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## website

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## for first time visitors

If you are visiting our church, you are especially welcome! We hope that you will feel included and cared for, whether you are here for one service, or looking for a spiritual home.



Pr Mike and Kelly Groom

# welcome

Welcome to our Momentum magazine for July 2010.

First of all, Kelly the kids and I, together with my Mum Sally and sister Michelle, would like to thank you all for your prayers, thoughts, cards, flowers and kind words last month during the illness and death of my father Peter.

Though we knew he was dying, at the end he went downhill very quickly. As a family, we shared some wonderful, special time together that we will cherish forever, and it was so good to be there as he asked Jesus to take him home and went to be with the Lord.

The peace that we have because we know Dad is with God can't be put into words, and it made me reflect all the more on those who are not going to experience that because they haven't been told, or because they haven't been shown God's love. My Dad wasn't ill for very long. None of us know when our number is up. We truly can't waste the time we have here on earth, its all too short and far too precious.

Of course our thoughts and prayers also are with Joyce Shepherd and Judy Hobbs and their families, who lost Len, their husband and father last month also.

Isaiah 35:10

*"And the ransomed of the Lord will return. They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away."*

In grief, we grieve for what has been taken. In grief, we grieve for what has been lost. In grief, we long to change what we cannot change. In grief, we long to make things as they were in the past. However, we often cannot change what we have lost. What do we do then? It's easy to say we should pick up the pieces but picking up the pieces is often not our real issue with grief. Our real issue with grief is the pain of our grief in the present and the pain of our grief on into the future. The pain of grief can be unbearable. However, we are not alone in our grief. We have someone who is with us to comfort us in our sorrow. Jesus is with us when we grieve. Jesus is with us to help us, comfort us, and show us He loves us when we grieve. Over time, the glimpses of our joy-filled future begin to replace the grief of our present.

There is a great devotion on grief in this issue on pages 18-19. We all experience grief in our lives for many reasons. Allow Jesus to comfort you as you walk through your grief.

Please read this month's Momentum, note the things that interest and apply to you, and then give this copy away to someone you are sharing Christ with.

Bless ya

Mike

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We also accept Eftpos & Credit Card (Visa & Mastercard) payments.

## sunday sessions



Sunday Sessions are a new and exciting take on the Sunday night service of old.

Aimed at the Youth and Young Adult age group, Sunday Sessions is something that is relevant not only to the Christian but also meaningful to someone coming to church for the first time.

We want to keep the content relaxed, relevant and interesting and create an environment that

people will want to invite their friends to.

We aim to present Biblical truth by using the Arts that connect with everyday life creating experiences that bring people heart-to-heart with God.

Sunday Sessions - 6:30pm at Wearn Ponds Community Church.

## sunday sessions cafe

On Sunday 25 July at Belmont, our Sunday Sessions Cafe will have the theme "International Food" and raise money towards our new initiative in Whittington, Kids Sports. Kids Sports is a fitness programme after school we will be running in Whittington, to encourage local families and children to get outside and get active.

All proceeds from this Sunday Sessions Cafe will be going to help fund Kids Sports.

**Family Tickets - \$25 (4 or more people)**

**Adult Tickets - \$8**

**Children Tickets - \$5 (primary school age)**

Any first time visitors receive a free meal and drink. Tickets include food and a can of drink.

## momentum care



We need volunteers to help with setup, running the activities and pack up. We need a BBQ chef and first aid help and as many as possible to sign up and to get into the game to be a part of this new ministry in reaching kids and their parents through a good time and a big smile.

If you would like to volunteer your time to assist in this exciting new initiative then please contact us for an appointment to discuss with us what responsibilities a volunteer is signing up for and what you are in for!!!!

### So what is kidsport?

*kidsport* is a weekly community-run program at the Whittington Common where volunteers co-ordinate and supervise sports and games at the local park. The leaders set up a number of games and sporting activities where kids can walk straight in and get started. There's also a range of equipment kids are free to use to start their own games. Leaders encourage kids, as well as parents to get involved in the program and to participate together.

### Weekly Program Schedule

Commencing on Thursday 22th July

- Setup 3.30 – 4.15pm
- Activities 4.15 – 5.15pm
- Pack up 5.15 – 5.45pm
- Thursday afternoons
- Whittington Common, Apollo Drive, Whittington.

# an apple from the doctor



## fear

### Definition

Fear is defined as a feeling of agitation and anxiety caused by the presence or imminence of danger. Further, it is a state or condition marked by this feeling: living in fear. Also, a feeling of disquiet or apprehension: a fear of looking foolish. In a more positive sense, it is an extreme reverence or awe, as toward a supreme power (God).

### Brief Explanation

Fear is similar to anxiety, experienced by most as psychological pain or dread. It is often expressed in symptoms such as a panic response (shortness of breath, fear that one is having a heart attack, etc.) or a phobia (focused fear, like that of heights, flying, etc. to such an extent that it is debilitating to the client. As noted, there are many different expressions of fear, from a sense of dread to

debilitating phobias or panic responses. The root of fear is generally a wrong interpretation of thoughts that bombard the mind of the person. Taking authority over ones thoughts is the goal, conforming the thoughts to God's work the key; but again, as with many areas of difficulty, this is easier said than done.

For those with minor fears, simply talking about the problems one is facing can help, as can prayer for God's intervention. Often confronting the negative beliefs that are inevitably a part of the fear can help. Where the problem is more insidious, cognitive psychology can be an effective tool in helping someone with overwhelming anxiety, and professional help may be required. God is certainly able to help someone with overwhelming fears, and his word, meditated upon consistently can make a major and dramatic difference for many.

### The Word of God:

Psalm 34:4

I sought the Lord, and He answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.

John 14:27

Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful.

Isaiah 41:10

Do not fear, for I am with you; do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, surely I will help you, surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.

Philippians 4:6, 7

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

Hebrews 13:5, 6

Make sure that your character is free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, "I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you," so that we confidently say, "The Lord is my helper, I will not be afraid, what will man do to me?"

