

**THIS WEEK****15 FEBRUARY 2009****ORDINARY SUNDAY 6**

- 8.00 am **Morning Prayer 1** (A.A.P.B. p.18)  
Romans 8:18-25 (p.1118) Lyn Simpkins  
Luke 13:1-5 (p.1032) Don Lamb  
**'Where is God in the bushfires?'** Brian Heath  
Organ Postlude: March (Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky 1840-1893)
- 9.30 am **PowerPoint**  
Kids Spot Marion Wright  
Romans 8:18-25 (p.1118) Linda Artist  
Luke 13:1-5 (p.1032) Kathleen Scott  
**'Where is God in the bushfires?'** Brian Heath
- 6.30 pm **PowerPoint**  
Romans 8:18-25 (p.1118) David Warren-Gash  
Luke 13:1-5 (p.1032) Andrew Drury  
**'Where is God in the bushfires?'** Brian Heath

**NEXT WEEK****22 FEBRUARY 2009****ORDINARY SUNDAY 7**

- 8.00 am **Lord's Supper 2A** (S.S. p.62)  
Malachi 1:1-18 (p.949) Geoff Stutchbury  
John 1:1-18 (p.1049) Robin Stutchbury  
**'What If God Were One of Us'** Brian Heath
- 9.30 am **Lord's Supper 2A** (S.S. p.62)  
Kids Spot Marion Wright  
Malachi 1:1-18 (p.949) Phil Harmer  
John 1:1-18 (p.1049) Alison Harmer  
**'What If God Were One of Us'** Brian Heath
- 6.30 pm **PowerPoint**  
Malachi 1:1-18 (p.949) Jamie Mackenzie  
John 1:1-18 (p.1049) Philip Simpson  
**'What If God Were One of Us'** Brian Heath

**Support Ministries:**

- Cleaning:** Elleson family
- Sidespeople:**  
8.00am Geoff & Robin Stutchbury  
9.30am John & Fiona Watson  
6.30pm Jon Warren-Gash, Lachlan Scott
- Morning Tea:**  
8.00am Geoff & Robin Stutchbury  
9.30am Di Tracy, Sarah Mackenzie, P & A Harmer
- Crèche:** Marion Wright, Andrew Munkman, Phil Bloomfield
- Supper:** Jamie Mackenzie, Bethany Wright, James Parkinson

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**St JOHN'S FAMILY BULLETIN****15 FEBRUARY 2009**

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

**Bushfire Disaster****Letter from the Archbishop to Sydney parishes**

*'It is with horror and sadness that I have viewed the devastating scenes from Victoria over the past 24 hours. All of us have been stunned by the ravaging swiftness of these fires - among the most destructive natural disasters in Australian history.'*

*'The effects on community life will be profound for many years to come. I am concerned that our parishes respond in a holistic way to the needs of these communities.'*

*'In response to this emergency situation, I have set up a special appeal to help victims to rebuild their lives and communities. I have been in contact with Dr Philip Freier, Archbishop of the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne in order to determine how we might best assist. It will be helpful for us to assist with pastoral relief to support ministry in order to help re-establish the affected communities.'*

*'I ask you and your parishioners to please consider a generous gift to this appeal.'*

*'Please phone 1800 653 903 or give through the secure internet site [www.archbishopsappeals.asn.au](http://www.archbishopsappeals.asn.au)*

*'Thank you for your concern - please consider carefully your response to these great needs. All donations are tax-deductible.'*

*'Yours sincerely*

*Peter F Jensen*  
Archbishop of Sydney'

## PRAYING FOR THE BUSHFIRES

Please continue to pray to the Lord for:

- \* **Comfort** for those who have lost their loved ones
- \* **Emotional, material and spiritual support** for those whose lives have been ravaged by this disaster
- \* **Safety and strength** for our brave fire-fighters
- \* **Wisdom** for our leaders in rebuilding communities
- \* **Courage and hope** for the communities who have been virtually wiped out in such a short time
- \* **His mercy** in bringing relieving weather conditions
- \* **An outpouring of our Lord Jesus Christ's grace,** turning many to Himself at this time.

### CMS PRAYER BREAKFAST

Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> March 7.30 am - 9am  
in the atrium area



**CMS prayer** focus is about setting aside time to pray for the work of the gospel through **CMS missionaries across the world.**

Breakfast will be provided.

## 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!**

## 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 !

## OFFERTORIES 8 FEBRUARY 2009

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

*Asquith Parish General Fund BSB 062-106 Account 00900612]*

Incomes: \$1,727.00 (General) + \$1,755.00 (Electronic)

+ \$140.00 (Ministry Fund) + \$150.00 (Building Fund) = **\$3,772.00**

(Combined Weekly Budget: \$5,304.00)

\*\*\*\* **SHORTFALL** at week 6: **\$2,239.90**

## MISSION AVIATION OPEN DAY

**Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF)** will be holding a special Open Day at **Camden Airport** this Saturday **21<sup>st</sup> February** from 10am. There will be joy-flights, free flights for the first 20 children, a free sausage sizzle and **PNG-brewed coffee** served all day, static displays of old and new aircraft, the latest **GAB Airvan** and special presentations and guest speakers. This will be an exciting day for the whole family.

**MAF** operates in over 30 countries and flies to more than 2500 destinations worldwide - more than any other airline. MAF enables 1000 church, mission and humanitarian agencies to reach people in isolated communities throughout the developing world.

**For children aged 8-12 yrs**, parent or parent/guardian consent required.

**To inquire** about Discovery Day, visit [www.maf.org.au](http://www.maf.org.au) or contact MAF NSW Area Rep Tom Teale-Sinclair in Sydney on (02) 9672 7763.



**Archbishop Peter Jensen  
speaks on**

*Does God exist?*

*Does it matter?*

**2<sup>nd</sup> talk this Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> February 2009 —  
8.00pm to 9.30pm**

**Abbotsleigh Anglican School for Girls, Wahroonga**



The titles of the next two talks are:

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

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

## 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](mailto: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.**



## SUNSHINE CAMP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

at BETHAN in WYEE

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 6<sup>th</sup> March and finishes on Sunday after lunch 8<sup>th</sup> March.

No experience needed.

## SOCIAL FOR FAMILIES WITH SMALL CHILDREN

The Sunday afternoon home group warmly invites all families with small children to their first 2009 social on 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 2079

Activities: swim & BBQ at 4:00 pm

BYO: meat for the barbeque

(sausages will be provided for the kids)



## IMPORTANT DIARY DATE

Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> February at 7.45pm  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (Vestry Meeting)

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> March in the morning

at St Patrick's

More details next week

## ST JOHN'S ASQUITH WEEKEND AWAY

13<sup>TH</sup> - 15<sup>TH</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup>

## LADIES MOVIE NIGHT

'ROMAN HOLIDAY'

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 7.45pm

Supper provided

Gold coin donation appreciated.

