

THIS WEEK

8 FEBRUARY 2009

ORDINARY SUNDAY 5

'BIG DAY IN'

Today St John's and churches from around the Sydney Diocese are linked to a 50-minute telecast featuring music, videos, interviews and an address by Archbishop Peter Jensen.

One special service this morning 10 - 11
MORNING TEA and LUNCH after THE SERVICE

6.30pm

WHO'S THE BOSS?

NEXT WEEK

15 FEBRUARY 2009

ORDINARY SUNDAY 6

8.00 am Morning Prayer 1 (A.A.P.B. p.18)

TBA

John 1:1-18 (p.1049)

Lyn Simpkins

Don Lamb

'What If God Were One of Us'

Brian Heath

9.30 am Lord's Supper 2A (S.S. p.62)

Kids Spot

TBA

John 1:1-18 (p.1049)

Marion Wright

Linda Artist

Kathleen Scott

'What If God Were One of Us'

Brian Heath

6.30 pm PowerPoint

TBA

John 1:1-18 (p.1049)

David Warren-Gash

Andrew Drury

'What If God Were One of Us'

Brian Heath

Support Ministries:

Cleaning: Helen Whight, Nelly Greive

Sidespeople:

8.00am Geoff & Gwenne Rutter
9.30am Roy Artist, Kathleen Scott
6.30pm Kat Steele, Bethany Wright

Morning Tea:

8.00am Carolyn Wuff
9.30am Nelly Greive, Dawn Williams, Paul & Vicki Carter

Crèche: Thea Bloomfield, Marion Wright, Tiare Holmes

Supper: James Goulding, Heather Amm, Justin Butcher

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St JOHN'S FAMILY BULLETIN

8 FEBRUARY 2009

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

PLANNING FOR A LONG-TERM FUTURE

There are certain events which we can be sure about. One is death. I know that it is difficult to come to terms with this idea. When I was 21, I thought I was immortal. This idea lingered for quite a while. My observation is that most people continue to think like this, even when all the evidence is to the contrary. But the fact of the matter is that we will all die.

Last year, I went to a reunion of Moore College alumni for the enrolling years of 1956-7. I was shaken by how 'old' we had all grown. I made the fatal mistake of asking people how they were. I was treated to 'organ recital' after 'organ recital'. What surprised me was that everyone offered me a cure, even though it was very clear that none of the remedies were working!

The Bible has the view that all people will die, and that all people will survive the grave and live either *with* Christ or *without* him in eternity.

From:

'Making the Most of the rest of your Life' by John Chapman

Are you sure that you will live with Christ in eternity?

Are you living now so that others then will live with Christ in eternity?

Christian greetings,

Brian Heath

ST JOHN'S ASQUITH WEEKEND AWAY 13TH - 15TH MARCH 2009

'God's World, God's Way'

Lutanda Conference Centre, Toukley

Speaker: Barry Newman

Registration forms available in the atrium

CLOSING DATE for registrations is **FEBRUARY 22nd**

SENIOR LADIES FELLOWSHIP

Tomorrow, Monday, 9th Feb at 2.00pm

Afternoon Tea



9.30am MORNING ROSTER

The **current roster** is being redone and will run from **March** to the end of **August**.

There will be some minor changes to the current roster, so apologies if this is a problem for anyone.

Could you please let **Helen Whight** (phone: 9987 4274 or email: whight@optusnet.com.au) know, if you haven't already, of any planned absences for this period.

If willing to go on the roster and share in the services of serving, reading, helping, etc. please feel welcome.

Your help is appreciated as you share in the many 'jobs' that need doing.



More helpers are needed at Morning Tea

WATERERS REQUIRED

If anyone is available and willing to **water** the plants in the gardens around the church on a **Wednesday morning before 10.00am** could you please either add your name to the **roster** on the table in the atrium or **contact Andrew Munkman** directly (phone 9457 6141).



The more names we get the less frequently you will be rostered on.

The plants will thank you for it!

LATEST UPDATES FROM THE BATEY & KEITH FAMILIES

Our link-missionaries **Ian & Ruth**, and **Samuel, Emma & William Batey** in Spain and **Mike & Chantalle**, and **Rachel Keith** in Lightning Ridge, have sent us their latest news. You can find their letters on the atrium table.