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# toy club fundraiser



## Mattel Toy Club Fundraiser 2010

Pied Piper Play Group fundraiser.

Rare opportunity to gain entry to Mattel Toy club at the warehouse in Melbourne. Purchase heavily discounted merchandise. Some product ranges that may be available for sale include: Fisher Price, Barbie, Hot Wheels, board games...

**Tuesday 14 September**

**10am and 11am**

**Mattel Toy Club**

**70 Park West Drive, Derrimut**

Tickets are \$10 each and must be pre purchased from Leanne Paull or Maree Edwards

All money from ticket sales goes to Pied Piper Play Group, Waurm Ponds Community Church, for the purchase of new resources for the playroom.

Thankyou for your support.

**NB: Please remember that no children under 16 years old are allowed entry.**

**BYO shopping bags. Reusable Mattel bags are available on the day for \$3 each.**

Please arrange your own transport.

# health and fitness

## Incidental Eating: The Food We Eat When We're Not Eating

Over the years, I've worked with plenty of overweight and obese people who "hardly eat anything" Apparently. You've probably met a few. For the practical requirements of my work, I classify these folks into three groups:

1. Those who have a genetic or medical condition which predisposes them to significant and, seemingly inexplicable, weight gain. Despite what some people tell you, this is a very small percentage of the population.
2. Those who tell fibs about what they put in their mouth. Plenty in this group.
3. Those who eat a lot when they're not (officially) eating. So to speak. This is called incidental eating. That is, the calories consumed outside of main meals. This is the biggest group.

You'd be amazed to know how much food many of us consume when we're not partaking in (what we call) our main meals. Many people actually consume more calories from their incidental eating than they do from their breakfast, lunch and dinner.

As you read this article, keep in mind that anything containing calories is a food source.

The fact that you might find those calories on a plate or in a bowl, cup, glass, bottle, can, wrapper, box or bag makes no difference to the impact they might have on your body. Neither does it matter if that food is solid, liquid or somewhere in between.

Many people delude themselves that drinks are not really food and therefore underestimate the potential damage that high-calorie, high-sugar drinks can do to an otherwise healthy body. Right now our culinary landscape is littered (litter being the key term) with more calorie-dense, nutritionless, chemically-treated crap drinks than ever before. Many of them masquerading as 'health' products to the ignorant, gullible, misled and sugar-addicted masses.

Our kids are growing up drinking crap. And their parents are leading the charge.

Anything with calories will have an impact on how we look, feel and function. That is, a physiological impact – big or small.

A cappuccino, fruit juice or a beer is as much 'food' as is a chicken breast, a slice of pizza or an apple. Of course, just because something has calories and qualifies as food doesn't mean (1) we need it or (2) it's good for us.

*(Blog post from <http://www.craigharper.com.au/>)*

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# rest home services



**1st Tuesday of month**  
Geelong Aged Care 6a Perrett Street, Grovedale 2.30pm

**1st Wednesday of month**  
Balmoral Grove 24-34 Smith Street, Grovedale 1.45pm  
Belmont Lodge 34 Church Street, Grovedale 3.00pm

**1st Thursday of month**  
Eden Park 31-33 Thompson Street, Whittington 10.30am  
B.U.P.A. 55 Barrabool Road, Belmont 3.00pm

**2nd Tuesday of month**  
Belmont Grange 36 Church Street, Grovedale 1.30pm  
Alan David Lodge Torquay Road, Grovedale 3.00pm

**2nd Thursday of month**  
The Belmont 235 High Street, Belmont 10.45am

## Laurie Ford Rest Home Ministry

Over the past eight years Laurie has been involved in ministry in our local aged care/nursing homes.

# acts2community



## the idea

To set aside 5 Saturday mornings each year to help make our community a better place through acts of service.

Other goals:

- To help the needy
- To raise the profile of our church across each of our locations.
- To develop better relationships with local government, local business and local schools as well as the whole community.

## the picture

You can "sign-up" to the idea for the year. This doesn't commit you to be at every Saturday event, but it allows us to deal directly with you about what's happening.

We will also advertise in the lead up to each Saturday event to allow casual involvement.

On each Saturday we will:

- Meet at Belmont at 7.30am for breakfast, followed by a briefing and prayer time (\$4 donation towards breakfast).
- Be on site by 8.30am to do the work.
- Be finished by lunchtime (12.30pm).

**Saturday 17th July is our next event day.**

## life group meetings

**OUR LIFE GROUPS** are modelled after the early New Testament home churches. In Acts 2, Christians gathered together in homes for the purpose of studying scripture, prayer and caring for one another and growing together.

### Mondays

Host: Glenn & Kim Thomas  
Leader: Michael Troeth  
Location: Grovedale  
Phone: 0418 394 093  
Time: 8:00pm

### WHITTINGTON CHURCH

Host/Leader: Wendy & Warren Gibson  
Location: Momentum Christian Centre  
Phone: 0415-472-042  
**9am-10am: Prayer Meeting**  
**10am – 12pm: Women's Bible Study**  
**1pm – 3pm: Foundation 61 Women's Group**

### Tuesdays

Host/Leader: Rob & Lynda Rule  
Location: Grovedale  
Phone: 0402-028-761  
**Time: 7.30pm**

### YOUNG ADULTS

Host/Leader: Jason Harper  
Location: WPCC, Belmont  
Phone: 0408-622-455  
**Time: 7.30pm**

### MENS GROUP

Host: James Murrant  
Location: Grovedale  
Phone: 0412-430-231  
**Time: 7.30pm**

### Wednesdays

Host/Leader: Simon & Maree Edwards  
Location: Grovedale  
Phone: 5244-3041  
**Time: 7.30pm**

Host/Leader: Warren & Wendy Gibson  
Location: Whittington  
Phone: 0415-472-042  
**Time: 7.30pm**

Host/Leader: Guryel Ali  
Location: Bell Park  
Phone: 5277-2039  
**Time: 7.30pm**

