



**Christ Church Cathedral
Newcastle**
***UPCOMING SERVICES,
CONCERTS AND EVENTS***

Police Remembrance Service

10am Thursday 29 September

Blessing of the Pets

6pm Sunday 2 October

Breast Cancer Awareness Service

6pm Sunday 16 October

Mental Health Candlelight Vigil

7pm Sunday 30 October

All Souls Eucharist

6pm Wednesday 2 November

Song Company Concert

7pm Thursday 10 November

Advent Carols

7pm Sunday 27 November



Missions ABM Our Project **for September**

The Church of Melanesia **The Positive Parenting Program**

In Melanesian culture, issues such as sex, early marriage, child abuse and other forms of family violence are often taboo to discuss. Facilitators of the Positive Parenting Program work hard to break down the barriers and the unhelpful traditional beliefs that may be harmful to children within families and communities.

This program is based on building relationships of trust within small groups to tackle issues and questions which affect parents.

Topics covered in a parenting group range from ‘the development stages of the child’ to teenage sexual reproductive health, along with domestic violence and child abuse. The Positive Parenting Program is run through the Mothers’ Union (MU), a strong arm of the Anglican Church of Melanesia with around 16,000 members in the Solomon Islands and Vanuatu. The Mothers’ Union considers the core of their work to be the support of parents. Through participation in a peer parenting group, parents can realise the love and friendship within their wider families and communities, finding the support they need to raise children in the best possible environment.

The Positive Parenting course is a worldwide Mothers’ Union Program which has been implemented in Guyana, Jamaica, Kenya, Rwanda, Trinidad and Tobago and Uganda.

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