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COMMUNITY CHURCH

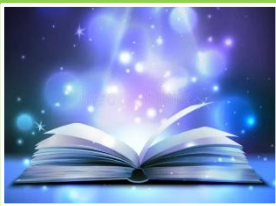
Monthly Newsletter

16-18 Martin St Thornbury 3071

May 2026 edition

Greetings
beloved
family
in Christ!

Gatherings
this month



Provisions
this month

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A warm welcome to you today! ❤️

Whether you are new, just visiting, or a regular member of our church – we are so glad you have joined us to worship, read the word of God, and connect with our joyfully multicultural congregation.

As autumn rolls on, so too this month's newsletter rolls on with fabulous images, updates about church happenings and sharings designed to stimulate your mind, warm your heart, and stir your soul towards a deepening walk with our Creator Father, Jesus Christ His Son and our Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit who ministers to us as we journey through this earthly life. So...Let's GO! 😊

ONGOINGLY & OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY...

Church services & Group meetings

- Sundays:** weekly: 10.00am service (in Greek) & 12.00pm (in English)
- Mondays:** fortnightly: 7.30-10.30pm: Men's Group (in English) – 11th & 29th
- Tuesdays:** fortnightly: 12.30-2.30pm: Women's Group (in English) – 5th & 19th
7.30-10pm: Men's Group (in English) – 5th & 19th
- Wednesdays:** weekly: 5.30pm: Bible Study (in Greek)
weekly: 7.00pm: Bible Study (in English)
- Thursdays:** fortnightly: 7.00pm: Bible Study for Beginners – 7th & 21st
- Saturdays:** weekly: 10.00am: Group Prayer & Intercession (till 1pm)
last Sat/mth 3.30pm: Women's Group (in Greek) – 30th
- NOTE:** Men's groups contact - Pastor Paul Spanos: 0408 250 242
Women's groups (Greek) contact - Harriet Mouzakis: 0452 419 660
Women's group (English) contact – Valentina: 0438 324 800

Weekly Missional work & Community support

- Mondays:** - pick up frozen food
- Weekdays:** - pick up from SecondBite
- Thursdays:** - pick up from Foodbank; prepare food boxes for the public
- pick up bread and deliver to homes from the afternoon as well.

*** FOODBANK IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
FOR COLLECTION IN THE HALL FROM 1PM**

CHURCH OF  THE NAZARENE

*We are more than a church; we are a family.
We are the family of God.*



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Updates &
Reminders



Compassion as a lifestyle

Expanding
horizons



SPECIFICALLY FOR THIS MONTH...

Church news



- Each Saturday from 10am to 1pm Pastor Paul is at Church to meet and pray with people, as well as to give 1:1 time upon request.
- A friendly reminder that the **English speaking Women's Group** now runs fortnightly on Tuesdays from 12.30pm, keeping Pastor Paul on his toes, lol.
- NazCare has its AGM on 2nd May 2026 at 11am AEST via Zoom for interested members. Link for the meeting is: <http://us02web.zoom.us/j/89827596854>. Enjoy and share your learnings with the rest of us! 😊

(And if you're curious to know more about this inspiring aid and development arm of the Church of the Nazarene in Australia – check them out at nazcare.org.au.)

Also available onsite as its own agency, every Friday at 7.30pm, is ORACLE MINISTRY WITH PASTOR MAURICE.

Celebrating 25 years in healing through deliverance ministry!
For more information contact Ps Maurice by phone on 0417 188 855
or by email at minister@oracleministry.com

In the community – Did you know...?

May is Mental Health Awareness month. Sample events in May to explore, connect with others and reflect on include...

- 3 May World Laughter Day
- 10 May Mother's Day
- 12 May International Nurses Day
- 21 May Cancer Council's Australia's Biggest Morning Tea
- 18-24 May National Volunteers Week
- 23 May National Day of Prayer
- 26 May National Sorry Day & National Reconciliation Week from 27 May

Community – Connection – Sharing

In the spirit of *paying it forward*, Thornbury Community Church is humbled to be providing for individuals and families in need as well by way of a weekly **Table and Clothes Rack of Kindness** now set up to run alongside its Foodbank provision on Thursdays between 1-230pm.



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Community - Connection - Sharing *(continued)*

Donations of clothing, shoes, kitchenware, home décor items, children's books and toys, suitcases, small appliances and a whole range of other items come from church members as well as gracious souls across the local and neighbouring communities who want to *give back* in impacting ways for those among us in need. To bless others in acknowledgment of being blessed themselves. We are so grateful.

Everything here is offered as a free gift, no strings attached. For us at Thornbury Community Church, acts of kindness are how we demonstrate and spread the love of God for us; and it is a joyful honour to model Jesus Christ our Saviour in this way.

If you feel moved to join our *Chain of Kindness* by donating items in decent condition to bless someone that can use them – please feel free to message Marina on 0478 559057 or via Facebook Messenger to arrange collection as suits; and thank you. God bless you for your beautiful heart. ❤️

Here are some snapshots of our offerings so far...



Spotlight
on our Table
& Clothes Rack
of Kindness



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For the young
& young
at heart

WORDSEARCH WITH A TWIST!

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Can you find the 10 words below to guess the 10 letter *secret something* that our church is richly blessed by and deeply grateful for? 😊

- SELFLESS
- DEPENDABLE
- HELPFUL
- KIND
- CARING
- DEDICATED
- DYNAMIC
- PASSIONATE
- HARDWORKING
- INSPIRING

Devotional thought

Scripture
for the
soul
& Prayer



(Source: NIV Bible)

This month's reflection focus is on the spirit of service. What is the *WHY?* behind Christian acts of service? And what is our heart space in the process? One of joyful willingness - or one of begrudging obligation, even selfishly driven? How else might I serve or serve better those immediately around me, those in my broader community...everybody I cross paths with...so they can feel touched by God's love?

1 Peter 4:10 – "...use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."

Matt 25:35 – "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in..."

Isaiah 58:10 - "and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday."

Dear Lord. Thank you for your example in Jesus on living a life of service to others. Not as a burdensome requirement or because there is something to gain - but simply as a natural overflow in my love for God. In joyful gratitude for Him loving me. In my sinful nature and all my foolish, ego-driven ways of thinking, doing, being when turned away from Him. You never give up on me, Heavenly Father. Thank you for Your abiding Mercy and Grace. Thank you for my redemption in Jesus. Thank you for the empowering infusion of Your Holy Spirit. How can I not want to spread Your uplifting love to others? Thank you for helping me understand this soul joy of beaming Your Love around me to bless others is why "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Amen and amen!

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