Host/Leader: John Challis  
Location: Banockburn  
Phone: 5264-5175  
**Time: 7.30pm**

### MEN ONLY

Host: Foundation 61  
Leader: Damian Carter  
Location: Mt Duneed  
Phone: 0422-210-441  
**Time: 7.30pm**

Host/Leader: Mike Groom  
Location: Grovedale  
Phone: 5241-5586  
**Time: 6.30pm**

### Thursdays

Host/Leader: Sylvia Ford  
Location: Grovedale  
PHONE: 5241-4519  
**TIME: 7.30PM**

### LADIES ONLY

Host/Leader: Wendy Gibson  
Location: Whittington  
Phone: 0415-472-042  
**Time: 5.00pm**

### LADIES ONLY

Host: Carole Keating  
Leader: Eleanor Fergeus  
Location: Grovedale  
Phone: 5242-8421  
**Time: 7.45pm**

### YOUTH GROUP - FORTNIGHTLY High School students

Host/Leader: Chris & Claire Grinter  
Location: Grovedale  
Phone: 0430-389-700  
**Time: 7.30pm**

### Fridays

**YOUTH GROUP**  
Host/Leader: Isaac & Emily Challis  
Location: Bannockburn  
Phone: 0438-566-076  
**Time: 7.30pm**

### **1st & 3rd FRIDAY**

Host/Leader: Nathan Poloso  
Location: Momentum Christian Centre, Bendigo  
Phone: 0430-343-064  
**Time: 7.30pm**

### Sundays

**BIBLE STUDY GROUP**  
Location: WPCC Belmont  
**Time: 6.30pm**  
Followed by combined supper

### *Ashley Chappell Small Groups*

Ash is our Small Groups Leader and is the man to talk to if you are interested in joining, leading or hosting a L.I.F.E. (home) Group.



## life group



Hope lives, and that hope is personified in Jesus Christ. We can offer that hope to our world but we are also to help relieve the pain and suffering so prevalent in our world. So take your small group and go on a journey. A journey into the heart of Jesus. A journey in which the words of God are proclaimed and the works of God are done. A journey of restoration.

Hope Lives, is a five week small group series. It is more than a group Bible study and devotional experience because it provides opportunities for your small group to take this heart-changing information and apply it.

Each small group session on the DVD correlates with one week's readings in Hope Lives. Each session includes interviews with experts on the issue of poverty or true stories from everyday people who are affected by poverty. These clips are designed to get you and your small group thinking about poverty. Then talk about each clip, answer thought-provoking questions, and interact with one another through focused activities. This series encourage you and your small group to develop a Jesus-centred, compassionate response to poverty.

### **Outline of weekly sessions**

- Week 1: Hope Lives
- Week 2: God is Not Silent
- Week 3: Defining Poverty
- Week 4: Prayer
- Week 5: Being the Change

## tuckerbox ministry



The first Sunday of every month at Belmont is Tin Can Day, where people are encouraged to bring canned or non perishable food items for our Tuckerbox so we are able to make up food parcels for people who find themselves in need of some groceries to see them through tough times. Donated funds help purchase perishable items such as milk, meat, fruit and veges, as well as fuel cards to assist families.

## lunch program

Through Damian Carter and Jason Harper, our Belmont church is involved with Christ Church in Moorabool Street, Geelong in helping to provide breakfast and lunch for homeless and needy people weekly. Every Sunday morning Damo, Jason and a variety of our church folk go to Christ Church and cook breakfast, making packed lunches for the folks to take away with them as well. We also have a roster of ladies who make packed lunches every Friday afternoon that are given out on Saturday morning. Funds are always needed for this ministry, to help cover costs.

## community garden

At Belmont, Carol Willman co-ordinates our garden beds down the back of the property and plants various vegetables and some fruits that are given away to those in need, sometimes with Tuckerbox food parcels. Carol also makes jams and preserves that she sells for a modest price to purchase more seedlings for the garden. It is her goal eventually to have plots available for older people with limited space at home to grow their own veges. Any donated funds are sown back into the garden, literally.

## pr rick warren

"Children are not mini-adults and we need to protect the innocence of our children as they're growing up."

The mark of a spiritual leader is protection, so fathers should protect the spiritual growth of their children. Jesus says, "While I was with them I kept them safe by the power of Your name ... I protected them ...." (John 17:12, TEV)

Jesus guarded the disciples' spiritual growth by



## ladies coffee night

Friday 30th July

Meet at Panache Waurn Ponds at 8pm.

Just a casual get together for women of all ages to enjoy some dessert and a girlie catch up. Feel free to bring a girlfriend along. No need to RSVP, just turn up!

## ladies small groups

Monday 10:00am

Location: Whittington  
Leader: Wendy Gibson  
Ph. 0415-472-042

Thursday 5:00pm Fortnightly

Location: Whittington  
Bring food to share  
Contact Wendy for details: 0415-472-042.

Thursday 7:45pm

Location: Grovedale  
Leader: Eleanor Fergeus  
Ph. 5242-8421

protecting their minds. It is your job, as a father and spiritual leader, to protect their innocence. This is a huge task today in the culture we live in. Children are not mini-adults and we need to protect the innocence of our children as they're growing up. They cannot handle violence; they cannot handle sex; they cannot handle death. These things are a heavy subject for a little mind.

So when our three kids were growing up, Kay and I were very strict with what movies they could see, what TV programs they could watch, what books and magazines they could read. We got all kinds of grief from our kids for it.

It is amazing to me how Christian parents let their kids, even teenagers, see all kinds of things they have no business seeing. We should care about their minds. My three kids have grown up and they are happy, well-adjusted kids. Why? Because their minds weren't filled with garbage growing up; their minds weren't filled with vulgarities growing up. They're going to be exposed to that soon enough in life. They don't need it at a young age. You protect what goes into their mind.

## mens brekky

Saturday 24th July

Meet at Belmont at 8pm.

\$4 each for a cooked breakfast, invite a mate along. Stay after brekky to help out in the working bee around the Belmont property.

