

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

- 8.00 am **Lord's Supper 1** (S.S. p.47)
Deuteronomy 30:11-20 (p.201) Geoff Stutchbury
John 14:1-14 (p.1067) Robin Stutchbury
- 'The Way, The Truth & The Life'** Suz Gorham
Organ Postlude: Gavotte (Matthew Camidge 1758-1844)
- 9.30 am **Alternative Morning Service** (Card)
Kids' Spot Jennifer Begg
Deuteronomy 30:11-20 (p.201) Linda Artist
John 14:1-14 (p.1067) 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) Jamie Mackenzie
Matthew 13:36-43 (p.969) Heather Amm
- 'The Weeds'** Barry George

NEXT WEEK**30 NOVEMBER 2008****ADVENT**

- 8.00 am **Holy Communion 1** (A.A.P.B. P.114)
Job 19:23-27 (p.511) Lyn Simpkins
John 11:17-44 (p.1063) Don Lamb
- 'The Resurrection & The Life'** Barry George
- 9.30 am **Special Family Service + Baptisms of Fleur and Phoebe**
John 11:17-27 (p.1063) Siebe Greive
- 'The Resurrection & The Life'** Barry George
- 6.30 pm **PowerPoint**
Isaiah 6:8-13 (p.681) Tim Watson
Matthew 13:31-35 (p.969) Philip Simpson
- 'The Mustard Seed & The Yeast'** Nigel Gorham

Support Ministries:

- Cleaning:** Helen Whight, Nelly Greive
- Sidespeople:**
- 8.00am Geoff & Gwenne Rutter
- 9.30am Siebe Greive, Helen Whight
- 6.30pm Angus Mackenzie, James Parkinson
- Morning Tea:**
- 8.00am Carolyn Wulff
- 9.30am Nelly Greive, D & J Melville, D & A Warren-Gash
- Crèche:** Lisa Tong, Keryn Hammersley, Phil Bloomfield
- Supper:** Dan Butler, Jon Warren-Gash, John Lambeth

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**St JOHN'S FAMILY BULLETIN****23 NOVEMBER 2008**

ANGELICAN PARISH OF ASQUITH / MT COLAH / MT KURING-GAI

Dear Friends,

'In a land where kings still rule, I am a princess. You must know me only as Sultana. I cannot reveal my true name for fear harm will come to me and my family for what I am about to tell you.' These are the opening words of the introduction to a paperback bearing the title "Princess", that burst onto the world's bookshelves in 1992, as 'an appalling indictment of the treatment of women in Saudi Arabia'.



Princess is a testimony of a woman of indomitable spirit and great courage. By speaking out, Sultana risks bringing the wrath of the Saudi establishment upon her head and upon the heads of her children. For this reason she has told her story anonymously. It was written by Jean P. Sasson. The author states that *'In telling this story it is not the intention of the author nor of the Princess to demean the Islamic faith'*.

Jean Sasson followed *Princess* with the publishing of *'Daughters of Arabia'* in 1994, and *'Desert Royal'* in 1999. She lived in Saudi Arabia for over ten years from 1978 and became the intimate friend and confidante of Sultana, who asked her to tell her story. Jean Sasson did so by writing this trilogy, and she has since added to them *'Mayada, daughter of Iraq'* (published 2003). This last mentioned is the story of one woman's survival in Saddam Hussein's torture jail.

Jean Sasson makes no claim to be Christian, but any Christian who desires to gain an understanding of Arabic culture and the standing of women in that culture would do well to read some of her writings.

Most of her books are published by Bantam Books, and are readily available in the larger bookshops.

Warm regards,

Barry George

FAMILY SERVICE

NEXT SUNDAY, 30TH NOVEMBER

A special service for all ages.

All crèche and 'primary' schoolchildren will be presented with a gift during the service.

ACTION TODAY — NOW !!!!!



