

WELCOME HOME

17TH OCTOBER 2021

9.30AM

5.30PM



COMING UP AT CONNECT

2021-22 Directory

We are finalising the development of the 2021-22 Connect Church Directory! Please contact mikaela@connectchurch.org.au if you have any questions or would like to submit your details and/or photo

Church Online

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
Due to the current restrictions, we are unable to have in-person or live services. We will be having pre-recorded services via YouTube until further notice. More info will be sent via email.

Tribe Youth POSTPONED

No youth during lockdown – see you all again soon!

Jones Family Farewell 20/11 | 5pm

The Jones family is having a farewell before they move to New Zealand! Cooper Street Park | BYO picnic dinner, chairs, blanket | RSVP to Julie 0418 425 714

Engadine Spring Fair CANCELLED

Due to current restrictions and case numbers, we have made the decision to cancel the Fair this year. We are hoping to run it again in 2022 on Saturday 12th November

Bible Reading Plan

THIS WEEK | 18/10-24/10

18th Oct: John 3

19th Oct: John 4

20th Oct: John 5

21st Oct: John 6

22nd Oct: John 7

23rd&24th Oct: Reflect

More info at


www.connectchurch.org.au/resources


October Birthdays!

Sarah J	Jai	Lerey
Narelle	Bron	Lillie
Bruce	Sienna	Aimee S
Chris O	Chris B	Rosemary
Peter L		Roz

For more information and updates, be sure to check out our website and follow us on social media

 connectchurch.org.au

 [/connect.kingdom](https://www.facebook.com/connect.kingdom) & [/TribeYouthEngadine](https://www.facebook.com/TribeYouthEngadine)

 [@connectchurchengadine](https://www.instagram.com/connectchurchengadine), [@tribeyouthengadine](https://www.instagram.com/tribeyouthengadine)

[@connectchurchcreative](https://www.instagram.com/connectchurchcreative)

GENERAL INFORMATION

SRE Online

Scripture classes are now online! For weekly lessons, visit <https://cepconnect.com.au/learningathome/>

Bread Tags and Plastic Bottle Lid Collection

Alex Johns is collecting bread tags and plastic bottle lids to be recycled for charitable purposes! If you have any that you would like collected, please contact her on 0415 999 726

Supporting Missions

The church currently supports the Laney's, the Bookers, and the Ochaya's. You can additionally support them below: Ryan and Adriel Booker - ryanandadriel.com/partner/ | Chris and Sarah Ochaya - gf.me/u/s5tc4f

Operation Christmas Child – ONLINE DONATIONS

Due to restrictions, Samaritan's Purse is taking online monetary donations to pack and send out their shoeboxes. There are plenty of age ranges to choose from, and you can write a letter to be included with the box. Each box is a \$30 donation (\$10 for shipping and project costs, \$20 for shoebox contents) and you can make a donation here:

<https://occdonations.samaritanspurse.org.au/product/pack-a-shoebox-online/>

WELCOME TO CONNECT

It's great that you're able to connect with us today! We hope you feel welcome and that your experience is both inspiring and challenging. If you haven't already, we'd love you to join us for our Church Online services, which go live every Sunday morning at 9.30am! If you have any questions or would like to connect with us, feel free to check out our 'Contact Us' tab on our website. There, you'll find our social media links, and a form to fill out to send us a message. We look forward to hearing from you!

OUR SERVICES THIS WEEK + NEXT WEEK

SUNDAY MORNING

17/10 | 9.30am

'Decisions, Decisions'

Mike McGarrity

Check it out online!



SUNDAY MORNING

24/10 | 9.30am

'When the Odds are Against You'

Vanessa Stokes

Check it out online!

Our Sermon Recordings and Life Group Studies can be found on our website on the 'Resources' page.

A MESSAGE FROM LEADERSHIP - LAURIE

Good morning all,

So, is the buzzword of the week "Freedom"? With NSW reaching vaccination milestones and more to come, have you experienced any relaxing of restrictions? Or at least witnessed that happening for some if it is not yet for yourself? Do you actually truly feel a sense of freedom, or is it mixed with apprehension, anxiety, and hesitation?

It seems to many, relaxing of some restrictions in our society for many people has been a welcome relief and is in itself a contentious topic. Are we moving too quickly on this, or should it all happen faster? Will Covid infection rates rapidly rise, putting further strain on the healthcare system? It feels to me there a sense of normality creeping in, but mixed with trepidation and wariness. But is this truly what freedom brings?

My thoughts easily turn to Jesus when the topic of freedom pops up. He has provided the only really true freedom we could ever hope for. Freedom from our sin, from darkness. Freedom from eternal death, entry to eternal life. The fresh start through life in Christ.

He said "I am the light of the world." "I am the bread of life". "I am the gate, whoever enters through me will be saved". "I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me". He has broken the chains that bind us, and given us real freedom.

So, let us go through the week focusing more and more on the freedom given to us through Jesus, talk with Him, and share this message with those around us.

Laurence

PRAYER + PRAISE

If you have any prayer or praise points you would like to share, email John Duggan on montana.john@internode.on.net

FINANCES FOR SEPTEMBER

Due to the unusual financial complexities surrounding COVID-19, we are unable to reflect the true picture of the church's finances in a simple format. Rest assured; we are in a stable financial position. However, if you would like further details, please contact our treasurer Laurie - treasurer@connectchurch.org.au or 0412 386 235 - who can discuss the details with you.

WAYS TO GIVE

Cash/cheques in Service or Direct Debit - Name: Connect Church Engadine | BSB: 062164 | Account no.: 00906262

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