

**THIS WEEK****25 OCTOBER 2009****TRINITY 20**

8.00 am **Holy Communion 2** (A.A.P.B. p.134)  
 Exodus 2:1-10 (p.55) Colin Robinson  
 Philippians 1:12-26 (p.1161) David Oakenfull

**'When Death is a Bonus'**  
 Organ Postlude: Prologue (Anton Bruckner, 1824-1896)

**Brian Heath**

10.00 am **Lord's Supper 2A** (S.S. p.62)  
 Kids' Spot Andrew Drury  
 Exodus 2:1-10 (p.55) Paul Wrigley  
 Philippians 1:12-26 (p.1161) Julia Caladine

**'When Death is a Bonus'**

**Brian Heath**

6.30 pm **Powerpoint**  
 Exodus 2:1-10 (p.55) Angus Mackenzie  
 Philippians 1:12-26 (p.1161) Philip Simpson

**'When Death is a Bonus'**

**Brian Heath****NEXT WEEK****1 NOVEMBER 2009****TRINITY 21**

8.00 am **Holy Communion 2** (A.A.P.B. p.134)  
 Exodus 2:11-25 (p.56) Geoff Stutchbury  
 Philippians 1:27-2:11 (p.1161) Robin Stutchbury

**'When Humility is a Virtue'**

**Jonathan Cole**

10.00 am **PowerPoint**  
 Kids' Spot Andrew Drury  
 Exodus 2:11-25 (p.56) Rick Lovegrove  
 Philippians 1:27-2:11 (p.1161) Sue Lovegrove

**'When Humility is a Virtue'**

**Jonathan Cole**

6.30 pm **PowerPoint**  
 Exodus 2:11-25 (p.56) Tim Watson  
 Philippians 1:27-2:11 (p.1161) Heather Amm

**'When Humility is a Virtue'**

**Jonathan Cole****Support Ministries:**

**Cleaning:** Helen Whight, Nelly Grieve

**Sidespeople:**  
 8.00am Robin & Geoff Stutchbury  
 10.00am Sarah Mackenzie, Matthew Moon  
 6.30pm Steve Browne, Colby Fenton

**Morning Tea:**  
 8.00am Marie Brown  
 10.00am Nelly Grieve, Jan Melville, Avril & David Warren-Gash

**Crèche:** Sue Heath, Sarah Percival, Helen Browne  
**Supper:** Dan Butler, Jon Warren-Gash, John Lambeth

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**St JOHN'S FAMILY BULLETIN****25 OCTOBER 2009**


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


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**Archbishop gets personal**

Russell Powell  
 20th October, 2009

Archbishop Jensen has delivered an emotional Presidential Address as the Synod prepares to make decisions on the reorganisation of the Diocese because of losses suffered during the world economic crisis.

Dr Jensen began by setting the scene of world uncertainty "What with Global Warming, the War on Terror and the Global Financial Crisis, we may well think that we live in apocalyptic times" he said.

But the Archbishop says Jesus makes it clear that "...the apocalyptic signs that he mentioned are always part of human experience. We are always in apocalyptic times."

Then addressing the circumstances of the diocese, he said "How are we to read the history of this year in our Diocese? I would say just this. We live, as ever, with all the signs and some of the pain of an apocalyptic era, but our response is neither panic nor paralysis: it is persistent active faith."



In a personal aside, Dr Jensen says

"I felt disbelief - I have been schooled to believe that this could not happen because we have been so careful and professional in our handling of the Endowment. I felt both let down and yet responsible since this has occurred on my watch and in part within funds in which I have a special interest. I felt doubt about whether we had engaged in ethically dubious practices by gearing the Endowment. I felt deep uncertainty about what we should now do and how we could carry on. Above all, I felt grief - and this I have continued to feel - as the impact of these losses on many fine ministries and on the jobs and personal lives of friends and colleagues has become clear."

Dr Jensen said he didn't believe the Glebe Board's gearing strategy was ethically dubious "though I had to have an argument with myself to come to that conclusion".

He went on to urge the Synod to pass the budget Ordinance, which provides for a revamped episcopal structure, no Archdeacons and moving emphasis away from the regional strategy to smaller 'mission areas'.

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## Archbishop gets personal - continued from page 1

Dr Jensen said he had not initially been attracted to the idea but now sees it's 'genius'.

"Local churches are often too weak to do new work alone; regions are too large for effective action" he said "My initial guess is that we will have about twenty Mission Areas, but as we consult locally that number may well grow."

Dr Jensen said the pain of the financial losses was tempered by the Connect09 programme which he said had "been a blessing on our cities and countryside. Personally, I have never had a better year for sharing God's word with others, one to one."

He said the campaign had gripped lay people in particular.

He quoted in particular the case highlighted on the ABC's Compass programme last Sunday of Northmead Anglican which had been praying for local businesses.

"I have heard of some amazingly inventive and effective ways in which churches have connected with the community this year." he said.

Archbishop Jensen spoke with excitement about the church planting role he had asked Bishop Stewart to undertake and announced that Rev Bruce Hall of Carlingford had been asked to advise Bishop Stewart on cross-cultural work.

Dr Jensen also urged the diocese to continue its commitment to conservative theology and to a high view of scripture.

