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MOTHERS DAY
SERVICE 12 MAY
SUNDAY 10.00A



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THE FRAMING? OF MOTHERHOOD!

The front cover shows a picture in a frame. A frame doesn't make sense itself until it is filled with a picture. Yet once the picture is filled, the frame not only helps to hold it all together, but accentuates the picture.

The frame divides what is the picture, and what isn't. The frame draws your eye to focus and see the picture from the background. Is Motherhood a bit like a frame? Stay with me now!

My mum has a way of framing a difficult situation and bringing out a positive. My mum would take something that seemed hopeless, and make it overcomer-able. My mum was like that picture that seems to reach out towards you with love.



It cant work the same without a frame. Motherhood is generous and includes and generates more love than you thought possible, without taking anything away from anyone or anything. Motherhood has a way of making others feel important, connected and included. Motherhood helps you to see the bigger picture but also brings that bigger picture into your own framework, into your own world. Motherhood has a gift to

embrace and create a sense of family and belonging. Motherhood is able to frame love generously, and make you feel like you have always been part of things, and always been in the picture!



Motherhood is not exclusively about your mum, or being mum to your kids! Motherhood exerts its gifts, wisdom and love from a variety of sources.



Yes, life can be lived well unframed! However to use the metaphor, a frame does makes a difference:



Mums make a difference! And may we enjoy the frame, or the kindness given to us by our mothers, as Proverbs 1:8-9 says ..."*never forget your mother's instructions. That insight will bring you success, adorning you with grace-filled thoughts and giving you reins to guide your decisions.*" Thank you for sharing your gift of motherhood here at Stirling – and may the Lord bless you!



POWER & PRESENCE

MAY TEACHING SERIES

10.00A SUN 19 MAY
PENTECOST SUNDAY
PR NEIL MILNE

6.30P SUN 19 MAY
TARRY NIGHT

10.00A SUN 26 MAY
PR BARRY SILVERBACK



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PENTECOST SUNDAY & MAY SERIES – POWER & PRESENCE

The first half of this year has been given to our identity, vision and who we are in Christ. On our website at www.stirlingfamilychurch.au, we have our statements of vision, declaring that...‘we see a church living in His Power and Presence’. This is who we are, expressed as vision.

In June, we will consider our mission statement with the month given to the Gifts of the Spirit and how the gifts enable and empower us for the work of the ministry, and minister to one another as salt and light, and as witnesses of Jesus. The emphasis of June is for our passionate anticipation in our opportunity of personal evangelism in the everyday moments, as the Lord brings people across our everyday moment paths.

However before June, we have Pentecost Sunday, and the moment we remember for presence and empowerment. Our mission seems incomprehensible until we live into our identity as image bearers of God, imbued with His power and presence. We have made much of Exodus 33 in this process of discerning a fresh discovery of who the Lord has called us to be. May Series is all about how we see our Church – and how we see ourselves – living in His Power and Presence. And it starts with Pentecost. Pr Neil and Joy Milne will be our guest ministry encourage us that Jesus is making all things new, and that the

Holy Spirit has empowered us to be His witnesses. They will minister into our Power and Presence theme and bring a prophetic encouragement. And if folk respond, we hope for opportunity to witness Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

The evening of Pentecost Sunday will be given to ‘Tarry’, that is to wait upon the Lord, which means worshipping and praying and believing for a new anointing and impartation of the Holy Spirit for our fellowship. And if there is a desire for Baptism in the Holy Spirit, Tarry Night is the night to attend.



On May 26, Pr Barry Silverback will be ministering the word and speaking into our series on Power and Presence.

Pr Barry and Rosalie Silverback were the Pastors of Stirling Family Church in the 1960s before relocating to Papua New Guinea as full time missionaries, and pioneering a bigger world.

Pr Neil and Pr Barry have served much of their lives overseas ministering into different cultural contexts, and witnessed untold miracles, tragedies, victories, hardships, salvations and the power of God. This month, May we receive something new in the Spirit.

