

## THIS WEEK

10 MAY 2009

8.00 am **Holy Communion 1** (A.A.P.B. p.114)  
Jeremiah 10:1-16 (p.759) Col Robinson  
Revelation 4:1-11 (p.1218) Doug Leverett

### 'Hallowed Be Your Name'

Organ Postlude: Now Thank we All Our God (Selmar Muller, 19th c)

9.30 am **PowerPoint**  
Mothers' Day Spot Andrea Pogue  
Jeremiah 10:1-16 (p.759) Michael Browne  
Revelation 4:1-11 (p.1218) Andrew Munkman

### 'Hallowed Be Your Name'

6.30 pm **PowerPoint**  
Jeremiah 10:1-16 (p.759) Dan Butler  
Revelation 4:1-11 (p.1218) Andrew Drury

### 'Hallowed Be Your Name'

## NEXT WEEK

17 MAY 2009

8.00 am **Praise, Prayer & Proclamation** (S.S. p.13)  
Psalm 8:1-9 (p.535) Geoff Stutchbury  
John 18:28-40 (p.1072) Robin Stutchbury

### 'Your Kingdom Come'

9.30 am **Lord's Supper 2A** (S.S. p.62)  
Kids Spot TBA  
Psalm 8:1-9 (p.535) Lyall Pogue  
John 18:28-40 (p.1072) Andrea Pogue

### 'Your Kingdom Come'

6.30 pm **PowerPoint**  
Psalm 8:1-9 (p.535) Jamie Mackenzie  
John 18:28-40 (p.1072) Philip Simpson

### 'Your Kingdom Come'

### Support Ministries:

**Cleaning:** Fiona Watson, George & Lisa Garner

### Sidespeople:

8.00am Geoff & Robin Stutchbury  
9.30am Les Szabo, Neil Elleson  
6.30pm Jon Warren-Gash, Lachlan Scott

### Morning Tea:

8.00am Marie Brown  
9.30am Lyall Pogue, Kat Steele, Tracey Okeby

**Crèche:** Lisa Tong, Sarah Percival, Jo McFarlane

**Supper:** Jamie Mackenzie, Bethany Wright, James Parkinson

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# St JOHN'S FAMILY BULLETIN

10 MAY 2009

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



## MATERNAL INSTINCT

Hear, my son, your father's instruction,  
and forsake not your mother's teaching,  
for they are a graceful garland for your head  
and pendants for your neck. (Prov 1:8-9)

**Motherhood** used to be one of those things nobody could question. But if the annual attack from the media around Mother's Day is any indication, this is not so any more.

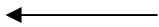
**One such attack** dealing with the myth of maternal instinct reported that some animals, birds and insects are known to be cruel to their young — ergo, there is no such thing as maternal instinct. Even so, I still would not want to come between a mother-bear and her cubs!

**However**, I would agree that instinct has very little to do with maternity. Many women find raising children hard work. It involves a profound element of self-sacrifice. It can be deeply isolating—from both the community and adult conversation. And let's not forget the physical strain and consequences of reproduction, or the significant number of women who suffer from postnatal depression.

**Motherhood** is also often emotionally hard. Much heartache results from watching one's children cope with the world, facing school with all its challenges and bringing into the home a culture foreign to the family. It is often hard to cope with the difficulties and struggles of a child's progress through puberty, as well as the delicate process of letting that child go on into independence.

**From the totally** incompetent and reliant bundle a mother brings home from the hospital, to the fully-fledged adult who enters the world to take his or her place in society, motherhood is a long and emotionally draining experience. Her children's joys and successes are hers, but their sins and folly are visited upon her also. With the exception of a child's serious illness, misadventure or death, few pains are more intense than a mother's grief when her foolish offspring turn from the ways of God to the evils of this world: "A foolish son is a grief to his father and bitterness to her who bore him" (Prov 17:25).





**The Bible never** teaches that women should undertake this role of mother by 'instinct'. Younger women need to be taught how to be wives and mothers, so God directs older women to train them to "love their husbands and children" (Titus 2:4). Motherhood is not a matter of instinct, nor is it something that all mothers will do well. God is favourably compared to mothers in Isaiah 49:15: "Can a woman forget her nursing child, that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you".

**Yet the Bible** can still appeal to the common phenomenon of a mother's devotion to her children. Maternal instinct may be a myth, but motherhood involves common experiences of sacrifice and pain, as well as joy and pleasure. The loving devotion of mothers to their children is even the model of the apostle's care for Christians: "we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children" (1 Thess 2:7).

**Mothering** is such a self-sacrificial activity, it is no longer desirable or commendable to our self-centred, materialistic society. Yet it brings inexpressible joy and pleasure—not only to the mother but also to the child. The main security and love a child knows come from his or her mother, and this joy then spreads into society, as children raised with such love and care take their place among the rest of us, becoming in turn the parents of the next generation.

**We take a day each year** to celebrate mothers because mothering is so important and so difficult. It is only a small token of our appreciation of our mothers, but, all the same, let us take time out to thank them and thank God for them.

— *60 Reflections for Living in God's World by Phillip D Jensen*

## THE QUEEN IS COMING

### EQUIP WOMEN 09 Queen Esther, the Persian Queen

Sydney Convention Centre, Darling Harbour, Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May '09

Equip Daylight: 9am to 3.30pm — Equip Twilight: 2pm to 7.30pm

**Please note: applications close tomorrow 11<sup>th</sup> May**

Details in the brochures on the atrium table or chat to or contact

**Fran Newling on 9457 8175**

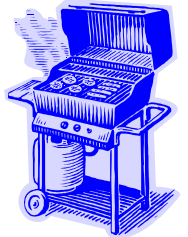
**PLEASE ALSO NOTE:** All girls travelling by train to 'Equip Daylight', be at **Hornsby Station by 7.30am** for a 7.45am departure. Train arrives at Town Hall at 8.32am. The session commences at 9.00am.