- Men's Convention 2009
- Gingerbread house construction
- Toys & Tucker

See Bulletin for all the details



A total of \$1,316 was donated in the last six months and banked on behalf of St John's to BCA

Our BCA link-missionaries are:

Mike & Chantalle Keith with daughter **Rachel**.

Please take their latest '*Truth Conquers*' newsletter from the Atrium table and stay informed about their busy lives and pray for them as they minister in the opal mining town Lightning Ridge.



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 or

phone: 9482-3256



SENIOR LADIES FELLOWSHIP

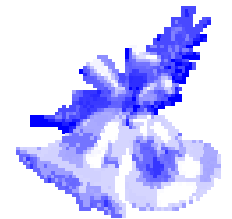
Christmas Luncheon

on Monday, 8th December at 12noon

Our last get-together for this year and a beautiful programme has been put together.

Please let **Valerie** (ph.9477 2118) know that you are coming (or not) and also if you need transport before 1st December.

THANK YOU



ST JOHN'S ASQUITH WEEKEND AWAY 2009

13th - 15th March 2009

Lutanda Conference Centre, Toukley

Speaker: **Barry Newman**

Plan to be there!

OFFERTORIES 16 NOVEMBER 2008

[For Electronic Giving the Account details are as follows:-
Asquith Parish General Fund BSB 062-106 Account 00900612]

Incomes: \$2,499.20 (General) + \$7,055.00 (Electronic)

+ \$240.00 (Ministry Fund) + \$1,210.00 (Building Fund) = **\$11,004.20**

(Combined Weekly Budget: \$4,779.00)

**** Total Shortfall at week 46: **\$3,218.15**

MEN OF COURAGE @ MENS CONVENTION 2009

Friday 20th February (evening) to Saturday 21st February 2009

Place: Katoomba Convention Site, Katoomba

Accommodation: Eltham Park, Mount Victoria (Friday night only)



The teaching at Men's Convention is always excellent, and the time of fellowship amongst our men is encouraging. There are few characters in the Bible who match Daniel when it comes to courage.

Come up and hear **Mark Ashton** and **Al Stewart** bring us great Bible teaching from the book of **Daniel**. **John Anderson** (former Deputy Prime Minister) will also be speaking - having risen to high public office while maintaining an uncompromising faith in Jesus.

Cost: \$103 (\$97 for concession) - covers registration to listen to talks; accommodation (on Friday night) with breakfast; plus morning and afternoon teas and lunch at the Convention Site.

Please pay **Michael Coyne** by **November 26th**
if you would like to come.



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.



WELCOME
TO
EVERYBODY
AND
ESPECIALLY
TO
OUR VISITORS





SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMPS

Crusaders are running 21 action-packed Christian camps for kids in school yrs 3-12 these Summer holidays.

Activities include: wakeboarding >sailing >surfing >horse riding >dirt bikes >craft >rock climbing >go-karting >canoeing >abseiling >whitewater rafting >bible talks & discussion groups each day!

For a free brochure visit www.crucamps.com.au
or call 9874 8933

'CRU Camps' are a division of the Crusader Union of Australia which has over 78 years experience running safe, Christian camps for kids.

As for God, His way is perfect; the word of the Lord is flawless.

He is a shield for all who take refuge in Him. Psalm 139: v.30

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Saturday, 6th December, 7.00 to 9.00pm

at

Mt Colah Uniting Church

Flyers are on the atrium table

BLOKES' CHURCH

Yes! it's that time again — next Sunday.
When? 30th November, 12.30pm for lunch
1.30pm for Church

Where? St Paul's, Pearce's 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

CONSTRUCTION OF GINGERBREAD HOUSES

Saturday, 6th December

Family Afternoon - 2.00pm - 4.30pm

Women's Evening - 7.00pm - 9.30pm

Wear clothes you don't mind having to wash, it's going to be a lot of fun!

Any questions please speak to Jennifer Begg

This is your last opportunity to book your kit.

Final numbers by 26th November