MAY SUNDAY TEAM

Date	Sunday Coord	Comm Serving	Comm Prep	Welcome	Giving Collect	Giving Count	Kitchen Support	GoNations Coffee	First Aid	Sunday Prayer
05/05	Leon	Juli								
		Allegra BecF	Leon	Jan & John	John & Leon	John & Leon	Margaret & Juli	Mia, Dot & Charlotte	TBA	BecF
		Margaret								
12/05	TimH	AprilG								
		MattG BenB Shane	TimH	AprilG & MattG	Robbie & TimH	TimH & AprilG	AprilG, BecB, Team	Anna, Ev & BenB	TBA	Robbie
19/05	JanetP	Natalia								
		Mikinley Ava Emie	JanetP	Natalia & BecF	Allegra & Mia	JanetP & Robbie	Natalia & Anita	Mia, Allegra & Emie	TBA	JimV
26/05	Rob	AprilC								
		Ev Mia Penton	Rob	Jenny & Penton	Rob & Derek	Rob & Penton	AprilC & Jackie	Charlotte, Dot & Anna	TBA	JudyK

Thank you for serving the Lord, and blessing our Church family. If you need to swap with someone, please contact another person directly. [admin@stirlingfamilychurch.au // www.stirling.elvanto.com.au]

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April '24

June '24

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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

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Sunday		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	9.30a Prayer 10a Worship Gathering StirlingKids	29 Young Adults First Day Term 2	30 7.00p EnKindle	1 7.00p Crafters LG 7.00p Nairne Mens LG State CRC Conference	2 10a Mens Coffee Club 10a Hahndorf Womens LG	3 7.00p reBranded Youth	4 2.00p Hamper Day
5	9.30a Prayer 10a Family Service 6.30p EP Prayer	6 Young Adults	7 7.00p EnKindle	8 7.00p Crafters LG 7.00p Nairne Mens LG State CRC Conference	9 7.00p Music Practice State CRC Conference	10 6.00p Friday Prayer 7.00p reBranded Youth	11
12	9.30a Prayer 10a Mothers Day Service Missions Sunday	13 Young Adults	14 7.00p EnKindle	15	16 10a Mens Coffee Club 10a Hahndorf Womens LG	17 5.00p HCCC Prayer 7.00p reBranded Youth	18
19	9.30a Prayer 10a Pentecost Sunday StirlingKids 6.30p Tarry Night	20 Young Adults	21 7.00p EnKindle	22 7.00p Crafters LG 7.00p Nairne Mens LG	23	24 7.00p reBranded Youth	25
26	9.30a Prayer 10a Worship Gathering StirlingKids & 10:40Grp Alpha Group	27 6.30p Elders Young Adults	28 7.00p EnKindle	29	30 10a Mens Coffee Club 10a Hahndorf Womens LG	31 7.00p reBranded Youth	1
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GATHERED WORSHIP SPOTIFY PLAYLIST

Interested in listening to the songs we sing in our worship gatherings? Visit our Facebook Group to find a link to our Stirling Family Church worship playlist. Big thanks to Judy Northey for pulling this together for us.



BenBec Bonython

Admin

Top Contributor

· March 31 at 2:44 PM · 🌐



Hi everyone, Judy N has put together a Spotify play list that has all the songs we sing at church! Thank you so much Judy! There is 8 hours of praise and worship! We pray God washes over your heart as you listen to these songs and worship with them.

<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/33eDQJsQ5E6z5pfp3FRKyt...>



Stirling Family Church

Stirling Family Church · Playlist · 88 songs

MAY BIRTHDAYS



PRAYER AND OPPORTUNITY TO PRAY

Praying is not our final option, but our first response. Praying is not an action of reaction, but taking the initiative in faith. We surprise the enemy when we come in prayer, the prioritise dependence on God.

And its great that Jan and Penton have really sorted things out, and no longer have to wear bandages.

But seriously, prayer works! Below are four opportunities to gather in prayer together.



Fri 5.00p 17 May (Monthly)(HCCC)

Our Church is not alone and we collaborate as we can with Hills Combined Christian Churches. HCCC meet for prayer each week at Sunset Rock Church in Stirling at 40 Spencer Street. The heart of HCCC is to pray for our local area, and in particular for revival. The next gathering is to be held at 5.00p on Friday 17 May.