## mens small groups

Tuesday 7:30pm

Location: Grovedale  
Leader: James Murrant  
Ph. 0412-430-231

Wednesday 7:30pm

Location: F 61  
Leader: Damian Carter  
Ph. 0422-210-441

## saturday night @ foundation 61

Come and join the guys for a BBQ every Saturday night at 5:30pm out at foundation 61. BYO Meat. For more information contact Warren Gibson

## nola's update

Let me take you back a couple of weeks, when we had a time of fellowship for our Wednesday morning Chapel time. We were asked to bring a plate of refreshments as well as our cups. The New Guineans love to sing and almost every function begins with a time of singing. They naturally go into all sorts of harmonies, and there's a beautiful lilt to it. With not much notice, a few groups were asked to have items ready. Each of the student groups sang or danced. This proved to be really rich culturally. There were a number of songs in some of the local languages. This meant that those not from that place had to learn the song, virtually overnight. A group from Indonesia sang as well. There was a dance from another part of PNG, which was presenting God's love. These people are so graceful and light on their feet. It looks beautiful.

Shortly after that, we celebrated the 50th birthday of a couple who are missionaries here from the Solomon Islands. There was a huge feast of "Mumued" food. Then there were impromptu items from groups of "volunteers". This time

completely unprepared. First came the "Bethel Bullfrogs". The original group from years ago is reduced to two members, so all of the men became part of this group. But the highlight of the evening was the couple being celebrated singing together. They both have lovely voices and blend in beautifully together. Jimmy said they were the "rockers", as they just rocked up at the last minute! A part of the entertainment was watching our second youngest member, 16 month old Barry, joining in most of the items with his version of the actions.

The Missions Fiesta was another big event. People are asked to donate things to be sold, the bulk of it being secondhand clothes. These are very popular items. Usually there is also a lot of food, but because there is some cholera about, it was reduced to hot dogs and drinks. Then there were the rugby touch and volleyball competitions, which are the biggest drawcards. There was a good atmosphere, and it was lovely to see people sitting about together, not in a hurry to go home.

I had an interesting time last week when I went to the ANZ Bank to get a draft for sending overseas. As I entered the bank, I thought it was lovely of them to decorate the place with blue and white balloons and streamers as a welcome. But then I saw the sign that congratulated the bank on their 100 years anniversary in PNG. So they weren't for me after all!!! I got in there nice and early. There is a big TV screen, which was showing the last few minutes of the Today Show from Australia. The next program was Joyce Meyer! So where in the world could you sit in a bank and watch the Joyce Meyer Ministry on TV? - only in PNG!

A mini crusade was held on a field not far from the Centre on two evenings last week. There was a huge number of children, with the adults probably listening in their homes near the field. Part of the students' program is a weekly ARK (Always Remember Kids) ministry. One of these programs is run in the area where we held the crusade. It's great to see the enthusiasm of the kids.

Once again, thank you for all you are and do for me. You are special!

Much love, and God's blessings,

Nola





Praise God!

First of all, Shirley and I would like to thank Pastor Mike and the leadership team at Waur Ponds as well as the Bendigo Church for their generous support towards us over the last few months. For this we are very appreciative and say thank you. It has helped us set up here and to minister amongst the churches in Uganda. In the 3 months we have been we have seen 10 people saved, 5 baptized in water, quite a few have testified to healing, many have received prophecies over their lives and over 140 filled with the Holy Spirit. It is so exciting to see God doing things amongst His people.

The last few weeks have been pretty exciting for us. We are in the process of acquiring

some land about 40 k's from the city centre nearby Lake Victoria. We are looking at acquiring up to 5 acres for use towards agricultural and pastoral projects.

On June 1, we moved from our old place in Mutumdwe to our new home at Mperewe. This area is in the middle of where we have been ministering most over the last 10 years. We are now in a position to practice hospitality and ministry with a lot more freedom.

This week we have a pastor and his wife visiting so we can spend time praying for them, their church situation and especially for the wife, as she is suffering a serious illness

We are also in the process of looking for a suitable vehicle so we can move about more



freely and take the gospel out to the more rural areas.

We are preparing ourselves for our first visitor to come to us and spend some time in ministry here in late July. This is part of our dream—to provide a place for other Australians to come to Uganda.

For the rest of this year we have agreed to spend the first and second weeks of every month at 2 separate churches. We will teach on the new creation principles the CRC is well known for, so to build a solid foundation into these new believers.

God Bless you all.

*Mike & Shirley*

Dear Kelly,

Greetings in Jesus name.

I am at home taking care of Enoch, and Samuel, I just help when going out for house-Church. Enoch is now walking around slowly without the crutches, and I praise God for that.

Thanks once again for your support and prayers. Please thank the church for their prayers, also.

I will keep in touch,  
God Bless  
Karewe



# Myanmar

**Capital:** Yangon

**Geography:** area 676,577 sq km

**Population:** 50,902,661

**Peoples:** Sino-Tibetan 89.3%, Burmese(Bama) 57.5%, other 19.8%

Pray for the Prime Minister, General Thein Sein, Pray for his salvation and the fear of God upon his life.

Pray for the Christian churches to rise up to evangelism and to work together in unity to reach the people for Christ.

Pray for the Grace Works ministry in Myanmar by Pastor Peter Simmons.

Pray for Brother Andrew and his wife Merrillyn with whom we work in Myanmar. Pray for good health and strength upon their lives.

Pray for Pastor Barry Silverback and Kevin Hughes, as they are involved a lot in the work in Myanmar. Pray for strength, good health and protection as they travel.

