

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

8.00 am **Lord's Supper 2A** (S.S. p.62)
 Malachi 1:1-18 (p.949)
 John 1:1-18 (p.1049)

Geoff Stutchbury
 Robin Stutchbury

Brian Heath**'What If God Were One of Us'**

Organ Postlude: Hymn: 'Coe Fen' (Ken Naylor 1931-1991)

9.30 am **Lord's Supper 2A** (S.S. p.62)
 Kids Spot
 Malachi 1:1-18 (p.949)
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Iris Bramley
 Phil Harmer
 Alison Harmer

Brian Heath**'What If God Were One of Us'**

6.30 pm **PowerPoint**
 Malachi 1:1-18 (p.949)
 John 1:1-18 (p.1049)

Jamie Mackenzie
 Philip Simpson

Brian Heath**'What If God Were One of Us'****NEXT WEEK****1 MARCH 2009****LENT 1**

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 John 2:1-12 (p.1050)

Col Robinson
 Ron Hinton

Brian Heath**'Weddings, Parties, Anything?'**

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Andrea Pogue
 Michael Browne
 Andrew Munkman

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Tim Watson
 Heather Amm

Brian Heath**'Weddings, Parties, Anything?'****Support Ministries:**

Cleaning: Fiona Watson, George & Lisa Garner

Sidespeople:

8.00am Col & Nola Robinson
 9.30am Michael Browne, Andrew Munkman
 6.30pm Angus Mackenzie, Steve Browne

Morning Tea:

8.00am Rhondda Day
 9.30am Nelly Greive, Linda Huskinson, George & Lisa Garner

Crèche: Marion Wright, Kate Browne, Jo MacFarlane

Supper: Christina Mackenzie, Jon Warren-Gash, John Lambeth

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**St JOHN'S FAMILY BULLETIN****22 FEBRUARY 2009**

 ANGLICAN 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.

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

'Yours sincerely,

Peter F Jensen

The Archbishop's EMERGENCY BUSHFIRE APPEAL

A total of \$4,053.30 was donated last Sunday.

(\$2,053.30 in envelopes provided + \$2,000.00 from St John's General Funds). Tax deductible receipts are available on the atrium table for those who requested them.

You can still donate by returning the special envelope or by phoning 1800 683 903 or www.archbishopsappeals.asn.au

Missed last Sunday's sermon on 'Where was God in the Bushfires?' You can download it from the website at www.stjohnsasquith.org.au

IMPORTANT DIARY DATE

**THIS Thursday, 26th February at 7.45pm
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (Vestry Meeting)**

Available today:

Nomination Forms + Financial Reports

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 table

CLOSING DATE for registrations is **TODAY**

Why go ?

To be taught and challenged from the teaching of God's word in an environment where we have time to pause and think and discuss and prayerfully consider its impact on our lives.

To encourage and build one another up in Christ, and to spend time getting to know each other better.

Come and get to know the Heath family and our student minister Jonathan Cole.

The weekend is fully catered. No cooking !

CMS PRAYER BREAKFAST

**Saturday, 7th March 7.30am - 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.

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 dishes, cakes or muffins are very welcome.

Please put these in disposable, freeze able containers.

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

MORE PRAYER POINTS FROM THE BATEY FAMILY in SPAIN, ON THE ATRIUM TABLE

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday, 6th March at 11.00am

at St Patrick's

Followed by fellowship over Morning Tea

Everybody is invited and most welcome

OFFERTORIES 15 FEBRUARY 2009

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

Incomes: \$1,889.55 (General) + \$1,910.00 (Electronic)

+ \$50.00 (Ministry Fund) + \$40.00 (Building Fund) = **\$3,889.55**

(Combined Weekly Budget: \$5,304.00)

****** SHORTFALL at week 7: \$3,654.35**

MAG MISSION AID GROUP — TANZANIA

An auxiliary of the Church Missionary Society NSW Inc.

Two letters were received from **Barbara Smedley**,
Secretary of Mission Aid Group.

'The gifts, goods and resources you have generously given will be sent and used for the furtherance of the Gospel in Tanzania. People will rejoice in God's Love and Goodness because you care.'

'Dear Supporters at St John's, Asquith

'WOW - all those bios - what a gift! All your goods - stationary, crayons, plastic buckets, tennis balls, Band Aids, cockroach baits etc will all be packed and sent early in 2009. We are not able to send pressure pack cans but will use some at the Depot. The remainder have been returned to you. THANK YOU.'

'Dear Ladies

'Your 14 Baby Bundles are lovely. They will be sent early in 2009, and are greatly appreciated by the mothers of new born babies. THANK YOU.'

BEYOND EGYPT

'Beyond Egypt is a 15 week support group for men and women struggling with sexual and relational brokenness (including unwanted same-sex attraction, pornography, masturbation and sexual promiscuity). It is a ministry of St Paul's Anglican Church Carlingford and is held at a confidential location in the Central West of Sydney. New in 2009, the Beyond Egypt support group will include time for men and women to separate for gender-specific teaching, discussion and accountability. For more information please contact 9871 6077 or email: beyondegypt@gmail.com'

See also brochure on our notice board

**Archbishop Peter Jensen
speaks on**



Does God exist? Does it matter?

**3rd talk this Wednesday, 25th February 2009 —
8.00pm to 9.30pm
Abbotsleigh Anglican School for Girls, Wahroonga**

The title of the last talk is:

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



MISSION AID GROUP — 'MAG'

Our MAG item in FEBRUARY: **SCISSORS**

Our MAG for KIDS: **EXERCISE BOOKS**

Please place your gifts in the MAG boxes.

THANK YOU!



LADIES MOVIE NIGHT

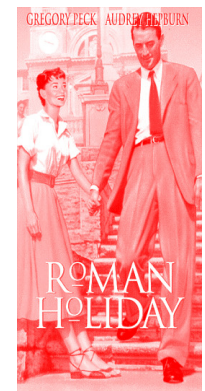
'ROMAN HOLIDAY'

Saturday 28th February at 7.45pm

Supper provided

Gold coin donation appreciated.

Bring a friend



CASE (the Centre for Apologetic Scholarship and Education)

invites you and members of you Church to attend our one-day conference on 'Medical ethics: Christian perspectives on life and death'.

The details are:

Date: Saturday 21st March

Time: 8.30am-4pm

Location: New College, UNSW, Sydney (Kensington)

For more information please see flyer on the notice board and brochures on the atrium table.

BOOK OF THE MONTH

'If I were God, I'd end all the Pain'

by John Dickson

In the aftermath of the bushfires people are asking why doesn't God do something about suffering.

Can we still believe in God in the face of all the suffering and pain in the world?

John Dickson looks honestly at these questions and provides some compelling answers.

Purchase your copy today from Suz Gorham at 9.30am or from Brian Heath at 8.00am and 6.30pm.

Cost \$10.00



FOUNDATIONS FOR FAMILIES

"Together with Hope"

A 12-hour course that could transform your family life!

Please contact Belinda Wade if you would like to register for this course or would like more information on 9477 2634 or 0412 657 492 or email belwade@zip.com.au.

More information on yellow flyer on the atrium table.

SOCIAL FOR FAMILIES WITH SMALL CHILDREN

The Sunday afternoon home group warmly invites all families with small children to their **first 2009 social today, 22nd February**. It will be a great opportunity to meet families new to St John's. Chat to **Phil or Thea Bloomfield** (9987 2404) or **Paul or Allison Wrigley** (9940 4979).

Venue: 8 Colah Rd, Mt Colah 2079 for a swim & BBQ at 4.00pm

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 6th March and finishes on Sunday after lunch 8th March.

No experience needed.