

**THIS WEEK****11 OCTOBER 2009****TRINITY 18**8.00 am **Morning Prayer** (A.A.P.B. p.22)

Luke 15:11-32 (p.1035)

David Oakenfull

*'Jesus, All About Life'*

Organ Postlude: Little Fugue (Handel, 1685—1759)

**Jim Ramsay**9.30 am **Powerpoint**

Luke 15:11-32 (p.1035)

Denis Wright

*'Jesus, All About Life'***Jim Ramsay**6.30 pm **Powerpoint**

Luke 15:11-32 (p.1035)

Jonathan Cole

*'Jesus, All About Life'***Jim Ramsay****NEXT WEEK****18 OCTOBER 2009****TRINITY 19**8.00 am **Holy Communion 2** (A.A.P.B. p.134)

Exodus 1:1-22 (p.55)

Terry Burn

Philippians 1:1-11 (p.1161)

Rosemary Burn

*'When Prayer Is A Privilege'***Brian Heath**9.30 am **PowerPoint**

Kids' Spot

Andrew Drury

Exodus 1:1-22 (p.55)

Iris Bramley

Philippians 1:1-11 (p.1161)

Helen Whight

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Andrew Drury

*'When Prayer Is A Privilege'***Brian Heath****Support Ministries:****Cleaning:** Helen Whight, Nelly Grieve**Sidespeople:****8.00am** Rosemary & Terry Burn**9.30am** Craig Scott, Adam Spencer**6.30pm** Kat Steele, Beth Wright**Morning Tea:****8.00am** Trudy & Garth Hayes**9.30am** Debbie Johnson, Dawn Williams, Vicki & Paul Carter**Crèche:** Marion Wright, Thea Bloomfield, Jo McFarlane**Supper:** Michael Warren-Gash, Heather Amm, Justin Butcher

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

**God and Common Sense  
It's common sense to believe in God**

It is a simple fact that throughout the history of the world just about everyone has believed in some sort of god. Religion, like music and art or our longing for good relationships, is one of the few things shared by every human culture that has ever existed.

Even today, 92% of people still acknowledge the existence of some kind of god. Of course, some people (less than 5%) are still atheists. They argue that the beautiful complexities of the universe are just accidents. But most people follow the logic of the ancient poem found in the Bible:

The heavens declare the glory of God;  
the skies proclaim the work of His hands.

**But who is God?**

The fact that most people believe in some god raises an obvious question:

Whose god should we listen to? The choices seem endless - Hinduism, Bahai, Islam, Buddhism and so on, all offer an alternative god and an alternative view on life. How can we be certain which one is right?

The central claim of Christianity is that God has come into the world so that we can be certain of who he is.

The life of Jesus Christ offers a unique, public signpost to God. He is the intersection between our world and God's. By looking at his life – his teachings, healings, death and rising to life – we can discover who God is and what he is like. (from Christianity.net.au)

**So how do I find out about Jesus?**

Join us for our Christianity Explored Course over ten evenings commencing on 22<sup>nd</sup> October.

For more information contact the church office on 9482-3282

## JESUS, ALL ABOUT LIFE SPECIAL SERVICES TODAY

We extend a warm welcome to Rev Jim Ramsay, Director of Evangelism Ministries who will be speaking at all three services today. He will explain in a clear and engaging way the saving message of Jesus.

A great welcome also to our friends and neighbours who have come today to hear more about Jesus.

Enjoy the sausage sizzle at the conclusion of the 9:30am service and/or lunch at your place with friends and neighbours.



## NOTE CHANGED STARTING TIME

From Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> October our morning Family Service will start 30 minutes later at 10.00am and aim to finish at 11.15am as part of a 3 month trial.

## KURING-GAI GARDENS NURSING HOME

Tomorrow, Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> October 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.

## SENIOR LADIES FELLOWSHIP TOMORROW, MONDAY, 12<sup>TH</sup> AT 2.00PM

A good time of fellowship over Afternoon Tea will be enjoyed by all.

Looking forward to seeing you.

Please ring Valerie Pearson (9477 2118) to let her know that you are coming and also if you need transport.



## SPRING AFTERNOON RETREAT

For WOMEN of all ages.

Join us on Saturday, 7th November 09 from 2pm to 5pm at the Lillian Fraser Garden, corner of Bellamy and Laurence Streets, Pennant Hills. Hear Suz Gorham speak on "Desperate Housewives" then chat while enjoying a delicious Devonshire tea.

## ANGLICARE FOOD BIN

Parishes have been notified that Anglicare will no longer be able to collect the food tins that are regularly donated.

As the amount we collect is not enough to warrant trips to Mt DrUITT, it has been reluctantly decided to discontinue this collection.

All food currently held will be given to the Toys & Tucker Christmas Appeal which starts in November.

## CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED COURSE



This course commences on Thursday 22nd October at 7:45pm.

For further details, phone Brian Heath on 9482 3282.

## OFFERTORIES 4 OCTOBER 2009

[For Electronic Giving the Account details are as follows:-  
Asquith Parish General Fund BSB 062-106 Account 00900612]  
Incomes: \$1,875.80 (General) + \$1,810.00 (Electronic)  
+ \$150.00 (Ministry Fund) + \$170.00 (Building Fund) = **\$4,005.80**  
(Combined Weekly Budget: \$5,304.00)  
\*\*\*\*\* **SHORTFALL at week 40: \$4,420.72**

## MAKE YOUR OWN GINGERBREAD HOUSE

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December

2pm - 4pm Family afternoon; 7pm - 9pm Women's Evening

Put it in your diary now!

Join us in the St John's Hall to build houses and friendships!  
More details to follow - any questions, Jennifer Begg (9476 8805)

## MISSION AID GROUP - MAG

Our **MAG** items for September are:

**DISHCLOTHS**



Our **MAG** for **KIDS** are:

**STICKERS**

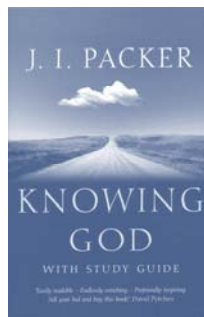


Please place your gifts in the marked boxes at the back of our church. **THANK YOU** for your continued support.

## BOOK OF THE MONTH

'**Knowing God**' is one of the most significant and popular Christian books of our time. J.I. Packer's life-changing book has deepened the faith and understanding of millions of people around the world.

Purchase your copy today for \$19.95



## Have you seen the TV campaign?

The prime time television ads will run for five weeks. This time will be key as more and more people will be thinking about Jesus. People will be able to ring a phone number (1300 512 312)



or go to the JAAL website to request a response package which will include a gospel of Mark and other gospel material.

**Website: [www.jesusallaboutlife.com.au](http://www.jesusallaboutlife.com.au)**

## PARISH DIRECTORY 2009

The 2009 Parish Directory is now available.

Please pick up your copy today from the table at the rear of the church.

If you would like an additional copy — for the office, the car, the second phone, etc. — please indicate on the list located on the table.

An electronic version, excluding photos, as an Excel spreadsheet can be emailed if you wish to receive one. In this case, please indicate by entering your name on the list.