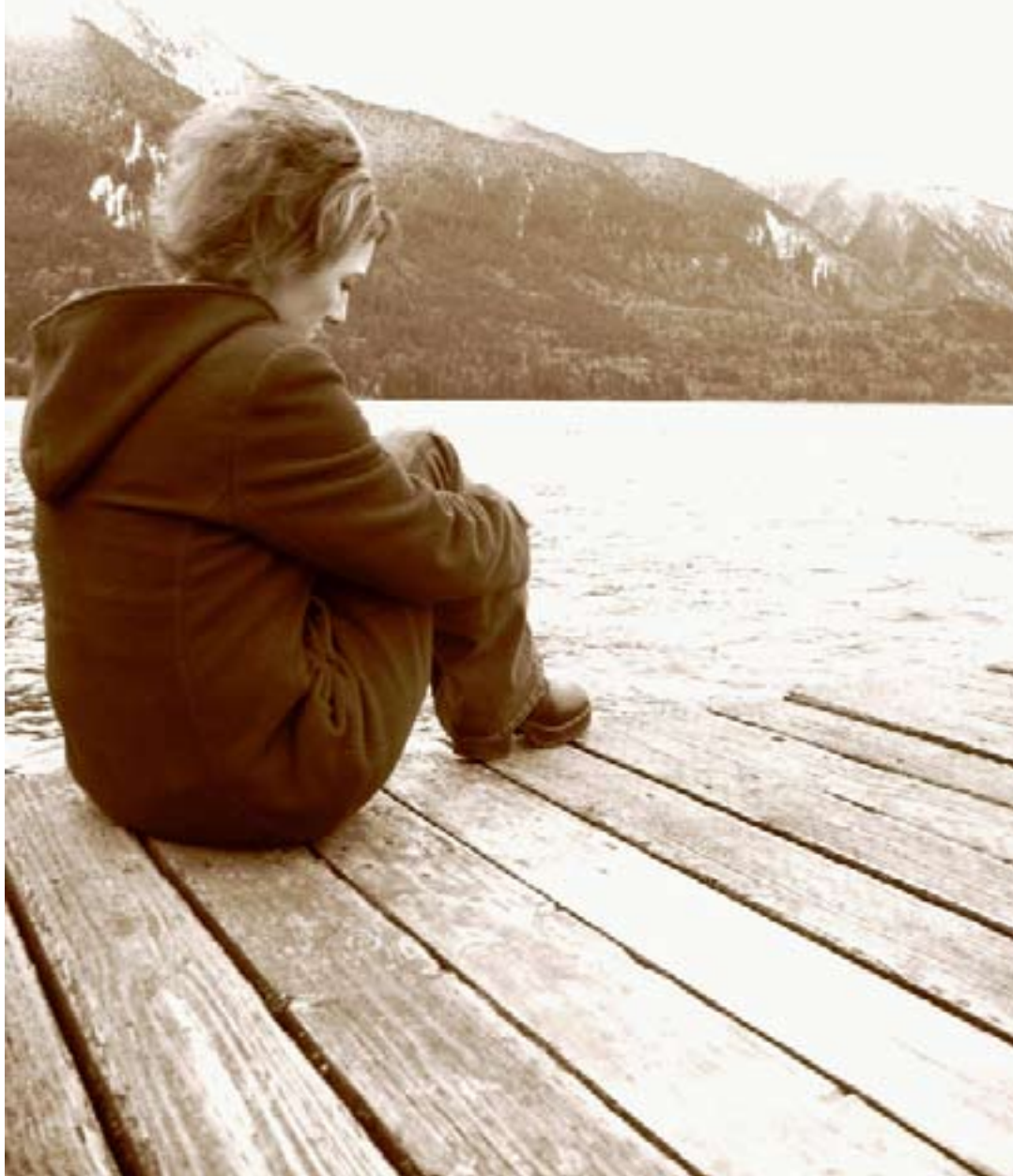
Pray for the leadership training schools Pr Barry runs every year and for finances needed to run the schools.

Pray for Abe and Ana from Grace Home in Thailand, as they have contacts and friends in Myanmar and Christians are persecuted there.

*Pr Nathan Poloso*

# god cares about our pain

*Mat 5:4 (NRSV) "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."*



We all suffer grief. Sometimes it's the excruciating pain of losing someone we are very close to, whether through death or a move or just a loss of the relationship. Sometimes it's a change in a relationship. It might be a job loss, the loss of a pet, or a failure of some sort, which is the death of a dream. Whatever our pain, we need to remember three things:

1. **God understands.**
2. **God cares.**
3. **God can bring us through it and even make something beautiful out of it.**

God empathizes with our pain. His own Son, Jesus -- Who is God -- suffered grief. I think readily of one example.

*John 11:33-35 (NRSV) When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. 34 He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." 35 Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!"*

Of all people, Jesus certainly knew about Heaven. He knew that Lazarus wasn't suffering. But He also knew that it hurt, to lose him. Even though we know someone is suffering less, or something is for the best, God doesn't expect us to just act like nothing has happened, or say "Well He is with Jesus praise God," and go happily on our way. It is wonderful to keep an eternal perspective. However, God has built grief into us as a normal emotion, and we need to allow ourselves to feel it and work through it. God cares about our pain. He knows everything, including our emotions, but He wants to hear from us.

*Psa 62:8 (NRSV) Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.*

He wants us to pour out our hearts to Him. He wants to hear our hurts. He isn't an aloof God who distances Himself from what we are going through. He is a loving God, a Shepherd, a Father. Those of you who are parents -- think about how you feel for your children when they are grieving, over a friend who has moved or beloved pet who has been killed.

And our Heavenly Father loves us even more than we love our children. Imagine how much more than that even, He cares for us in our griefs! But the ultimate perspective we have does need to be eternal, as well as God's glory and purpose even now. And we often find God has taught us valuable lessons from our pain. I think of two valuable insights I have gained through pains I have encountered:

I can now better understand others' pain.

When we are hurting, and afterwards, we need to ask God to use this for His glory and to help his other children.

*2 Cor 1:4 (NIV) who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God.*

*Rom 8:28 (NIV) And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.*

I cherish now the relationships that I have.

I realize how short life can be, and that we need to tell people now how much we appreciate them. We need to take time for the family and friends God has blessed us with.

This article can be found at <http://www.cfdevotionals.org>

# the nasinu project

What a fantastic opportunity we have as a local church to be able to partner with our 'sister church' CRC Suva under the leadership of Pr Alipate and Boila Yogamate.

