

HIGHFIELDS COMMUNITY CHURCH

Newsletter

July 2021

WELCOME TO TERM 3

-MARIUS KRUGER

It is wonderful to welcome you to term 3 (if you still have kids in school) for the others ...welcome to July!

It has been a while since we ran out of wood for our fireplace at home and I keep telling Angelic "The winter is almost over" I'm not going to buy a load of wood now let's wait till next year. I must admit that I was wrong ...very wrong (again) - The winter is still here and apparently as per local expert advice it will stay with us a little longer.

Thinking about these two words "Let's Wait" I realize how different things in our lives could have been if we waited or if we didn't wait at all; we sometimes rush into stuff without thinking or without praying and then we are disappointed when the result is not good. Or we wait and wait and wait and never move and then miss out on an opportunity or we experience hardship because we haven't acted soon enough.

"Is anything harder than waiting on God? How many times have we prayed for the same things repeatedly, only to learn that God's answer appears to be a "no" or "not yet"? In the midst of waiting, we are often tempted to become impatient and frustrated with God, and perhaps even worse, we are tempted to play God". (Eric Watkins)

The other morning Ted and elderly gentleman in our congregations shared with me some wisdom he said "Marius I have discovered that God does things in His time and not our time, I have seen it in my life and I am grateful" We find similar words in Psalms 37:7

"Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him; do not fret when people succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes."

"Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him"



Grow together!

Christians will find it difficult in this world as we live with a different purpose than the world we live to please God and worship God. The world and those who do not trust in the Lord have a different purpose and its usually to please themselves and to worship themselves and their desires.

Being a disciple of Christ can indeed be challenging and lonely in this world. When God calls us as disciples and send us out but as we see in Mark 6:7 he sent them two by two.

There was a good reason for that. We need someone to go with us, to encourage, to help, to support, to pray with for strength in times of temptation. We are keen to see you grow. Bible study groups or home groups will be beneficial.

If you want to be invited to a group please email us or chat to one of the leaders after church.

Sunday School

Our kids' program is back, and we can't wait to see you all.

Suzette our coordinator and her team is doing a great job leading this ministry and we pray that this term will be fruitful as we build into the lives of our children.

Join our team

We invite young adults and parents to **join our team** as we need a few extra helpers with this ministry due to the growth in numbers.

Please send us an email:

kids@highfieldscommunitychurch.com.au



WELCOME DINNER

FREE Dinner! Get Connected!

Meet the minister
and ministry leaders

**Sunday,
August 1**



join us!
6:00pm

Highfields Community Church
55 Highfields rd

RSVP by Fri. 30 July
info@highfieldscommunitychurch.com.au

EVENT DETAILS

All new Highfields Community Church attendees are invited to our Welcome Dinner on Sunday, August 1 at 6pm at the HUB. It's a fun evening that gives you the opportunity to meet other Highfields's attendees, get to know our minister and hear the story of Highfields Community Church.

Childcare is available and the whole evening is FREE!

Please RSVP by completing [this form](#) by Friday 30 July or

by emailing us at: info@highfieldscommunitychurch



Hello everyone!

I hope you are all well, and welcome to Term 3! Wow, the year is flying by! I hope your Youth enjoyed lots of sleep-ins, doing jobs around the house and catching up with friends. The joy of school holidays!

The leaders have planned a full-on, engaging, exciting and passionate program this term with lots of new activities and initiatives for the Youth to partake in.

To kick start the term, we were celebrating **our Birthday at the start of term.**

This week:

Blessings,

Merryn.





Guest Speaker: Dr John Frederick

We are excited to have John joining us on **29th August** as guest speaker.

More about John:

Hello! I'm John Frederick, the lecturer in New Testament at Trinity College Queensland. In terms of a bio,

I still really resonate with the 'About the Author' section of a little book I made for a class project in primary school. It reads:

"John is a second grader at Veteran's Memorial Elementary School, he loves Nintendo, baseball cards, and spaghetti."

Since 1986 I have expanded my pasta palate to incorporate a wider variety of excellent and diverse macaronis. And, I've definitely moved on from collecting sports cards. However, I can confirm that I still very much dig Nintendo. The original one from the early 1980s. Not this new sophisticated 3D rubbish. Does that make me less scholarly? Yes—yes it does. Do I repent? No—no I most certainly do not.

Before taking up my current position at Trinity I was an Assistant Professor of New Testament, Theology, and Worship at Grand Canyon University in Phoenix, Arizona. Prior to my arrival in Phoenix, I was an Adjunct Professor of New Testament at the Boston Campus of Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary, and from 2011-2013 I was an adjunct lecturer of New Testament Greek at the University of St. Andrews in Scotland. None of that is as exciting as Nintendo, I freely admit.

I am the author of *Worship in the Way of Cross: Leading Worship for the Sake of Others* (InterVarsity

Contact us:

Website: www.highfieldscommunitychurch.com.au

Minister: Rev. Marius kruger 044716457

[Facebook](#)

Weekly:

Tuesdays- Fridays - **Morning Devotion @7:15am**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84766282142?pwd=bnJremRuaThMSVYxL2RqM3pVZ0JhZz09>

Tuesdays – **Social Bowls @ 8:30am**

Thursdays – **Men’s Bible study @ 8:30am (HUB)**

Thursdays – **Ladies Craft @ 10:00am (HUB)**

Fridays @ 6:30 – **Youth Group**

Sunday Worship @ 9am

Sunday - 1 July @6pm - **Welcome Dinner**

Homegroups: Interested?

Please email us @ info@highfieldscommunitychurch.com.au

