal" family gathering place. Jason\*, another local partner, shares: "Due to the recent crackdown, our church ministry has come to a standstill. Some brothers and sisters have left the church while several others are on the verge of losing their faith."

The number of full-time ministry workers has dropped from six to just one, as the rest have stepped down from their position and are now seeking employment elsewhere. More than 80 small fellowship groups within the house churches have ceased meeting. Of the original 14 churches, only a few remain."

As for the reasons behind the crackdown, Jason shares, "According to some church friends, it's possible they were reported as heretical, or betrayed by an informant within the church, or suspected of having foreign ties but these are all just speculations. The exact reason remains unclear."

Meanwhile, another gospel team in the same region had all its gathering sites interrogated and warned. This reflects a growing trend of tightened religious control across East China.

\*Name changed for security purposes

Pray for the churches, believers, and seekers who experienced or are currently facing persecution. Ask the Lord to comfort them, strengthen their faith, and give them His peace. May the Holy Spirit lead the Church and believers to live victorious lives in the midst of the storm. Please pray for the spiritual environment in East China. May the Lord use this environment to draw the Church and believers into deeper unity in Him: supporting, encouraging, and strengthening one another.

May He raise up more believers to engage boldly in this spiritual battle.  
~ Open Doors

Our next prayer meeting will be held on Tuesday the 7th of October at 7.30pm.



# Sermon NOTES

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Something  
that shines  
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passage

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Anything  
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Personal  
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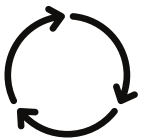


Theme of  
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How does it  
fit with other  
passages in  
the Bible

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Who will you  
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# Helping HANDS

	5 October	12 October	19 October
Preacher	Herman Linde	Chris Pretorius	Chris Pretorius
Elder on Duty	Martin	Jacob	Kasha
Prayer Leader	Martin	Jacob	Kasha
Music Leader	Brendina	Mia	Nelleke
Children's Talk	Inge	Janette	TBC
Bible Reader	Mila	Lorensz	TBC
Sound	Nina	Cassie	Nic
Visuals	Salme	Isaac	Ene
Broadcasting	Christo	James	Pieter
Sunday School	No Sunday School	TBC	TBC
Coffee	van Gent Family	Herman and Lynette Dyer	Bester Family

# Upcoming BIRTHDAYS



HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY

01 - Brady Miller  
04 - Kasha Schubert  
08 - Michael van der Merwe  
15 - Peter Williams  
20 - Ava Corney  
22 - Adri Bennie  
23 - Elise Bezuidenhout  
24 - Teddy Pretorius  
25 - Lariza Bergh  
26 - Retha van Staden

## Who Should I Contact?

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*Kids coloring*  
**CORNER**

# noah's ark