The Nasinu Project is the new, yet to be built, Preschool building.

This will be a modern facility for our preschool in Suva that will double as a Vocational Training Centre for the native fijian preschool teachers to be trained and as a Child Development Centre.

We are now in the process of putting together a budget for the building and as an added bonus we have been given Tax Deductable Status for this project.

Sunday 4th July will be our official launch of the Nasinu Project, stay tuned for more information on this fantastic opportunity.



The pre schools in Fiji are one of our tax deductible projects. If you would like to donate to this project, remember to quote the Tax Deductable Code when you make your donation.

Tax deducible code **J352**

Our six preschools in Fiji have kicked off for 2010 with 57 children in Suva, 7 children in Sigatoka, 47 in Savusavu, 11 in Labasa, 8 in Daku and 18 children in our newest preschool in Lakena. These numbers are expected to increase in the coming weeks.

New initiatives have been released by the Fijian Government in regards to preschool curriculum guidelines, with a draft copy distributed in April 2009. The CRC held a preschool teacher's workshop in Suva in May 09 to discuss the outworking of these guidelines through the preschools. This has been challenging but the teachers are doing a great job and their tireless efforts and enthusiasm is a credit to them.

The new preschool in Lakena commenced in May 09, one week after the teacher's workshop. An extension on an existing building had been completed, along with a shower and toilet block and a temporary fence. Thirteen children graduated in November. Rose Taega and Sie Maata have been so diligent and have done such an excellent job establishing this preschool in such a needy area.

Preparations are underway for a new preschool to start in Nacavadi Village, Savusavu.

# belmont



### Service Times

Sunday 10.00am  
Sunday 6.30pm

### Location

48 Waurvale Drive  
Belmont

# whittington



### Service Times

Saturday 6.30pm

### Location

Apollo Place  
Whittington

# bannockburn



### Service Times

Sunday 10.00am

### Location

Pope Street  
Bannockburn

# bendigo



### Service Times

10.00am

### Location

194 Eaglehawk Road  
Long Gully

## belmont ministry team

Pr Mike Groom 5241-1160  
John Challis 5264-5175  
Simon Edwards 5244-3041  
Peter Fergeus 5243-3456  
Ashley Chappell 5244-4595

## whittington ministry team

Warren & Wendy Gibson 5248-2451  
Email: info@wpcc.com.au

## bannockburn ministry team

John & Heather Challis 5264-5175  
Ian & Josie Gebert 5281-3300  
Isaac & Emily 0407-041-497 Isaac  
0438-566-076 Emily

## bendigo ministry team

Julie Pearse 0417-289-650

## pr barry silverback

Pr Barry Silverback will be our guest speaker at Belmont at our 10am service on Sunday 25 July. Pr Barry is the CRC International Chairman and the pioneer of most of our international CRC fields, particularly PNG, where he spent over 30 years planting churches. He was saved through our Belmont church many years ago and has always had a special connection to this church, strengthened by his special relationship with Pr Mike and Kelly. He is an awesome example of a man of God and a thought provoking teacher.



## movie night

Don't forget free Movie Night at Whittington (Bellarine Living and Learning Centre) on Friday 23 July at 6.30pm and at Belmont for Go Kids and their friends on Saturday 31 July at 6.30pm. Anyone is welcome! Popcorn and cans of drink available at both venues for \$1 each. This month the movie is Fantastic Mr Fox.



## bannockburn LIFE groups

WEDNESDAY WEEKLY  
Host: By rotation  
Leader: John & Heather Challis  
Location: Golden Plains Shire  
Phone: 5264-5175  
**Time: 7.30pm**  
**Over 18's**

## congratulations

Congratulations to Rachel and Dion Beasley who welcomed baby Zack Tyler Beasley into the world on Monday 21 June. Although Zack's birth was not easy, Zack is a beautiful boy who was 50cms and weighed in at 7lb 10oz.

Matthew and Ashlee love their new baby brother and Mum is recovering well at home. Please pray for Rachel's recovery, as it did end up being a fairly traumatic birth with many complications, and also for Zack as he adjusts to life on the outside!

## prayer meeting

At church  
6pm every Sunday,  
194 Eaglehawk Road, Long Gully  
Location: Bendigo  
Phone: 0417-289-650  
**Time: 6.00pm**

## interview with bruce johnston

**What do you do around the church?**  
Make sure the urn is on, take up the offering, bank the money, hand out communion, talk to people and make sure everything is ok around the place

**How long have you been here for?**  
Around about 45 years. (Bruce claims he is due for long service leave soon).

**Highlight of your years here:** Meeting Christine

**Highlight of your duties here:** Meeting people and serving the Lord

**Who are you training to do your job?** Sevi to do the money and other duties

**Most embarrassing thing you've done?** I'm not going to say

**Something we don't know about you?** I was a pretty good cyclist in my younger days, used to beat some world champions.

*"When you can beat the best, come and talk to me"*

# prayer

## Prayer Chain Contacts

**Margaret Winfield**  
5229-2394  
**Rosemary Kennedy**  
5243-3728  
**France Niclair**  
5243-2211

There is also a prayer meeting every Wednesday at 7:30pm at the Blacksell's home.



**W**e must never find ourselves too busy to pray. Our relationship with God is developed through those times we spend talking with Him and listening to Him.

Join us each week before our Sunday gatherings for a time of prayer in the Children's Room at 9:30am and 6:00pm.

Tuesday fortnightly we have a Prayer Meeting at the church from 7am - 8am - check the calendar for details on dates each month.

If you are passionate about prayer, are an intercessor, or are interested in joining a regular prayer focus group, please talk to Pr Mike.

### Online Prayer Request

You can submit prayer requests online by clicking on the prayer request link on the home page. Enter your prayer request and details.

# playgroup



We have a Playgroup that runs 4 sessions at Belmont from Tuesday to Friday every week, except during school holidays. The Friday group is a Japanese play group. The sessions run from 10am -12noon and cost \$4 per family regardless of the number of children.

