



Thank you!

Dear friend,

Thank you so much for having returned the feedback card I delivered to you in the last months, and I am very pleased that you indicated you still wish to receive my monthly newsletters!

In this edition, I would like to share with you a clear summary of just what it is that I have been trying to do in these last years here in East Preston / Reservoir, to perhaps help clarify exactly what it is that I am doing as a Community Chaplain!

BUILDING A GENUINE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

To put it simply, everything I have been doing as a Community Chaplain has come under the banner of "Building a Genuine Christian Community". Allow me to explain a little.

You see, in our world, where personal gain and the mighty dollar seem to govern the affairs of many, it takes courage to want to get back to living the way God originally intended: loving God, loving our neighbours, loving sacrificially & with mercy.

But it takes more than courage. We need God's help. Each one of us is naturally trapped in the sins of greed, self-interest, pride, and lack of faith in God. How can we be free to live as God wants us to?

Well, the Bible tells us that long ago God had said to Abraham:

"I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you"
(Genesis 12:2-3).

The result of this blessing was to be 'shalom', a peace and freedom which would permeate every aspect of life. To fulfil this blessing, God finally sent His Son Jesus to inaugurate the Kingdom of God and to be the world's Saviour



**one world
one people
one solution
Jesus Christ**

and Lord. Jesus announced His mission with these words:

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me because He has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour" (Luke 4:18-19).

The mission of Jesus was to set people FREE: free from oppressive powers and structures, and free from bondage to their sins, so that they could live in love and the fullness of life which God had always intended for people. This is what Christians call the Gospel!

Because Jesus was 100% faithful to God in His life, because He died on the cross for our sins, because He rose again from the dead, and because He gives the Holy Spirit to all who turn from their sins and believe in Him, everyone who follows Jesus can be free to live the life God wants them to live. Hallelujah!!



Today, God is still growing communities of people who will experience the promises and blessings He gave to Abraham, and He is wanting to build a Christian community right here in East Preston / Reservoir!

And in December 2000, God gave me a dream in which He sent me precisely to this area to be His servant in helping to build a genuine Christian Community.

To date, over 44 people have opened up their lives to Jesus Christ and become His followers! Around 10 adults and 15 children from our area come regularly to the monthly church services we have been holding in the Preston North East Primary School hall. Approximately 25% of all children at PNE Primary are involved in the Christian Religious Education program (RI). And some local teenagers are part of the fantastic youth group run by the Reservoir Salvation Army at "Shop 16" in Summerhill Village.

All these things and more are evidence to me that people in our area are discovering the abundant life that God wants us to have as we follow Jesus!

I encourage you to keep on "trusting in God with all your heart", or to at least begin doing so! There is no greater decision you can make in life!

Over the next months I look forward to continue sharing thoughts with you to encourage you in following Jesus Christ and becoming the "fulfilled human being" that God wants you and all of us to be!

God bless you,

Peter Kutschker

**Jesus said:
"I have come that they
may have life, and have
it to the full"**

(John 10:10)

Are you going to heaven?

1. Do you believe that God exists?
2. Do you understand that God loves you and wants you to experience abundant life as you obey Him?
3. Our world and our lives have been and are in such a mess because we have all sinned against God. Do you admit that you are a sinner?
4. Do you believe that because God loves you, He sent His own Son Jesus Christ to die on the cross as the penalty for your sins, and rise again so that you could have abundant eternal life as you follow Him?
5. Will you now turn from your sins, turn back to God, ask Him for forgiveness, and begin following Jesus as your lord and master?

NO
↓
death
↓
hell

YES
↓
eternal life
↓
heaven

A prayer of commitment:

Dear God,
thank you that you love me
thank you that you sent Jesus to die for my sins
I am so sorry for my sins (*name them here*)
please forgive me
I don't want to sin any more
I believe that Jesus died for me
I believe that Jesus rose from the dead again.
And Lord Jesus, I want You to be the Lord of my life
and I want to follow You
Please help me.
Thank you Lord God.
In Jesus name I pray,
Amen.

News & Events

You're invited to our next
CELEBRATION
SUNDAY
a Community Church
Service for everyone!!

Theme:

Talking to God



- **Sunday April 24th**
- **4pm - 5.15pm**
(followed by supper!) 
- **Preston Nth East
Primary School Hall**

Bring your whole family!

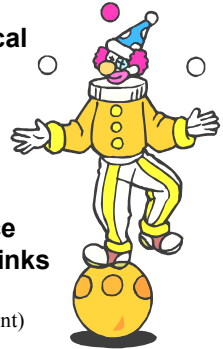


Neighbourhood Day!

Saturday, 14th May
11am – 3pm

**Darebin Community
Health Centre,
Cnr Blake & Crevelli St**

**Lots of Stalls – trash &
treasure and more,
Entertainment,
Information,
Sharing of local
cultures!**



**Face Painting
Kids Games
Cultural Dance
FOOD and Drinks
for sale**

(No Alcohol Event)

For more information, contact
Donna – 9230 4550, or the
Food Coop staff at the Health
Centre, or myself!

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