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**17 July 2020**

**This week's Sunday@Home Sermon and Resources**

Hi Church Family,

Our current focus on the importance and power of encouraging one another is particularly timely in the midst of current world events and the difficulties many of us are facing in these challenging days.

As the writer to the Hebrews says "let us consider how we can spur one another on toward love and good deeds" and consider how we can make opportunities to catch-up and encourage one another in various settings during this time.

It's been heartening to see our facility come to life as many of our mid-week ministries have resumed (under COVID-19, Phase 4 restrictions), and there is a great sense of excitement as other ministries prepare to relaunch this coming week with the commencement of Term 3.

The big gap at present is of course our "all together" Sunday celebration services. We are certainly missing seeing one another and worshipping the Lord together. There is something very special and powerful about praising the Lord as one body and building one another up in Christ.

We are expecting an announcement from our Premier next Friday as to whether WA will move into Phase 5 on 1 August. With the situation worsening on the east coast it seems our roadmap will be further delayed. In the meantime please be praying for those affected in our country and we will keep you posted on the timing of the resumption of our Booragoon services.

### **Sunday@Home**

Peter Christofides will bring the message titled "**The Power of Encouragement: Be Kind.**"

The sermon and supporting material, including songs and children's resources are available on our [Sunday@Home](#) webpage.

There will be time in the service this week to share Communion. I encourage you to be prepared in advance with the appropriate elements for the bread and the cup.

For prayer requests please [click here](#)

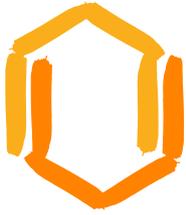
### **SaturdayNight@Cooby**

Our Cooby campus has been gathering on Saturday nights and Sunday mornings during Phase 4 and Peter Christofides will be preaching the same message recorded on Sunday@Home at the Cooby "live" services.

### **A Word in Season**

This week's devotional in our series "[A Word in Season](#)" was given by Mike Miles and can be accessed [here](#)

Our intent is to continue these mid-week devotionals post-COVID-19 as they have been enjoyed by so many of you over the weeks.



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### **Church Offerings**

There are several giving options listed on our [Giving page](#):

- You can give through the [Church App](#) or [Click here](#)
- Cash or cheques can be delivered to our Church Office Reception:  
Tuesday to Friday 9.00am to 4.30pm.

### **Building Fund Receipts**

We will be emailing or posting tax receipts (depending on whether we have your email address) to those who have donated to the Building Fund during the tax year ended 30 June 2020. If you are expecting a receipt and have not received the email or letter in the post by the end of next week please let us know.

### **Busy Bee**

Thank you to all who made the time to help out at our Busy Bee and for the great work done around our facility. Sue and I were visiting our son Michael and Sue's family in Merredin so we missed the Busy Bee. But it's not too late for those who could not make it. There are still a number of outstanding jobs. If you can help please contact Gladys Burgess in our church office to arrange a suitable time.

### **Book of the Month – July**

**“Encouragement: The Unexpected Power of Building Others Up”** by Dr Larry Crabb and Dr Dan Allender can be ordered through [our website](#) and collected at our church Bookshop.

### **Other Matters**

If you have any pastoral care needs please contact us at the Church Office by [email](#) or by phone 9329 1777.

We continue to look forward to the church family meeting all together in our Booragoon services when it is possible. In the meantime keep safe, stay connected and have a great weekend.

God bless

Simon Ford

**Executive Pastor**