The parents and children use our children's room and playground and enjoy painting, play dough and crafts as well as meeting other families. If you have any questions or are interested in attending, please contact Maree Edwards on 5244-3041.

# prayer meetings

For anyone who is able to, Belmont holds a Church Prayer Meeting on Tuesday mornings fortnightly at 7am at the church. Please check the calendar for details of when the Prayer Meeting is on, and if you are able to come and pray, please join us in praying for our churches, the pastors, elders and leadership, our missionaries and movement.

*"To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing."  
Martin Luther King Jr*



# young adults

Hey Guys,

Well, we've been sending young adults all over the place this year, and another has just left our shores with Roxy heading to the US for six months for study, to be one of the leaders at a Christian Summer camp, and some general funness. Keep her in your prayers while she's over there and if you're on Facebook, maybe drop her a message. And while you're at it, remember Brooke, Beau, Jarrod (who's coming home soon... I think) and Justin in your prayers as well. So maybe you won't get time to pray for what you want... that's OK.

Sunday Sessions are cracking on, with a big call from Mike to the youth and young adults to put

their hands up and start living life on purpose. There's still time to put your hand up for the Barbarian Tribe, so if you're interested or if you have no idea what I'm talking about, come and ask me or Mike, we'd be happy to fill you in.

Got to include a quote again this month, so here's a classic from Jim Elliot:

*"He is no fool who gives up what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose."*

When you're thinking about the kind of life you want for yourself and the kind of life God wants for you, keep that one in mind.

Cheers

*Harps*

# youth group july

## Saturday 17 July – BIG EVENT

Progressive dinner! We haven't done this for Ages!

Meet at the church at 6pm, pick up at the church at 9pm.

Cost is \$10 per diner. This was awesome last time so make sure you bring your friends along for the ride!

## Saturday 31st July – NIGHT GAMES

Meet at Belmont church at 7.30pm – bring a torch, its a must!

Bring \$4 for supper, pick up is at 9pm from the church.

## study nights... high school age (belmont)

Study nights 15th and 29th at Chris & Claire's place, Grovedale. 0430-389-700

## study nights... youth group(bannock)

7.30pm every Friday night at Isaac & Emily's place, Bannockburn.

0438-566-076

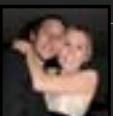
### Chris & Claire Youth

Chris and Claire are leading our youth at Belmont. For all the news and info talk to them today!



### Isaac & Emily Youth

Isaac and Emily are leading our youth at Bannockburn. For all the news and info talk to them today!



# FANTASTIC MR. FOX



Movie Rated: PG

Movie Plot: The story of one Mr. Fox and his wild-ways of hen heckling, turkey taking and cider sipping, nocturnal, instinctive adventures. He has to put his wild days behind him and do what fathers do best: be responsible. He is too rebellious. He is too wild. He is going to try "just one more raid" on the three nastiest, meanest farmers that are Boggis, Bunce and Bean. It is a tale of crossing the line of family responsibilities and midnight adventure and the friendships and awakenings of this country life that is inhabited by Fantastic Mr. Fox and his friends.

Popcorn and cans of drink available for \$1 each.

Friday July 23rd 6.30pm

At Bellarine Living and Learning Centre  
20 Worden Court, Whittington

Saturday 31 July 6.30pm

At Waurn Ponds Community Church  
48 Waurnvale Drive, Belmont

Parents are welcome to stay for a cuppa during the movie.

Contact: 5241 1160 for details, no RSVP needed, just show up!



## word search

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## naomi's update

Hey Kids

July is incorporating School Holidays so there will be no Sunday school on the 4th and 11th but don't worry we will commence back on the 18th of July to finish up our topic 'Jesus is still around today'.

Bring some fundraising ideas along as we are going to be raising some money for some underprivileged children. So the more ideas the better, I can't wait to hear all those exciting suggestions.

Don't forget to bring along a friend and your bible

Can't wait to see you all there for an exciting month.

Naomi Bliss

ACTS	GALATIANS	JOSHUA	NUMBERS	PSALMS	THESSALONIANS
AMOS	GENESIS	JUDE	OBADIAH	REVELATION	TIMOTHY
CHRONICLES	HABAKKUK	JUDGES	PETER	ROMANS	TITUS
COLOSSIANS	HAGGAI	KINGS	PHILEMON	RUTH	ZECHARIAH
CORINTHIANS	HEBREWS	LAMENTATIONS	PHILIPPIANS	SAMUEL	ZEPHANIAH
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ECCLESIASTES	JAMES	MALACHI			
EPHESIANS	JEREMIAH	MARK			
ESTHER	JOB	MATTHEW			
EXODUS	JOEL	MICAH			
EZEKIEL	JOHN	NAHUM			
EZRA	JONAH	NEHEMIAH			

### Ben & Naomi Go Kids

Ben & Naomi lead Go Kids at Belmont. For all the news and info talk to them today!



