



## April 2019

**Tuesday 2 – Term 2**  
10.00am Stay & Play

**Wednesday 3 AVM**



**Friday 5**  
**CoolClub 5.30pm – 7.00pm**  
Grade 1-4  
**7UP 5.30pm – 7.00pm**  
Grade 5-7  
**Hood 7.30pm – 9.30pm**  
Grade 8-12

**Saturday 6**  
Men Behaving Dably 10-11.30am

**Sunday 7**  
8.00am 10.00am 6.00pm  
*A Passion for Life: Rejected*  
John 18v28-40

**Monday 8**  
6-6.30pm Prayer Group. Everyone is welcome

**Monday 8 – Wednesday 10**  
7pm-8.15pm  
**Digging Deeper**



**Tuesday 9**  
Hiking: 8.00am Brakkloofrand: meet at Vallyland, bring a jacket, strong shoes, water & something for tea. Contact Carole 0812356809 with any questions

10.00am Stay & Play

Evening Fellowship Groups

Study 6: God is Holy Love

**Wednesday 10**  
10.00am Fellowship Groups  
Study 6: God is Holy Love

**Friday 12**  
**CoolClub 5.30pm – 7.00pm**  
Grade 1-4  
**7UP 5.30pm – 7.00pm**  
Grade 5-7  
**Hood 7.30pm – 9.30pm**  
Grade 8-12

**Saturday 13**  
8.30am Valley Inter-Church Prayer Meeting. Venue St Kiarans Church, cnr Central Circle & Recreation Rd, Fish Hoek

**Sunday 14**  
8.00am 10.00am 6.00pm  
*A Passion for Life: Condemned*  
John 19v1-16

**Monday 15**  
6-6.30pm Prayer Group. Everyone is welcome

**Tuesday 16**  
10.00am Stay & Play

Evening Fellowship Groups

**Wednesday 17**  
No Fellowship Groups

**Friday 19 Good Friday**  
9.00 am A Passion for Life: Crucified  
John 19v16-42

**Sunday 21 Easter Sunday**  
8.00am 10.00am 6.00pm  
*A Passion for Life: Resurrected*  
John 20v1-31

**Monday 22 Public Holiday**

**Tuesday 23**  
Hiking: 8.00am Wolfkop: meet at Vallyland, bring a jacket, strong shoes, water & something for tea. Contact Carole 0812356809 with any questions.

**Friday 26**  
**CoolClub 5.30pm – 7.00pm**  
Grade 1-4  
**7UP 5.30pm – 7.00pm**  
Grade 5-7  
**Hood 7.30pm – 9.30pm**  
Grade 8-12

**Saturday 27**  
Fellowship Group Leaders Training

**Sunday 28**  
8.00am 10.00am 6.00pm  
1Corinthians 1v1-9

Monthly Book table at morning services

**Sunday 28 & Tuesday 30**  
Joining In 11.30am & 7.00pm

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**Monday 29**  
6-6.30pm Prayer Group. Everyone is welcome

**Tuesday 30**  
10.00am Stay & Play  
Evening Fellowship Groups

## May 2019

**Wednesday 1 Public Holiday**

**Thursday 2**  
Day Life

**Friday 3**  
**CoolClub 5.30pm – 7.00pm**  
Grade 1-4  
**7UP 5.30pm – 7.00pm**  
Grade 5-7  
**Hood 7.30pm – 9.30pm**  
Grade 8-12

**Saturday 4**  
Men Behaving Dably 10-11.30am

**Sunday 5**  
8.00am 10.00am 6.00pm  
1Corinthians 1v10-17

## Be inviting' – The Power of Invitation

### **“Church is for believers, not for the unbelievers”**

I actually heard this from a well-meaning person recently. What the person meant was, that Church services should be designed and coordinated around believers, not for those who don't yet trust in Christ.

I want to push back a little on this view. If we design and coordinate our Church experience as an *exclusive membership event*, we will alienate those who are intrigued by the Christian community.

The average person, especially non-Christians may think Church is for Christians only, yet where else will a non-believer hear about Jesus? If we take Romans 10:13 -15 seriously we will know that Church is exactly the place *all people* will hear the good news preached from one who is sent.

*“For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring the good news!”*

(Romans 10:13-15, NIV).

One of the primary means God uses to pursue the lost is our local church

Our Church services happen each week. Therefore, three opportunities, every week, exist to partner with God in reaching the lost – **How? Be inviting.** Most people will respond positively to an invite

from someone they know, even if it takes a few attempts! It may be helpful to know that even an invite resulting in a “NO” is actually helpful as it breaks down the perception that Church is for Christians only!

By sending the message *‘everyone is welcome’* you may be a little closer to a “YES” in the future. One of the best ways to test out your evangelism skills is to invite someone to Church - you never know what conversations might be ignited from this simple invite. It's good to remember prayer is crucial before inviting others as it is God who will ultimately bring about a positive response. You are just the messenger with no pressure to get a 'result.'

People are longing for our community

There is something very attractive about our Christian community from

the outsider's perspective – yet, often brittle barriers exist and the way in seems so foreign. Whilst the Church is called to be set apart, *‘Be Holy’* (1 Peter 1:15), we are also called to be hospitable and *‘...wise in the way we act towards outsiders’ ‘...making the most of every opportunity’* (Colossians 4:5). Tension exists for Christians to be salt & light yet, also to be a sign post for unbelievers that point to Jesus and the truth found in him alone. An invite into our community can have a powerful effect on a person and meet a critical longing for authentic relationships.

Imagine what might happen if you help to spark a movement in our church...

What are the possibilities if each one of us invited just one person per month to church? It might look something like this...

**600** (St Peters member's) **X 1** (person per month) = **600** invites per month. Which equates to 150 invites per week. If only **10%** say “YES” that would be **780** visitors per year, just from 1 simple invite from all of us each month!

**That's 780 people who might never hear the gospel** if it wasn't for your invite.

Can God use us? Yes, He can, and He does. So **‘Be inviting.’**

This Easter why not have ‘A Passion for Life’ Invite someone you know to our Easter Service's

This Easter we are on a mission to invite as many people as we can to our Good Friday & Easter Sunday services. **‘A Passion for Life’** is

our Easter sermon series that runs from March 31 till April 21, 2019. **Be Bold** invite as many people as you can. Printed invites will be available throughout April. We are also running an evangelism training session on the 6<sup>th</sup> April with a light lunch & then on to door to door invites – why not join us for a fun afternoon – no experience necessary just a desire to see the lost found.

If you are keen to join send me an email at [jon@stpetersfishhoek.org.za](mailto:jon@stpetersfishhoek.org.za).

The Power of Christ can be experienced by a simple invite – let us, at St Peters **‘Be inviting’** so our local community has the opportunity to join us for **‘A Passion for Life’** this Easter.

Jon Morrison  
 (Ed Stetzer - Christianity Today used as a source)