IMPORTANT DIARY DATE

Thursday, 26th February at 7.45pm

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (Vestry Meeting)

OFFERTORIES 1 FEBRUARY 2009

*[For Electronic Giving the Account details are as follows:-
Asquith Parish General Fund BSB 062-106 Account 00900612]*
Incomes: \$2,278.45 (General) + \$4,165.00 (Electronic)
+ \$80.00 (Ministry Fund) + \$40.00 (Building Fund) = **\$6,563.45**
(Combined Weekly Budget: \$5,304.00)

**** **SHORTFALL at week 5: \$707.90**

\$1,503.95 was raised for **Anglicare**
at Brian's Commencement of Ministry Service on 28th January

SUNSHINE CAMP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you would like to be a 'camp friend' please contact Paul or Allison Wrigley; 9940 4979.

Sunshine Camp is a Christian camp for adults with intellectual and physical disabilities.

The role of the camp friend is to help the camper get involved with camp activities which include singing, games, activities, concert, speakers and church.

Camp starts Friday evening 6th March and finishes on Sunday after lunch 8th March.

No experience needed.

**Archbishop Peter Jensen
speaks on**

Does God exist?

Does it matter?

Start of 1st talk this Wednesday, 11th, then 2nd on 18th, and 3rd on 25th February 2009 — 8.00pm to 9.30pm

The Auditorium

Abbotsleigh Anglican School for Girls, Wahroonga

The titles of the three talks are:

'God probably doesn't exist — just enjoy yourself'

'God probably doesn't exist — just do the right thing'

'God probably doesn't exist — I hope not'



FOOD BANK

Thanks to all those who have generously cooked meals. We have been able to help out many families.

The food bank is nearly exhausted, so could you please help out once again.

Savoury, cakes or muffins are welcome. Please put these in disposable, freeze able containers.

See Lisa Tong for more labels or questions (9482-3256)



MISSION AID GROUP — 'MAG'

OUR MAG item in FEBRUARY:

SCISSORS

And our MAG for KIDS:

EXERCISE BOOKS

Please place your gifts in the MAG boxes. THANK YOU!



SOCIAL FOR FAMILIES WITH SMALL CHILDREN

The Sunday afternoon home group warmly invites all families with small children to their first 2009 social on 22nd February. It will be a great opportunity to meet families new to St John's.

If you would like to come, please talk to one of the following people:

Phil or Thea Bloomfield (9987 2404)

Paul or Allison Wrigley (9940 4979)

Venue: 8 Colah Rd, Mt Colah NSW 2079

Activities: swim & BBQ at 4:00 pm

byo: meat for the barbeque (sausages will be provided for the kids)



PLAYTIME

Playtime runs every Monday morning during school terms from 10.00am to 11.30am.



Playtime needs helpers

The children enjoy fruit and a fruit cordial drink at their morning fruit time. Fruit needs to be cut up in small size bites. This takes time.

Can you help with cutting up fruit ?

The Playtime Coordinators: **Keryn** (9489 7300), **Allison** (9940 4979), **Cathy** (9457 8771) or **Ruth** (9477 1568) love to hear from you.



Just a reminder to parents to please be prompt in picking up children from crèche straight after the service. Leaders and assistants would love to have a cuppa too.

MALES AND NEW BLOOD WANTED

We would love some new leaders and assistants for crèche (1 - 3 year olds).

If you are able to help or are interested in finding out more please contact: **Thea Bloomfield** on 9987 2404.



MEN OF COURAGE AT MEN'S CONVENTION 2009

We currently have 25 men going to hear the talks on Daniel, and it is not too late to buy tickets.

Date: Friday 20th February (evening) to Saturday 21st February

Place: Katoomba Convention Site, Katoomba

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

Pricing: \$107 (\$101 for concession).

Please speak to **Michael Coyne** (0412 333 936) if you have any questions or would like to come.

GROWING MUSIC MINISTRY IN 2009

To better serve each other in love and continue with the encouragement of a deeper congregational and personal expression of worship to the Lord in song we have a need to expand the music ministry.

The music teams are currently at capacity and in 2009 we have the challenge of growing and equipping a new group of musicians, singers, sound desk operators and administrators to continue God's work in this important area of support and encouragement.

This area of ministry is a lot of fun, a true blessing to be a part of, and requires steady commitment from all involved.

If you are interested in being a part of this ministry team, there are two things to do:

1. **Pray about it**, ask the Lord for humility and clarity in submission to his purpose and plan.
2. **Speak to or email Nigel Gorham** (ngorham@optusnet.com.au or 9476 3337 - answering machine is never ignored).

If you cannot be involved, at the very least pray for those who are and who wish to be ... that the Lord will encourage, lead and bless his work here in 2009.

With Gratitude
Nigel Gorham

Exodus 15:2

The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. He is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him.

