

**THIS WEEK****16 NOVEMBER 2008****ORDINARY SUNDAY 33**

8.00 am **Morning Prayer 1** (A.A.P.B. p.18)  
Ezekiel 34:11-16 (p.855)  
John 10:1-21 (p.1062)

Geoff Lloyd  
Rhondda Day

**'The Good Shepherd'****Barry George**

Organ Postlude: Miniature Improvisation on hymn tune "Buckland" (Loving Shepherd of Thy sheep) by June Nixon

9.30 am **Lord's Supper 2B** (S.S. p.70)

Kids' Spot  
Ezekiel 34:11-16 (p.855)  
John 10:1-21 (p.1062)

Debbie Rawe  
Lyll Pogue  
Andrea Pogue

**'The Good Shepherd'****Barry George**

6.30 pm **Prayer, Praise and Proclamation 2** (S.S. p.13)

Matthew 13:1-9 (p.968)  
Matthew 13:18-23 (p.968)

Gav Amm  
Andrew Drury

**'The Sower'****Andrew Drury**

New Evening  
Series:  
**Parables  
of the  
Kingdom**

**NEXT WEEK****23 NOVEMBER 2008****ORDINARY SUNDAY 34**

8.00 am **Lord's Supper 1** (S.S. p.47)  
Deuteronomy 30:11-20 (p.201)  
John 14:1-14 (p.1067)

Geoff Stutchbury  
Robin Stutchbury

**'The Way, The Truth & The Life'****Suz Gorham**

9.30 am **Alternative Morning Service** (Card)

Kids' Spot  
Deuteronomy 30:11-20 (p.201)  
John 14:1-14 (p.1067)

Jennifer Begg  
Linda Artist  
Fiona Olegasegarem

**'The Way, The Truth & The Life'****Suz Gorham**

6.30 pm **Prayer, Praise and Proclamation 1** (S.S. p.9)

Matthew 13:24-30 (p.969)  
Matthew 13:36-43 (p.969)

Jamie Mackenzie  
Heather Amm

**'The Weeds'****Barry George****Support Ministries:**

**Cleaning:** Marion Wright, Julie Kelly  
**Sidespeople:**  
**8.00am** Geoff & Robin Stutchbury  
**9.30am** Roy Artist, Fiona Olegasegarem  
**6.30pm** Jon Warren-Gash, Lachlan Scott  
**Morning Tea:**  
**8.00am** Marie Brown  
**9.30am** Valerie Pearson, Dawn Williams, Paul & Vicki Carter  
**Crèche:** Lisa Tong, Lisa Garner, Claudia Garner  
**Supper:** Jamie Mackenzie, Bethany Wright, James Parkinson

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**St JOHN'S FAMILY BULLETIN****16 NOVEMBER 2008**


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**Dear Friends,**

A new book in the bookshops is entitled '*Preach or Perish*'. It is a collection of about thirty essays by a variety of Sydney preachers. One essay has the sub-title "*The case against reading sermons*". I read it with riveting interest, because I am always on the lookout for ways to improve my preaching skills.

Dr. Martyn Lloyd-Jones, that master preacher of the last century from Westminster Chapel, once said: '*It is good that the preacher be looking at the people; and you cannot be looking at the people and reading a manuscript at the same time.*'

It is a fearsome thought for any preacher to stand before a congregation without a full text. What happens if I lose my place? What if I forget what I wanted to say? What if I have a mental blank? Such thoughts betray the ever present human weakness of what might happen if I must depend entirely on my own cleverness.

I have been impressed with the definition of Christian preaching given by Dr. James Packer, of Regent College in Vancouver.

Packer says: '*Christian preaching... is the event of God bringing to an audience a Bible-based, Christ-related, life-impacting message of instruction and direction from himself through the words of a spokesperson.*'

If Packer is correct, the preacher should come to the pulpit in the power of God's Spirit to deliver the Christ-related, life impacting message, as if he has come direct from the presence of God. Of course he will not skimp on his preparation. He will work hard on the text to understand its meaning. But having done all that he is no more and no less, than God's messenger.

