



**TELSCOMBE CLIFFS COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
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**NEWSLETTER**

## **MARCH / APRIL 2019**

Dear Friends,

Many of us have got a GPS (Global Positioning System) in our car or smart phone. You programme your destination, and it gives you the directions you need to get where you need to go – usually. Of course you've got to use your own intelligence as well, unlike the three ladies who ended up on a slipway into a lake! But what about our personal GPS – what guides our behaviour and attitude and purpose? St Paul wrote there are three things we need to programme in – faith, hope and love – 'but the greatest of all three – is love'.

Joseph Aldrich tells of meeting a Christian man from India who had a powerful ministry bringing scores of Hindu and Moslem students to Christ. Each Sunday he and his wife hosted 30 to 50 students to dinner. "So you talk about Jesus over the meal?" Aldrich asked. "No" he said, "It's impossible to talk openly of Jesus Christ in this country." "So, how are you able to bring so many of them to our Lord?" "I love them," he replied, "until they ask me why." That's it! That's the hope of the world! Jesus knew that not everyone was going to listen to his teaching. His kind of love, generosity and mercy just doesn't make sense. It's risky. It's asking us to give up our rights and our pride and our comfort zone. And yet, it's the most powerful way possible for us to show the world that we belong to Christ. To just love them – until they ask us why.

So I hope we've got our GPS programmed. Not the one in our car or smart phone – but the one in our head and heart. I pray that we have programmed it with the love of Jesus. That way we will reliably represent Jesus and make a difference in this world; looking for the day when it says to us, 'You have reached your destination.'

Yours in the love of Christ.

Celia and Peter.

Sadly this will be Peter's last contribution to our newsletter as he is retiring from his role as our "main man" at the end of April. A loss to the church members but I am sure we all wish Peter the very best for the future and hope that he and Celia will join us at church events occasionally. Thank you so much Peter for your input to our newsletter!

**PLEASE NOTE THE SERVICE TAKEN BY TIM MILLS ON  
MARCH 17<sup>TH</sup> STARTS AT 10.45**

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***ROTAS FOR  
ELDERS AND WELCOMERS***

**COMMUNION**

Mar 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Val Barritt Neil Watts
Apr 7 <sup>th</sup>	Kathy Gillott Lin Paddock
Apr 21 <sup>st</sup>	Liz Hunter Sam Shepherd
May 5 <sup>th</sup>	Kathy Gillott Neil Watts

Welcoming Organised by: Philip Slinn

**Vestry Duty**

Mar 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sam Shepherd
Mar 10 <sup>th</sup>	Kathy Gillott
Mar 17 <sup>th</sup>	Neil Watts
Mar 24 <sup>th</sup>	Liz Hunter
Mar 31 <sup>st</sup>	Linda Paddock
Apr 7 <sup>th</sup>	Sam Shepherd
Apr 14 <sup>th</sup>	Kathy Gillott
Apr 21 <sup>st</sup>	Tom Rose
Apr 28 <sup>th</sup>	Neil Watts
May 5 <sup>th</sup>	Liz Hunter

Please arrange a substitute if you are unable to fulfil your duty

**Preaching Plan**

Mar 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Peter Elliott
Mar 10 <sup>th</sup>	David Goldin
Mar 17 <sup>th</sup>	Tim Mills
Mar 24 <sup>th</sup>	Peter Elliott
Mar 31 <sup>st</sup>	Wyn Funnell
Apr 7 <sup>th</sup>	Peter Elliott
Apr 14 <sup>th</sup>	Barbara Sayers
Apr 21 <sup>st</sup>	Neil Watts
Apr 28 <sup>th</sup>	Peter Elliott
May 5 <sup>th</sup>	Wyn Funnell

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***SERVING ELDERS***

Treasurer	Sam Shepherd
Asst Treasurer	Linda Paddock
Church Secretary	Neil Watts
Asst Church Sec	Kathy Gillott

Preaching Plan	Val Barritt
Serving Elder	Tom Rose
Serving Elder	Liz Hunter

Non Serving Elder	Janet Coghlan
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***FABRIC COMMITTEE***

Tom Rose  
Elizabeth Hunter  
Philip Slinn  
Max Rosser

***FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS***

Linda Rose

***CHURCH MUSIC:***

Kathryn Gillott

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**IRONY**

\*What's ironic about the Bible – it's the most shoplifted book in America!

\*The founder of Alcoholics Anonymous asked for a whisky on his deathbed – the nurse refused!

\*In a hilarious example of irony, MacDonaldis' employees' health page, which is now shut down, once warned against eating McDonald's burgers and fries!

\*In 2002 a tree was planted in a park in Los Angeles in memory of Beatles guitarist George Harrison. The tree later died after being infested by beetles!