

THIS 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'

Organ Postlude: 'Nettleton'. Composer Jock Curle (1910 -)

9.30 am **Lord's Supper 2A** (S.S. p.62)
 Kids Spot Andrew Drury
 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'

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St JOHN'S FAMILY BULLETIN

17 MAY 2009

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



Some time between 7 and 8am some Roman guards shook the cold from their bones and moved quickly to obey an order. Only a few minutes earlier the Roman Governor, Pontius Pilate had agreed to execute a Jewish troublemaker who had come to Jerusalem from the northern town of Nazareth. He was a self-appointed rabbi or teacher who'd gathered a group of followers.

By 9 o'clock the morning chill had gone and the act was almost complete. Jesus' feet had been nailed to the bottom of an upright post with nails driven through hands into the horizontal beam.

He would be dead by 2pm. Mark that moment. You see, there is the event itself and then there is the meaning of the event.

For the great Empire of Rome, this death meant simply house cleaning. Roman occupiers regularly took out the troublesome trash of their occupied territories and crucifixion was the usual method.

For the Jewish religious establishment, Jesus' death meant the removal of a thorn that had pricked their consciences and deflated their powerbase.

But for God, Jesus' death meant finally doing something about human guilt. Through the prophet Isaiah God had told us that: we all like sheep have gone astray; we have turned - every one - to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. (53:6)

God was speaking about his son Jesus who would come and offer his life as payment for our sin. Jesus' life would be a sacrifice that washed away the most revolting garbage of the world. Those things that cause most offence to God: our guilty acts and shameful thoughts, in short, the dirt of our constant rebellion.

The great God of the universe did a gracious thing that awful afternoon. He offered us a fresh start, a chance to 'GET CLEAN'.

One of Jesus' disciples, a man called John, later wrote: ... if we walk in the light, as he [God] is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. (1John 1:7)

So look to Jesus and let him take away those things that make you feel dirty and unwashed. Then walk with him, clean forever.

Prayer:

Dear God, thank you for Jesus' death that washes me clean.

NEXT WEEK

24 MAY 2009

SUNDAY AFTER ASCENCION

CELEBRATION SUNDAY

9.30 am 1 Chronicles 16:7-36 (p.409) Carolyn Wulff
 1 Corinthians 3:1-17 (p.1129) Marion Wright
'The Building is Over, Long Live The Building'

Brian Heath

Please join for:

**Morning Tea after the service +
 BBQ lunch at the new Rectory at 12noon**

6.30 pm 1 Chronicles 16:7-36 (p.409) Tim Watson
 1 Corinthians 3:1-17 (p.1129) Heather Amm
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Support Ministries:

Cleaning: Nola & Colin Robinson

Sidespeople:

8.00am No service today
 9.30am Wayne Johnson, Matthew Moon
 6.30pm Angus Mackenzie, James Parkinson

Morning Tea:

9.30am Carolyn Wulff, Debbie Johnson, R & L Kiehl, A & S Spencer
Crèche: Lisa Tong, Phil Bloomfield, Sarah Mackenzie
Supper: Dan Butler, Jon Warren-Gash, John Lambeth

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Outreach Poster

**'The Building Is Over,
Long Live the Building' Celebration**
Next Sunday 24th May, at 9.30am
 this will be a 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 (3 to 12 years) from 12.00 to 3.00pm

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

HADCEA BREAKFAST
This Saturday, 23rd May at 7.45am
at Waitara Gospel Chapel



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

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!**

LUNCH WITH OUR STUDENT MINISTER JONATHAN COLE

What a great way to get to know Jonathan a little better. Invite him for Sunday lunch. There is a clipboard on the atrium table and there are plenty of dates to be filled in.



Planning to go to Canberra for the wedding? **Jonathan & Elysha** are getting married on 5th December at about 2pm in Canberra. We are travelling by bus to the church service and there is room for many more. Come and join. There is a clipboard on the atrium table. The more the merrier.

**OUR THANKS AGAIN TO ALL THE TERRIFIC
WORKERS AT THE WORKING BEE YESTERDAY**

OFFERTORIES 10 MAY 2009

[For Electronic Giving the Account details are as follows:-
 Asquith Parish General Fund BSB 062-106 Account 00900612]
 Incomes: \$1,597.75 (General) + \$960.00 (Electronic)
 + \$10.00 (Ministry Fund) + \$40.00 (Building Fund) = **\$2,607.75**
 (Combined Weekly Budget: \$5,304.00)

**** **SHORTFALL** at week 19: **\$11,324.15**

KURING-GAI GARDENS NURSING HOME

Monday, 1st June 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.

A Men's Dinner

Where: Asquith Golf Club, Lord St, Mount Colah

When: 13 June 2009, 7:00 pm for 7:30 pm.

What: Enjoy a fine meal whilst hearing a witty and engaging speaker named **Roger Chilton** talk on the topic of "*Seize the Moment*". Roger practiced as a qualified lawyer for a number of years, then trained and has worked in full time Christian work ever since (when he's not fishing). He is the Senior Minister at St Swithun's Pymble.

Cost: Church Members - \$40.00

Guests (invited by Church Members) - Free

RSVP: To assist with our arrangements with Asquith Golf Club, please **RSVP with payment** no later than **23 May 2009**.

RSVP to: Either - Russell Bramley, Daryl Gilbert, Andrew Munkman or John Watson.

Cheques are to be made out to *St Johns Asquith*; or

Cash is OK; or

Direct deposit to St Johns Asquith account number 062106 0090-0612 and clearly marked "Surname Dinner"

We looking forward to receiving your booking and seeing you there

St John's Men's Ministry Team

PARISH COUNCIL MEETS

this Thursday, 21ST MAY AT 7.45PM

PRAYER FOR CONNECT 09

Father God, we praise you for your love for all people, and for sending Jesus to be the Saviour of the world.

Help us to share this love with others.

We pray for the people of Asquith and beyond.

By your Spirit prepare their hearts to respond to your Word and put their trust in you.

As we connect with them, may they connect with you, and find the joy of sins forgiven and life eternal through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen



JAZZ CAFÉ

Friday, 22nd and Saturday 23rd 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

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 crying room

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

THE QUEEN IS COMING

EQUIP WOMEN 09 Queen Esther, the Persian Queen
Sydney Convention Centre, Darling Harbour, **Saturday, 23rd May '09**
Equip Daylight: 9am to 3.30pm — Equip Twilight: 2pm to 7.30pm

Details in the brochures on the atrium table or chat to or contact
Fran Newling on 9457 8175

PLEASE 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.

MEN @ MACCAS @ MT COLAH

Saturday, 6th June at 7.30am



Come along and enjoy this
happy get-together.

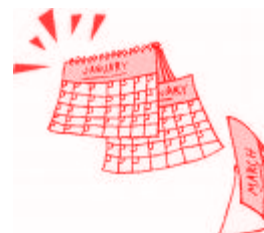
A regular get-together for
men on the first Saturday of
each month.



WHAT'S GOING ON???

The full church calendar, including regular activities, hall hire bookings and special events is now at our fingertips!
Simply go to the 'calendar' tab on the St John's website:

www.stjohnsasquith.org.au



to find out what is
going on
at St John's

