

**THIS WEEK****8 MARCH 2009****LENT 2**

- 8.00 am **Holy Communion 2<sup>nd</sup> Order** (A.A.P.B. p.134)  
 Ezekiel 36:22-28 (p.857) Geoff Stutchbury  
 John 3:1-21 (p.1051) Robin Stutchbury
- 'You're Only Born Twice!'**  
 Organ Postlude: Hymn tune 'Ruggiero' by Richard Connolly (1927 - )
- 9.30 am **Prayer, Praise and Proclamation 1** (S.S. p.9)  
 Kids Spot Adam Spencer  
 Ezekiel 36:22-28 (p.857) Lyll Pogue  
 John 3:1-21 (p.1051) Andrea Pogue
- 'You're Only Born Twice!'**
- 6.30 pm **PowerPoint**  
 Ezekiel 36:22-28 (p.857) Angus Mackenzie  
 John 3:1-21 (p.1051) Gav Amm
- 'You're Only Born Twice!'**

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**NEXT WEEK****15 MARCH 2009****LENT 3****St John's Asquith Weekend away**

**9.30am** Psalm 143 (p.620)  
**'Deliverance'**

**Robert Pryor**

**6.30pm** Details TBA

**Support Ministries:**

**Cleaning:** Rhondda & Norm Day  
**Sidespeople:**

**9.30am** Wayne Johnson, Jim Thompson

**Morning Tea:**

**9.30am** Judy Thompson, Debbie Johnson, R & L Kiehl  
**Crèche:** Special helpers  
**Supper:** Willing helpers

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

**SOMETHING TO PONDER****Tithing is inadequate as a rule for giving**

**American Mennonite**, Donald Kraybill writes (as quoted in Stuart Murray 'Beyond Tithing')

**The inadequacy of tithing** as a rule for giving is obvious. A person earning \$10,000 a year gives \$1,000 and retains \$9,000. The person earning \$100,000 gives \$10,000 and can live extravagantly on \$90,000... It's not important that one family gives \$1,000 and another gives \$10,000. What is important is that one family struggles along to make ends meet with \$9,000, while another family self-righteously spends \$90,000 lavishly because, after all, 'they have tithed'.

**Tithing is an Old Testament principle.** The New Testament principle is generosity. The principle of generosity transcends the principle of tithing.

**'For you know the grace** of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.' 2 Corinthians 8:9. NIV.



**'Each man should give** what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.' 2 Corinthians 9:7, 8. NIV.

**May we be a congregation** that continues to be known for its cheerful, generous giving.

*Brian Heath*



## A BIG THANK YOU

To all who worked so hard at our first  
**BACKYARD BLITZ TIME**

**ST JOHN'S ASQUITH WEEKEND AWAY**  
**13<sup>TH</sup> - 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2009**

**THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE MORNING SERVICE**  
**ON SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH AT 9.30AM**

## BLOKES' CHURCH

**Yes it's on again**

**What is it** : A church service for Blokes.

**When** : 5<sup>th</sup> April, 12.30pm for lunch 1.30pm for the service.

**Where** : This time, at **St Mark's Berowra**, 18 Berowra Waters  
Road, Berowra.

More information can be found at:

[www.waitara.anglican.asn.au/blokes/](http://www.waitara.anglican.asn.au/blokes/)

or speak to Daryl Gilbert

**If you're a bloke, you should be there!**

## EASTER LEAFLET DELIVERY

This year we are wanting to go out together to deliver the leaflets. Some people may care to knock on doors, others will just put the leaflets in letterboxes. Either way **we will be gathering on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March and Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March at the church at 2pm.** We will then pray briefly and then go out. We will return at 4.15pm and debrief and again pray. We hope you will be able to join us.

If you can't of course you can deliver your leaflets at other times.

## MISSION AID GROUP — 'MAG'

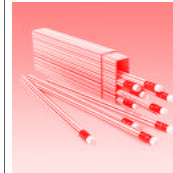
Our MAG item in MARCH:

**WHITE COTTON THREAD (new)**



Our MAG for KIDS:

**PENCILS (with or without rubbers)**  
**+ PENCIL SHARPENERS**



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

## MARCH IS BCA BOX OPENING MONTH

Once again, it is time for the BCA boxes to be opened. It would be very helpful if holders could either:-

- ◆ **Place** the box in the BCA Bin in the Atrium
- ◆ **Hand** the box to Don Lamb
- ◆ **Give** Don a call on 9476 3803 to arrange for collection



If you require a **tax deductible receipt**, please talk to Don for details. Please contact Don, if you would like a box in which to put your spare change. Remember it will help further the work of our link missionaries, **Mike & Chantelle Keith** at **Lightning Ridge** and Christian ministry in remote areas of Australia.

## OFFERTORIES 1 MARCH 2009

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

Asquith Parish General Fund BSB 062-106 Account 00900612]

Incomes: \$2,805.05 (General) + \$1,460.00 (Electronic)

+ \$60.00 (Ministry Fund) + \$40.00 (Building Fund) = **\$4,365.05**

(Combined Weekly Budget: \$5,304.00)

\*\*\*\* **SHORTFALL** at week 9: **\$4,511.40**

**A further \$250.00 was given to the bushfire appeal.**

THE BULLETIN INSERT TO KEEP ON THE FRIDGE!

## **SAFE MINISTRY TO CHILDREN TRAINING COURSES**

**Saturday, 4 APRIL 2009**

1.00pm – 5.00pm at St John's

This training day is for those who have never done the Youthworks course.

If you are **already** on a roster for crèche, JJs or Logos this training course is **compulsory**. If you think you would be interested in future, please **come** and see what is involved. It would be good for **every adult** to do the course.

**Part 1** deals with how and why we minister to children (1pm -3pm).

**Teenagers** who help in crèche and JJs should come to Part 1 of the course.

**Part 2** deals with appropriate behaviour by adults towards children. (3pm – 5pm). A part 2 for teenagers will be run separately at a time to be advised.

A crèche will operate all afternoon to enable parents to attend the course. Please notify **Marion Wright** of your intention to **BE THERE**, or if you have any questions. Ph 9476 2232 or email: [denis@datawright.com.au](mailto:denis@datawright.com.au)

## **REFRESHER TRAINING FOR THOSE WHO DID TRAINING IN 2006**

Safe Ministry Part 2 (Refresher)

on **Saturday, 2 May 2009 2.00-4.00pm** at St John's

**Please tell Marion** that you are able to attend or put your name on the list on the atrium table. If this date is unsuitable please tell me as your certification may expire. A refresher course is required every 3 years to keep up with current practise.

A crèche will be available if necessary. Please advise. Thank you