

THIS WEEK**22 MARCH 2009****LENT 4**

8.00 am **Lord's Supper 2B** (S.S. p.70)
 Ezekiel 47:1-12 (p.869)
 John 4:1-42 (p.1052)

Geoff Lloyd
 Don Lamb

'The Real Thirst Quencher'**Brian Heath**

Organ Postlude: Coldridge Variations on Aus der Tiefe (40 days and 40 nights) by Humphrey Clucas c.2006.

9.30 am **Lord's Supper 2A** (S.S. p.62)
 Kids Spot
 Ezekiel 47:1-12 (p.869)
 John 4:1-42 (p.1052)

Gabrielle Smith
 Rick Lovegrove
 Sue Lovegrove

'The Real Thirst Quencher'**Brian Heath**

6.30 pm **PowerPoint**
 Ezekiel 47:1-12 (p.869)
 John 4:1-42 (p.1052)

Jamie Mackenzie
 Philip Simpson

'The Real Thirst Quencher'**Brian Heath****NEXT WEEK****29 MARCH 2009****LENT 5**

8.00 am **Holy Communion 2** (A.A.P.B. p.134)
 Isaiah 55:1-13 (p.733)
 John 6:25-51 (p.1056)

Col Robinson
 Nola Robinson

'The Baker's Delight'**Brian Heath**

9.30 am **Prayer, Praise & Proclamation 1** (S.S. p.9) + Baptism
 Kids Spot
 Isaiah 55:1-13 (p.733)
 John 6:25-51 (p.1056)

Tina Christopher
 Lyall Pogue
 Andrea Pogue

'The Baker's Delight'**Brian Heath**

6.30 pm **PowerPoint**
 Isaiah 55:1-13 (p.733)
 John 6:25-51 (p.1056)

Tim Watson
 Heather Amm

'The Baker's Delight'**Brian Heath****Support Ministries:**

Cleaning: Andrea & Lyall Pogue

Sidespeople:

8.00am Col & Nola Robinson
 9.30am Doug Davies, Matthew Moon
 6.30pm Angus Mackenzie, James Parkinson

Morning Tea:

8.00am Marie Brown
 9.30am Valerie Pearson, Pauline Payne, Craig & Kathleen Scott

Crèche: Sue Moon, Linda Huskinson, Ruth Middleton

Supper: Dan Butler, Jon Warren-Gash, John Lambeth

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

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

AN ENLIGHTENING TALE

The story is told of a man who owned a corner store. All his goods were so beautifully displayed that people constantly commended him on his ability to present his wares. Being keen to maintain his reputation, the man spent more and more time working on his displays. After a while it became an



obsession. He would close early in order to tidy up the shelves and then come early in the morning to repack them, just to be sure they were right. Soon he was opening late and some days he forgot to open at all! The people who came to his shop could see him through the window, busily packing and repacking the shelves. So engrossed was he in the task that he gradually lost sight of the real objective - to sell the goods displayed on his shelves!

This exaggerated story highlights the need for us to constantly have before us the reason for our existence. There is a danger that we can be so caught up in our programmes and events that we forget why they are in existence. We may do certain things because we have always done them and we have always done them that way. Remember the seven last words of a dying church 'we've never done it that way before'.

With the purpose for our existence clearly stated we can evaluate all our activities against that purpose.

The church that aims for nothing will surely hit it. Having proper God given goals will inflame our passion, inform our prayers and give substance to our giving.



May we continue to be adaptable, remembering the reason for our existence as we pursue proper God given goals.

Yours in Christ

Brian Heath

BACKYARD BLITZ TIME

Our thanks again to the fantastic St John's Backyard Blitz Team. Well done.

BUT there is more work to be done.
Help is needed again Saturday,
4th April. Start at 8.00am



EASTER LEAFLET DELIVERY NEXT WEEK

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, 28th March and Sunday, 29th March at the church at 2pm.** We shall pray briefly and then go out. We shall return at 4.15pm and debrief and again pray. We hope you will be able to join us.

In addition we shall be handing out leaflets at train stations.

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



APPOINTMENTS

Brian's appointments to the Parish Council are:

Andrew Munkman & Kat Steele

The Wardens appointment for Parish Treasurer is:

Michael Coyne

The Parish Council appointment for Secretary is:

Helen Whight

MISSION AID GROUP — 'MAG'

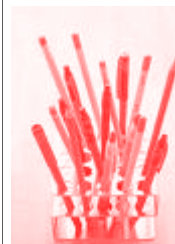
Our MAG item in MARCH:

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



MIKE & CHANTALLE KEITH

Special Easter Edition of Mike & Chantalle Keith's **Newsletter** is available on the atrium table. Also a copy of an article from *'The Ridge News'* placed on the noticeboard.

OFFERTORIES 15 MARCH 2009

[For Electronic Giving the Account details are as follows:-
Asquith Parish General Fund BSB 062-106 Account 00900612]
Incomes: \$1,068.85 (General) + \$2,025.00 (Electronic)
+ \$10.00 (Ministry Fund) + \$20.00 (Building Fund) = **\$3,123.85**
(Combined Weekly Budget: \$5,304.00)

**** **SHORTFALL** at week 11: **\$8,337.05**

BLOKES' CHURCH

Yes it's on again

What is it: A church service for Blokes.

When : 5th April, 12.30pm for lunch 1.30pm for the service.

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

Why : To provide a forum for Christian blokes to get together and encourage, support and share with each other. Details are still being worked out however it looks as though a mission team from Moore College will be attending and will be contributing to the service. So, a great opportunity to invite your mates who may find 'Church' a bit threatening.

More information can be found at:

www.waitara.anglican.asn.au/blokes/

or speak to **Daryl Gilbert**

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

SAFE MINISTRY TO CHILDREN TRAINING COURSES

First training day:

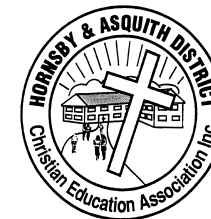
Saturday, 4th April at St John's 1.00pm to 5.00pm

Refresher Training Course:

Saturday, 2nd May at St John's 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm

See **Marion Wright** (or phone 9476 2232) to find out which course is best for you. Or email: denis@datawright.com.au

HADCEA BREAKFAST SATURDAY, 28th MARCH AT 7.45AM AT ST MARK'S, ANGLICAN, BEROWRA



Please come and hear from and pray for our Christian Teachers Peter and Ainsley.

They need our prayers and encouragement. And so do the students and their teachers.

KURING-GAI GARDENS NURSING HOME

Monday, 6th April, we shall be visiting Kuring-gai Gardens Nursing Home. If you would like to be involved in this visit, meet in the car park of the Nursing Home at 10.45am prior to our short visit and service, which commences at 11.00am.

GOING TO CANBERRA WHY? TO ATTEND THE WEDDING OF JONATHAN and ELYSHA

The wedding ceremony is to be on **5th December**. Time: TBA

We are planning to book a bus to Canberra.

If we get 48 persons to fill the bus it will only cost \$25 per person.



What else can we do in Canberra? Let's hear your ideas!

Please put your name on the clipboard if you are planning to go and a bus trip to Canberra would be just the best idea for you.

For more information please chat to Jennifer Begg or Nelly Greive