

WELCOME HOME

31ST OCTOBER 2021



COMING UP AT CONNECT

Church Online

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Due to the current restrictions, we are unable to safely 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.

SRE Teachers Needed 2022

SRE is in need of scripture teachers for 2022. Teachers are required to be trained at a conference which takes place in February 2022. For more info, contact Mike F 0418 236 724

Tribe Youth POSTPONED

No youth during lockdown – see you all again soon!

AGM 2020

22/11 - YouTube
Later next month, we will be posting a pre-recorded video version of our 2020 AGM as we were not able to have it due to Covid. If you have any questions, contact Mike 0419 277 916

Prayer/Worship Nights

10/11 + 24/11 | 7.30pm
Next month, join us at the Connect Auditorium for a time of creative worship and prayer! For more info, contact Vanessa 0405 323 806

Bible Reading Plan

THIS WEEK | 1/11-7/11

1st Nov: John 13

2nd Nov: John 14

3rd Nov: John 15

4th Nov: John 16

5th Nov: John 17

6th&7th Nov: 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

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GENERAL INFORMATION

SRE Online

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

Jones Family Farewell – 20th November 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

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 Ochayas. 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

31/10 | 9.30am
'Finding Favour'
Mike McGarrity
Check it out online!



SUNDAY MORNING

7/11 | 9.30am
'We All Fall Short'
Mike McGarrity
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 - DEB

Hey Connect People,

I pray you are managing the current situation in NSW as best you can, with the time, tools and energy that God brings you.

Our family has been (and continues) to go through some challenging times this year. Some are related to the Covid situation, but many are not. There are times when I feel like I am wandering around in the dark, searching for answers that seem hidden or out of reach.

In reading through the New Testament with 5x5x5, we have been in the gospel of John for a couple of weeks. In chapter 9 we read that Jesus heals a man who was born blind. He had lived his life to this point, completely in darkness. But Jesus says in verse 5 "I am the light of the world" and He restored that man's sight.

Sometimes, in the night, in the darkness, God can give us the greatest vision of who He is and how much He loves us. Some examples from scripture include "The mystery was revealed to Daniel in a vision at night" (Dn 2:19), "During the night Paul had a vision" (Acts 16:9), "At night an angel of the Lord appeared to the shepherds" (Luke 2:8).

In the darkness we can see things we cannot see in the day - like the billions of stars. So I encourage you (and me) to seek God in the darkness and trust that He is waiting to show you His love and His plans.

Deb

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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