



*South Yarra Community Baptist Church*  
***Decisions and Questions from the Host***  
***Group Meeting***  
*8 February 2016*

Listed below are the main decisions and questions from our recent Host Group meeting. This is not the full minutes, but a summary of the main decisions and questions. In line with our church policy, these are circulated not only for your information, but to allow you to consider the decisions and ponder the questions and, if you have any concerns about any of them, to seek more information or ask for them to be reconsidered. Where possible, we will not implement the decisions for at least seven days, in order to allow time for people to respond. Questions or concerns can be raised with any member of the Host Group, or by emailing all of them at once at [hosts@southyarrabaptist.church](mailto:hosts@southyarrabaptist.church)

Those in attendance at the recent meeting were Eliz Cook, Nathan Nettleton, Alison Sampson, Sylvia Sandeman, Shelley Taylor and Samara Pitt.

### **Summary of the Decisions and Questions**

1. **Offering Sanctuary to Asylum Seekers** – a number of churches have responded to the call from the Australian Churches Refugee Taskforce to offer Sanctuary to asylum seekers currently in Australia who are under threat of being returned to offshore detention. We will discuss whether is anything we want to offer at the congregational meeting on Sunday.
2. The **Lenten Retreat** will be held at the **Centre for Theology and Ministry** in Parkville on February 28., 10am to 3:30pm.
3. While we appreciated the **rest from the supper roster** over January, we thought it would be better to have this break over Lent from 2017. This will be discussed at the congregational meeting on Sunday.
4. **Lenten booklets** have been distributed, you are welcome to pass them on to any friends who are interested. (Alison had this great idea while on 'leave', so she may take some actual leave later in the year!)
5. **Supper music** preferences are in, and gentle instrumental music is the winner! Thanks to all who gave feedback.

Next meeting: 2 March at 7.30pm at Nathan's house