Sun 6.30-7.30p 5 May (Monthly)



On the first Sunday of each month, we will gathering for Evening Prayer and Earnestly Pray. Acts 12:5 says: *'So Peter was kept in prison, but the church was earnestly praying to God for him.'*

Earnestly means fervently, or deeply, or intentionally are other words that describe this word earnestly. As does 'to stretch' or 'reach' or 'be in tension'. EP Nights are about praying with

intentional desperate confidence, without ceasing, to the Lord to move, transform, open up and save.

Fri 6.00-7.00p 10 May (Monthly)



Friday Prayer meets before Youth Group, once per month, at Miss Perez in Druid Avenue as our starting point.

The specific date each month can be found in this monthly newsletter calendar or on the Elvanto Calendar. We aim to pray for our community, stand in the gap, and be moved and led by the Spirit in the midst of our community.

Sun 9.30-9.50a (Weekly)

Each Sunday morning, we pray before our Church service and prepare our hearts to worship, and bring glory to God. We pray for one another and pray that our hearts would be open to the leading of the Holy Spirit, and that we might show love towards one another.

CHEERFUL GIVING & ANONYMITY OF EFT



Giving by EFT

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**YOU WILL ALWAYS HAVE EVERYTHING YOU NEED AND
PLENTY LEFT OVER TO SHARE WITH OTHERS (2 COR 9:8)**

Please note our new EFT details for Church banking, now with Westpac.

Our world is ever changing, and so are the security protocols placed upon the banking system. It seems good old cash remains a great option! With recent regulatory and service changes to the banking system, some 'OSKO' transfers and EFTs how the 'account name' of the sender – that is the giver.

In raising a query with the bank, they advised that this is unavoidable and cannot be removed or masked.

It is important to appreciate that the Church does not 'total' or 'track' any giving from a specific giver. However bank statements can and some do record the name of the account from

where the transfer originated. This make sense in general, however for a Church, this is matter worth knowing.

The alternatives for those desiring their giving to remain anonymous is the most obvious method being good old-fashioned cash!

We receive a physical offering every week, and cash is 100% anonymous!

Another method, which is inheritably anonymous as a result of a single nightly settlement transfer, is EFTPOS.

The EFTPOS machine is kept near the Coffee Machine on Sunday's, and transactions attract a service charge of 1.45% on top of any giving amount.

If you have any questions about this, please speak with Robbie or Ben.

LITTLE NEWS ABOUT OUR MOVEMENTS

The Bonython family are having two weeks break from 23 April until 2 May, and taking the opportunity to visit Burnside Family Church on 28 April. On 28 May, Bec and Ben fly out to Indonesia for two weekends to connect with the pastors and leaders, orphanages and children's ministries, and ministry training school.



MISSION PARTNERSHIPS

MATERNITY HAMPERS – 4 MAY

Items to put together a baby bag for expectant mum's having a baby at Mount Barker Hospital.



One of our Mission Partners is the ministry of Maternity Hampers provided to new mums at Mt Barker Hospital. This mission area is coordinated by Judy and Rob Kowald.

And we are preparing Hampers for Mothers Day. On 4 May, we will construct the Hampers. We will also pray over the Hampers.



2.00p Saturday 4 May - Official Hamper Day

If you can join us and help construct Baby Hampers, and pray over the Hampers and those who have the opportunity to show kindness and give them away.

If you are interested in helping or want more information, please speak with Judy Kowald.

INDIA & MANIPUR - EITI



It is my privilege to be able to zoom teach students at EITI for an hour each week on the Book of Romans. This commenced on 17 April and will run for 10 or so weeks. Please keep the EITI students in your prayers.

INDONESIA & BUKIT KARMEL

On 28 May, Bec and Ben Bonython fly out with Mavis Pardede and Sheila Chehade to Indonesia for a short-term missions trip. One part of the trip will include a visit to Bukit Karmel where we will conduct a Ministry Camp for the 20 or so High School aged children and run seminars for staff.

One very special moment for the trip will be to train staff and Joshua (right) on how to use an iPad to communicate.



Dumped at the railway station, Joshua was homeless as a toddler, and never learnt to speak, as a result of physical and mental delays, and terrible trauma.

Fundraising from last year and this year however means that Stirling Family Church will gift Joshua his own iPad and the gift of communication.



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