

**THIS WEEK****7 DECEMBER 2008****Advent 2**

8.00 am **Lord's Supper 2A** (S.S. p.62)  
 Psalm 119:33-40 (p.608) Geoff Stutchbury  
2 Timothy 3:10-4:5 (p.1179) Robin Stutchbury  
**'Bible Sunday'**

**Andrew Drury**

.30 am **Prayer, Praise & Proclamation 2** (p.13)  
 Kids' Spot Daryl Gilbert  
 Psalm 119:33-40 (p.608) Julia Calandine  
2 Timothy 3:10-4:5 (p.1179) Valerie Pearson  
**'Bible Sunday'**

**Andrew Drury**

6.30 pm **Alternative Evening Service** (Green Card)  
 Psalm 119:33-40 (p.608) Angus Mackenzie  
2 Timothy 3:10-4:5 (p.1179) David Warren-Gash  
**'Bible Sunday'**

**Barry George****NEXT WEEK****14 DECEMBER 2008****ADVENT 3**

8.00 am **Lord's Supper 2B** (S.S. p.70)  
 Malachi 4:1-6 (p.951) Carolyn Wulff  
Matthew 3:1-12 (p.957) Preacher  
**'John the Baptist'**

**Denis Wright**

9.30 am **A Mid-Morning Service** (Blue Card)  
 Kids' Spot Adam Spencer  
 Malachi 4:1-6 (p.951) Angus Mackenzie  
Matthew 3:1-12 (p.957) Jim Keith  
**'John the Baptist'**

**Denis Wright**

6.30 pm **Prayer, Praise & Proclamation 3** (p.17)  
 Psalm 14 (p.538) Gav Amm  
Matthew 13:44-52 (p.969) Andrew Drury  
**'The Net, The Treasure & The Pearl'**

**Peter Gregory****Support Ministries:****Cleaning:** Fiona Watson, George & Lisa Garner**Sidespeople:**

**8.00am** Charles & Carolyn Wulff  
**9.30am** Angus & Sarah Mackenzie  
**6.30pm** Kat Steele, Lachlan Scott

**Morning Tea:**

**8.00am** Robin & Geoff Stutchbury  
**9.30am** Nicola Elleson, Sally Anand, Faye Keith

**Crèche:** Suzanne Gilbert, Christina Mackenzie, Phil Bloomfield  
**Supper:** James Goulding, Heather Amm, Justin Butcher

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

**VISIT OF GIDEONS INTERNATIONAL**

**Gideons** is an association drawn from the various protestant churches and is represented in 187 countries of the world. Serving as an extended arm of the churches, they distribute on average one million scriptures every five days in 84 languages.

Probably best known in western countries for placing Bibles in hotel and motel rooms, Gideons also make God's Word available in hospitals and nursing homes, to prisons and on college and university campuses. Distributions in Australia are made to nurses and related staff and annually to year 7 students in the High schools.



Only 12 of the 187 Gideon countries are self-supporting. This means that over 90% of the funding for scriptures to 175 countries is provided by the 12 countries, one of which is Australia.

A number of times each year, teams of international Gideons travel, at their own expense, to targeted cities in a needy country to help the local Gideons with distributions of scriptures, largely to schools and universities, but also to Police and Army centres and hospitals. In April this year, a team distributed **580,000 Bibles** in Buenos Aires and two other cities in Argentina, in a fortnight Blitz. In Tanzania, in September last year, **364,000 scriptures** distributed, largely to eager school children, including Muslim children. The need is great.

**God speaking through Isaiah (ch.55 v.11) says:**

**'So shall my word be that goes forth out of my mouth; it shall not return to me void, but shall accomplish that which I please and prosper in the thing for which I sent it'.**

*Doug Davies*

## A WARM WELCOME

We welcome our **Gideons** representatives today at the two morning services and look forward to hearing about the placing of Gideon Bibles in many countries and the manifold blessings.

At the 6.30pm service our own Gideons representative, Doug Davies, will tell of this important work.



## LETTER BOX DROP



Leaflets are now available for distribution. Please **take a bundle or two** home with you today, and **distribute them before 19<sup>th</sup> December.**

Whenever we reach out to our parish in this way, we are pleased to **welcome new people** into our church. Some come for just the Easter or Christmas service; others become regular attendees.

Some have an existing Christian faith; some come to know Jesus for the first time. These positive responses have encouraged us to continue this outreach to the people of Mount Kuring-gai, Mount Colah, Asquith and Hornsby North. We are indebted to the drove of volunteers, who happily deliver our message twice a year.

Information on the Letter Box Drop can be found on the church website at:

<http://www.stjohnsasquith.org.au/letterbox.htm>

## SENIOR LADIES FELLOWSHIP

Christmas Luncheon

Tomorrow, Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> December at 12noon

## FREE MONEY for NEW LIVES

Watch for an in-depth discussion on abortion in your home group early in 2009.

## WELCOME MIA CHARLOTTE

Praise the Lord for the safe arrival of **Mia Charlotte Lincoln**, born last Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> December, weighing 1.8kg and 43½ cms long. Parents: Scott & Mandy Lincoln. Grandparents: Gordon & Dianna.

## SOUTHERN CROSS free on the atrium table

The December issue of the *Southern Cross* is now available. It includes features on Christmas, bioethics and Billy Graham, along with Summer Reviews on new movies and books.

## KURING-GAI GARDENS NURSING HOME

Our last visit and service to the Kuring-gai Gardens Nursing Home for this year will be **Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> December** at 11.00am.

If you would like to be part of this visit and service, please meet in the car park of the Nursing Home at 10.45am.

## WORKING BEE this SATURDAY, 13<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER from 8.30am

**Every 3 months** we have a working bee to deal with the many regular maintenance and cleaning tasks that are required to keep our facilities working well. Please come along and join in. **'Many hands make light work!'** We're also planning to do some work cleaning up around the **new houses and preparing the site for landscaping.** There is a list of jobs to be addressed on the table in the atrium. Please speak to Michael Coyne if you have any questions.

## OFFERTORIES 30 NOVEMBER 2008

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

Incomes: \$1,724.45 (General) + \$3,889.00 (Electronic)

+ \$170.00 (Ministry Fund) + \$170.00 (Building Fund) = **\$5,953.45**

(Combined Weekly Budget: \$4,779.00)

\*\*\*\* Total Shortfall at week 48: **\$1,504.30**



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**FAMILY SERVICE & COMMUNION**  
at 9.30am

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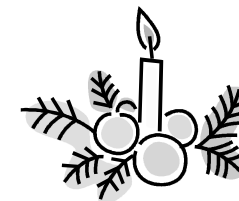


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