"Only this will carry Christianity forward in a culture such as Australia in the next fifty years."

But he warned that theological conservatism should not be linked with cultural conservatism.

"There is a better path. We have signalled our allegiance to it already via the Diocesan Mission and especially Connect 09. It is who we are and who we want to be. It involves a commitment both to biblical theology and purity of doctrine, and also to our neighbours. We want to be citizens of our nation with a transcendent loyalty to the kingdom of God."

As a result, Dr Jensen said, he wanted to deepen the partnership between Anglicare and the parishes and to establish a body to develop 'distinctly Anglican' education.

As shown on the Sydney Anglicans website: [sydneyanglicans.net](http://sydneyanglicans.net)

## MEN IN BOATS DAY

14th November 2009 - 9.00am to 4.30pm

Meet at Brooklyn - Near Parsley Bay boat ramp

We will travel from Brooklyn to Patonga where we will have our lunch and return to Brooklyn at 4.30pm.



If you *don't have a boat that's fine* there will be space in others' boats.

If you *own or have access to a boat* then please bring it along.

**What to bring:** Sun screen, lunch (fish & chips etc. are available at Patonga), water to drink whilst on board, wet weather gear, sun hat, and anything else you think you may need.

**How to register:** Put your name on the list on the table. Please indicate if you are bringing a boat and how many people you can take in your crew or if you wish to be a crewmember. If you're riding please put your name down as well, noting that you're riding.

**For more information: Contact John Watson 0411 266 156.**

## SENIOR LADIES FELLOWSHIP

The next get-together, called "This & That", for a cup of tea and a chat will be on **Monday, 9th November from 2pm to 4pm.**

If transport is required, please phone:

**Faye Keith 9476 4623 or Nelly Grieve 9477 2302.**

## OFFERTORIES 18 OCTOBER 2009

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

Asquith Parish General Fund BSB 062-106 Account 00900612]

Incomes: \$2,330.15 (General) + \$12,103.17 (Electronic)

+ \$200.00 (Ministry Fund) + \$170.00 (Building Fund) = **\$14,803.32**

(Combined Weekly Budget: \$5,304.00)

**SURPLUS at week 42: \$2,988.15**

## MAKE YOUR OWN GINGERBREAD HOUSE

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December

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

Join us in the St John's Hall for a fun afternoon or evening.

Don't forget to bring a friend!

Fliers are on the table in the atrium.

Please put your name on the board to reserve your kit.

Only 20 kits for the Afternoon & 50 kits for the Evening.

**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 again for your help.**

## SPRING AFTERNOON RETREAT

**For WOMEN of all ages.**

Join us on Saturday, 7th November 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.

Please put your name on the board in the atrium  
and mark if you can help with transport or if you require a lift.



**Have your neighbours spoken to you  
about this campaign?**

Do they want to know more about Jesus?

Have you talked to them?

Have they come with you to our church?

**Just how successful has this  
campaign been?**

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

## HELP FOR MORNING TEA AT THE ZOO

I have been meeting with a group of young parents & their kids  
since Sept. 2007.

Hornsby Council is organizing an outing to the zoo  
for these parents.

I am seeking help with providing the morning tea for this day -  
**Next Friday 30th October!**

I would pick up any food on the Thursday as is needed!

**Thank you so much!**

I see this as such a ministry opportunity, too good to pass up!

**Love, Gabrielle Smith 9457 8196 0414 256 789**

## Eternity

A new free Christian newspaper is available for collection from the small table in the atrium.

**Pick up your copy today.**

## PRAYER MEETING

### CHANGE OF VENUE

There is a change of venue for the Mount Colah school prayer meeting. It is now at the home of:

Suzanne Gerstmeyer  
3 Colah Road, Mount Colah  
9:30am to 10:30am

Commencing Tuesday, 3rd November & then fortnightly thereafter

**RSVP & prayer requests: Gabrielle 9457 8196 0414 256 789**

## NELLY IS BACK!



Our extremely hard working compiler, editor and printer of our Sunday bulletin, Nelly Grieve, is back after a well deserved rest.

**Please ensure** that all copy is in Nelly's hands each Wednesday, to enable her to compile the bulletin and print on Friday. The next deadline for copy is **next Wednesday, 28th October.**

## A BIG 'THANK YOU'



To all those who came here yesterday to Spring Clean.

It is wonderful to see the church, hall and grounds now 'spick and span'.

The morning tea was also thoroughly enjoyed.

## MOBILE BLOOD SERVICE AT ASQUITH



Australian Red Cross Mobile Blood Service will be at the Church Hall

**Monday 2nd November 10.00am- 3.00pm**

Giving blood is easy and with every blood donation helping to save three lives, you can give a special gift to those in need of blood or blood products.

One in three Australians will need blood or a blood product during their lifetime but currently only one in 30 Australians give blood.

**Please come and help this worthy and important cause.**

## JESUS SAID:

**"I am the way and the truth and the life.  
No one comes to the Father except through me.  
If you really knew me,  
you would know my Father as well."**

John 14 :6-7

## MEN @ MACCAS @ Mt COLAH

**Saturday,**

**7<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30am**



All men are welcome for a great time of fellowship.