I have some changes to make, and I hope that I may be bold to ask for your prayers as I tread in these new paths.

Warm regards,

Barry George



## AMAZING OPPORTUNITY

**Ainsley Hodgson**, our Christian Studies teacher at Asquith Girls High, has been given the amazing opportunity of a whole day of **Christian activities with the whole of Year 10**

(± 100 girls). There is one problem!. There is only one of her.

Ainsley asks for **volunteers** on **Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> November** from 8.30am to 3.00pm to help run small discussion groups and supervise an activity as part of an 'Amazing Race' game. She will provide all materials for the game and discussion groups and will contact volunteers before the day to talk them through everything.

**Contact Ainsley:** on ph. **9456 5732**

or email: [ainsley.hodgson@inet.net.au](mailto:ainsley.hodgson@inet.net.au)

Check the atrium table for more details.



## BLOKES' CHURCH

**Yes!** it's that time again.

**When?** 30<sup>th</sup> November, 12.30pm for lunch  
1.30pm for Church

**Where?** St Paul's, Pearces Corner, Wahroonga.

**What?** Blokes' Church, a gathering of Christian Men to fellowship over an informal light lunch followed by a time of worship. Speaker at the service will be **Terry Dein**, on the subject of '**Men Growing**'.



**Anything Else?**

Yes, see you there, and grab a flyer out on the table, share it with your mates.

**Any questions?**

**contact Daryl Gilbert 9457 8472**

## LOOKING FOR A CHRISTMAS GIFT?

**Christmas Gift Catalogues** from the following organisations are available on the atrium table:

- Anglicare
- Christian Blind Mission (CBM)
- Church Missionary Society (CMS)
- Matthias Media

## ST JOHN'S FOOD BANK

**Cookers** needed for the St John's Food Bank.

Please contact **Lisa Tong** for more information.

Email: [Andrew.tong@intec.com.au](mailto:Andrew.tong@intec.com.au) or

phone: **9482-3256**



## ST JOHN'S ASQUITH WEEKEND AWAY 2009

**13<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> March 2009**

**Lutanda Conference Centre, Toukley**

**Speaker: Barry Newman**

**Plan to be there!**

## OFFERTORIES 9 NOVEMBER 2008

*[For Electronic Giving the Account details are as follows:-*

Asquith Parish General Fund BSB 062-106 Account 00900612]

Incomes: \$2,416.20 (General) + \$1,890.00 (Electronic)

+ \$70.00 (Ministry Fund) + \$40.00 (Building Fund) = **\$4,416.20**

(Combined Weekly Budget: \$4,779.00)

\*\*\*\* Total Shortfall at week 45: **\$9,443.35**

## CREATING GINGERBREAD HOUSES

Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> December

Family Afternoon - 2.00pm - 4.30pm

Women's Evening - 7.00pm - 9.30pm

\$25 per kit (includes gingerbread, icing, display board, wrapping, ribbon and lollies)

Please put your name on the list in the atrium

ASAP

Only 20 places available for the Family Afternoon

Only 50 places available for the Women's Evening



## PARISH COUNCIL MEET

This Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> November at 7.45pm

## DANIEL MOULT

*The Elusive English Organ*

*Charting the English Organ from Byrd to Wesley*

*followed by a recital from Elgar to Leighton*



Sunday: 16<sup>th</sup> November at 2.45pm (today)

Shore Chapel, North Sydney

Free parking behind Chapel via Union Street

\$20. \$15 Seniors, \$10 Members (OMSS, RSCM, Guild) Pensioners, \$5 School Students

Organ Music Society of Sydney AGM will be held beforehand at 2pm



For more information  
chat  
to  
Jennifer Begg  
at church  
or  
phone 9476 8805

Share the joy of Christmas  
with families in need!  
Your donation of toys and/or food  
will enable us to provide for those who  
would otherwise go without.