**'The Building Is Over,  
Long Live the Building Celebration'  
On Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May, at 9.30am  
there will be one combined morning service.  
Archdeacon Terry Dein and Gordon & Dianna Lincoln  
will be in attendance.**

This will be an opportunity to give thanks to God for the completion of the current building programme, and to look forward to the continuing of the building of God's kingdom in Asquith and beyond. After the service everyone is invited to lunch at the rectory.

**BYO** meat & drinks for a B-B-Q.

Please indicate on the sheet in the Atrium whether you will bring either a salad or dessert to share.



There will be a **jumping castle**  
for the children.  
from 12.00 to 3.00pm

There will be a special **Thanksgiving Offertory**  
collected that morning.

## OFFERTORIES 3 MAY 2009

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

Incomes: \$1,882.10 (General) + \$1,180.00 (Electronic)

+ \$150.00 (Ministry Fund) + \$170.00 (Building Fund) = **\$3,382.10**

(Combined Weekly Budget: \$5,304.00)

\*\*\*\* **SHORTFALL at week 18: \$8,627.90**



## CELEBRATING 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE BILLY GRAHAM CRUSADE IN AUSTRALIA

Here at St John's

6.30 - 9.00 pm

THIS Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> May 2009

**A special evening to commemorate and  
give thanks to God for the ministry of  
the Billy Graham Crusades in Australia**

Sing the old Crusade songs ...

Hear testimonies from those in our congregation who were there ...

Watch the commemoration DVD together ...

Share experiences over a 1950s Supper (not Dinner)...

Invite a friend to come with you.

If coming please put your name on the list in the atrium for catering purposes. There will be a separate children's program if needed.

More information:

Faye Keith 8911 0141 or email: [jkeith@ihug.com.au](mailto:jkeith@ihug.com.au)

## ONE MORE WORKING BEE

One more working bee scheduled for **THIS Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> May** commencing at 8.30am. It would be great if you could attend to finalize the landscaping for the two new houses.

**A BIG THANK YOU** to all who came yesterday.



## JAZZ CAFÉ

Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> and Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

St Luke's Anglican, Hornsby Heights at 7.30pm

The theme for the evening is '**Journeys**' - a professional Jazz band will be playing, and there will be various artwork on display (some very interesting and varied work encapsulating the theme) and a short talk re the journey available to us in Jesus.

**Food and drinks** will be served throughout the night.

**Tickets** are \$10.00, tables of 4 - 7 (8 at a stretch).

**Pre-purchase** is essential for catering purposes.



Anyone interested should contact:

Sharon Cunningham on 94765970

or

email: [sccunningham@hotmail.com](mailto:sccunningham@hotmail.com)

## MISSION AID GROUP — 'MAG'

Our MAG item in MAY: **BUCKETS**

Our MAG for KIDS:

**STICKERS**



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

## LOGOS SUPPER SUPPORT

**Last term** Daryl and I were invited to help lead the Friday youth group for two weeks while some of the leaders were away. There is an exciting ministry happening at Logos with great teaching and lots of fun activities. One week 50 youth were there! We are very grateful that a committed team is providing nurturing for young people from our church family and beyond.

**We** have thought of a way to show our appreciation and practical support. Currently the leaders provide supper for the group each week. We would like to save them some time and money by providing supper once a term.

**Is there anyone else who would also like to contribute?**



**Two** adults could share this role in providing cordial or juice, fruit, savoury and sweet snacks.

**You** would need to be there about 8:40pm and stay to help clean up afterwards. You would also need to have undertaken the Safe Ministry training.

**Providing** supper is also a wonderful opportunity to connect with parents who do not belong to our church as they come to pick up their children. We both had some good conversations with parents during supper time.

**If** you are interested in being involved,

**please contact Suzanne Gilbert 9457 8472.**

**PRAYER MEETING EVERY TUESDAY NIGHT  
From 7.30pm to 8.00pm in the cry room**

Prayer is the privilege of every believer. Please feel welcome to join.

## THANKSGIVING SERVICE FOR LIFE OF SIR MARCUS LOANE

You are warmly invited to share in the Diocesan Thanksgiving for the life and ministry of Sir Marcus Loane KBE. Sir Marcus was a remarkable man of God. He was principal of Moore College from 1954 till 1959, the first Australian-born Archbishop of Sydney from 1966-1982 and Primate of Australia from 1978 till 1982.

**The Diocesan Thanksgiving will be held at St Andrew's Cathedral in Sydney, at 10am this Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> May.**

Please come along and be part of the gathering involved.

Please advise **Brian Heath** if you wish to attend as only three members of each parish are able to do so.

## BCA BOX OPENING - MARCH 2009

As a result of the recent Box Opening, **\$1,230.00** has been collected on behalf of BCA from 46 Boxes. This will support the work of BCA in taking the Word of God to outback Australia, including our own **Mike and Chantalle Keith** at Lightning Ridge.

**Don** is always happy to provide a box to anyone wishing to put their loose change aside for this very vital work. Please contact him at church or on 947639803. Next box opening will be September 2009.

## HADCEA BREAKFAST

**Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 7.45am  
at Waitara Gospel Chapel**



Please join and enjoy breakfast, prayer, fellowship and information about both Asquith High Schools.