# july calendar

rosters	sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
<b>belmont</b> Morning Tea and Supper Dishes Roster 4th July AM - Barbara P/Dot F PM - Harp's LIFE Group  11th July AM - Molly G/Jean N PM - Isaac & Em's LIFE Group  18th July AM - Lindy W/Karen B PM - Chris & Claire's LIFE Group  25th July AM - Lorna G/Jenny M PM - All Youth	<b>1 August</b> 10.00am Morning Service 6.00pm Prayer Meeting in Bendigo 6.30pm The Sunday Sessions followed by free supper	<b>2 August</b> 9.00am Prayer Meeting - Whittington 10.00am Womens Bible Study - Whittington	<b>3 August</b> 7.00am Church Prayer Meeting 7.00am Elders Meeting 10.00am Pied Piper Play Group 10.00am All Age Fellowship	<b>4 August</b> 9.00am Make-a-Memory Craft Belmont 10.00am Pied Piper Play Group	<b>1 July</b> 7.30pm Ladies LIFE Group - Keating's	<b>2</b> 10.00am Japanese Playgroup 7.30pm Youth Group Study - Bannockburn	<b>3</b> 8.00am Fit4Life 5.30pm BBQ Dinner at Foundation 61 BYO meat 6:30pm Whittington Outreach
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Please make a note of when you are on and organise a replacement if you can't make it. Thanks!	<b>25</b> 10.00am Morning Service 10.30am Whittington Outreach 6.00pm Prayer Meeting in Bendigo 6.30pm The Sunday Sessions International Food Night	<b>26</b> 9.00am Prayer Meeting - Whittington 10.00am Womens Bible Study - Whittington	<b>27</b> 7.00am Church Prayer Meeting 7.00am Elders Meeting 10.00am All Age Fellowship 10.00am Pied Piper Play Group	<b>28</b> 9.00am Make-a-Memory Craft Whittington 10.00am Pied Piper Play Group	<b>29</b> 10.00am Pied Piper Play Group 7.30pm Ladies LIFE Group - Keating's 7.30pm Youth Group Study Night - Grovedale 7.45pm Management Team Meeting	<b>30</b> 10.00am Japanese Playgroup 7.30pm Youth Group Study - Bannockburn 8.00pm Ladies Coffee Night - Panache Waurin Ponds	<b>31 Youth Group</b> 8.00am Fit4Life 5.30pm BBQ Dinner at Foundation 61 BYO meat <b>6.30pm Movie Night at Belmont</b> <b>7.30pm Youth Night Games</b>

## all age fellowship

Choruses & Hymns  
Communion  
Bible Teaching  
Prayer

**10:15am - 12pm**  
**Every Tuesday**

Followed by BYO fellowship lunch  
All welcome

Enquires call  
5229 2394 or  
5241 1160

or see  
Pr Bill Winfield

## accomodation needed

We have had a number of requests for accomodation in the geelong area.

If you have a spare bed available, and would like to help out, please contact Lynda at the church office or send us an email:

[info@wpcc.com.au](mailto:info@wpcc.com.au)



## regular programs

### foundation 61

Every Saturday night, Foundation 61 host a BBQ for families and friends of the guys. They would love it if anyone from the church would like to join them once or on a regular basis. Salads are supplied but please bring your own meat.

If you are interested in going out and spending some time with the guys, please call Warren on 0400-318-413

### for mum and dad

For pre-school children and their parents, we have Pied Piper Play Group which has 4 sessions running from 10am – 12noon on Tuesday's, Wednesday's and Thursday's, with a Japanese group on Friday's. Play Group costs \$4 per family per session regardless of the number of children. Contact the church office on 5241-1160 for more details.

## church website



Check out our website for the church at [www.wpcc.com.au](http://www.wpcc.com.au) and don't forget to tell anyone you know who is looking for a church

## church facebook

# facebook

If you are on Facebook, check out the **Wearn Ponds Community Church** page.

*Become a fan today!*

## wpcc birthdays - june

1st	Judy Hobbs Snr	20th	Graham Fulton
1st	Ellie Murrant	22nd	Greg Cleeland
1st	Maree Edwards	23rd	Clayton Paull
3rd	Basil Kennedy	25th	Damian Dixon
3rd	Mark Turley	26th	Guryel Ali
3rd	Lorna Hunter	26th	Emily Challis
5th	Julia Turley	27th	Leanne Harkness
6th	Joanna Gebert	27th	Eden Rose Turley
8th	Pearl Shirley	28th	Elizabeth Challis
8th	Benjamin Burch	29th	Eve Turley
9th	Beau Challis	29th	Ellie Vergari
9th	Noah Edwards	31st	Bev Marsh
10th	Carole Keating	31st	Linda Churchill
12th	Jeriel Asasai	31st	Asha Grace Turley
12th	Ian Gebert	31st	Rusiate Bulamailagi
12th	Alan Harkness		
13th	Ben Dunstan		
15th	Narisara Phiriya		
15th	Naomi Oakenfull		
15th	Harry de Witt		
15th	Alexia Steel		
15th	Tess Gebert		
15th	Ella Gebert		
16th	Bruce Walker		
16th	Di Cottam		
17th	Hayden Kratzmann		
17th	Wearne Bolitho		



## sunday night bible study



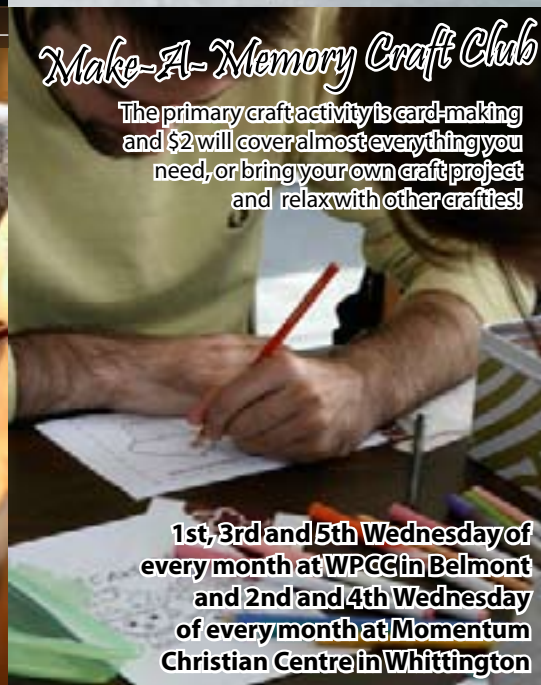
Are you interested in attending a bible study on Sunday Nights?

**6.30pm**  
**in the Auxillary Hall**

joining with Sunday Sessions for supper afterwards at 7.30pm.

## Make-A-Memory Craft Club

The primary craft activity is card-making and \$2 will cover almost everything you need, or bring your own craft project and relax with other crafties!



**1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesday of every month at WPCC in Belmont and 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month at Momentum Christian Centre in Whittington**

## tin can day

Don't forget that the first Sunday of every month is Tin Can Day. Please bring non perishable food items for our food bank.





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