Yes it is that time of the year again!

Please place your food (no glass jars)  
and toys on the tables  
at the back of the church.



# Synod Report 2008

**The Synod of the Sydney Diocese is comprised of the Archbishop, rectors in charge of each parish, and those called under the Synod Membership Ordinance 1995.**

**The business of Synod is to be responsible for the order and good government of the Anglican Church in this Diocese.**

This includes:

- Passing motions to create new ordinances (laws) of the church in this diocese.
- Electing members of various boards and committees.
- Discussion of various issues of importance to the diocese.
- Receiving and commenting or acting on various reports brought before it.

## **To highlight some of the business of Synod in 2008:**

Midpoint Report of the Diocesan Mission 2002 – 2012. The aim is to have at least 10% of the diocesan population belonging to bible based churches by 2012.

## **Achievements:**

Moore College and Youthworks College are enrolling high student numbers.

Ordination candidates have increased – between 20 and 30 per year to 2005, to 40 and 50 per year since then.

Church plants – 136.

Church offerings increased from \$34 million in 2002, to \$54 million in 2007.

## **Areas for improvement:**

Need for more qualified people to fill ministry positions and to start new congregations.

Need for more leaders trained in business and administration.

Need for more involvement by the laity, in church and parish activities.

## **Connect 09:**

This strategy is the next phase of the mission. Change is needed in the way we do things, if we are to be successful in bringing more people to Christ.

It is planned to direct ministry from congregational gatherings to parish outreach.

The form this will take will vary, according to the situation of each parish.

The activities will include the distribution of the Gospel of Luke.

## **Lay and Diaconal Administration:**

Synod affirmed that the Lord's Supper in this diocese may be administered by persons other than presbyters (i.e. priests). This opens the way to the Archbishop licensing those who are ordained as deacons, to administer the Lord's Supper. This could be important for women's ministry as an increasing number of women are ordained as deaconesses. However, to license lay persons for this task, would at present cause a rift between the Sydney Diocese and the other Dioceses of the Anglican Church in Australia.

The Diocesan Secretary is to send a copy of 'The Lord's Supper in Human Hands' to all bishops who attended the Global Anglican Future Conference (GAFCON).

## **Parish Administration Ordinance 2008:**

This ordinance was passed by Synod as the Church Law governing the administration of a parish and brings together in one document previous rules which were set out in a number of ordinances. It outlines in plain English the appointment and functions of the Parish Council, the Wardens and other officers of the parish, procedures for meetings, and deals with church building and property and Safe Ministry matters. This ordinance will be printed in booklet form and no doubt distributed to parishes.

## **Women's Ministries:**

The Synod of the Sydney Diocese has consistently voted not to permit the ordination of women as presbyters (priests) based on an understanding of scripture.

One motion noted this point but also noted that there is another understanding of scripture held by a small but significant minority within the diocese, and requested the Archbishop to explore ways "in which these different views can be creatively lived out in the life and practice of the diocese". The motion was lost on the voices.

Another motion was passed which gave thanks to God for the creative and God-honouring ministry of women in the Diocese of Sydney at this time and for many years.

## **Other Motions Passed:**

Requesting Standing Committee to engage with the Federal Government consultation process on the protection of human rights in Australia;

Supporting legislative and social changes which would reduce the number of abortions in Australia;

Applauding the recently reported plans for the NSW Cabinet to consider a range of drinking laws designed to address the problems brought on by alcohol abuse;

Requesting the Sydney Diocesan Secretariat (SDS) develop a tool kit to assist parishes in responding to climate change at the local level, following the achievements of the Anglican Church

Property Trust and the SDS in this area.

Thanking God for the ministry of Archdeacon Terry Dein, North Sydney, who is due to retire at the end of this year.

**Synod Representatives: Andrea Pogue and Doug Davies**

**If you have any questions please talk with our Synod Representatives: Andrea Pogue and Doug Davies**