

**NEEDED: VOLUNTEERS TO DO MORNING
TEA ON CHRISTMAS DAY,
FRIDAY, 25TH DECEMBER 2009
FOR BOTH SERVICES (8.00am & 9.30am)**

Please let Brian Heath know



**CAROLS IN THE CAR PARK
On Sunday, 20th December**

We will be holding our inaugural 'Carols in the Car park'. The aim is to connect with as many members of our community as possible. Please be planning and praying now for those you intend to invite.



The Carols will involve pre-carols entertainment from 6.00 pm with music from Paul Carter's band 'The Longboards', Jumping castle, sausage sizzle and face painting. This will be followed by the Carols at 7.30pm.

On 5th and 6th December at 2.00pm we will be doorknocking to invite people to this and our other Christmas events. We will also letterbox the whole area. It is also hoped that a choir will sing carols outside Coles the week before to promote it.



A special prayer meeting to pray for this and our other Christmas events will be held **this Thursday, 3rd December at 7.45 pm.**

ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

**6 Royston Parade
ASQUITH**

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Welcome to St John's!

We are pleased that you have been able to join us today. We hope that you find the reading and teaching of God's Word helpful and that you are made to feel very welcome. If this is your first time with us, you may be asked to fill in a welcome card by one of our welcomers. This will help us to welcome you properly.



FAMILY BULLETIN

29 NOVEMBER 2009

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

THIS WEEK: SUNDAY 29TH NOVEMBER

When Circumstances are Unimportant

Exodus 4:18-31 (p.58)

Philippians 4:2-23 (p.1163)

8.00am Morning Prayer
10.00am Holy Communion
6.30pm Night Church

NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY 6TH DECEMBER

Those who sleep

Exodus 5:1-21 (p.58)

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (p.1171)

8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Morning Church
6.30pm Night Church

Our Parish Mission Statement

St John's Anglican Church Asquith exists to bring glory to God by:

- * **Communicating** the Gospel of Jesus Christ clearly
- * **Teaching** the Bible faithfully
- * **Building** a loving, serving, worshipping community and
- * **Equipping** us all spiritually for our work and witness in the world

PRAYER POINTS:

- * **Pray** for the end of year Christmas services at the primary schools in Asquith (9th Dec.), Mt Colah (2nd Dec.) and Mt Kuringgai (9th Dec.).
- * **Give thanks** for our small group leaders and all we have learnt this year.
- * **Give thanks** for the Pastoral Care network meeting last week, for the encouragement and care shown and taught.
- * **Pray for Jonathan & Elysha** as they get married this Saturday. Pray for a very happy and blessed day and for a marriage where they are committed to the service of our Lord.
- * **Pray for all the preparations** for 'Carols in the Car park' on 20th December, starting at 6.00pm. Pray for the planning committee of Brian Heath, Neil Elleson, Jen Begg, Denis Wright, Rick Lovegrove and Geoff Percival. Pray that many people will come and hear the saving message of Jesus.
- * **Pray for Kids' Christmas at Christmas Eve** at 6.00pm. Pray that many will come and hear about Jesus.
- * **Pray for** the women's gingerbread house event. Pray for Suz Gorham as she speaks that the true meaning of Christmas will be clearly communicated.
- * **Pray for our Link Missionaries:**
The **Batey family** in Spain, the **Keith family** in Lightning Ridge and **Suzanne Ireland** on the *Logos Hope*.

SINGERS (YOUNG and OLD)

A Service of Readings and Carols is being planned for 9.30pm on **Christmas Eve**. Singers, young and old, are sought to assist with the music.

If you would like to help please **talk to Geoff Lloyd** (9476 1530 or geofflyd@tpg.com.au) as soon as possible.

Your early response will help greatly with the further planning.

KIDS' CHRISTMAS

Thursday, 24th December at 6pm
'It's a Boy'

This will be a special time for kids and all who come to sing Christmas songs and hear stories for children.

There will be a '**GIVING TREE**'.

Children will be invited to place presents under the tree to give to children in need.

The service will be followed by supper in the Hall.



GROUNDS CLEANING ROSTER

Calling for **volunteers** to add your name to the grounds cleaning roster.

There will be a form on the table for volunteers to add your name to or alternatively see **Andrew Munkman**.



The more names we get the less frequently each volunteer will be rostered on.



OFFERTORIES 22 NOVEMBER 2009

[For Electronic Giving the Account details are as follows:-
Asquith Parish General Fund BSB 062-106 Account 00900612]
Incomes: \$2,594.90 (General) + \$3,330.00 (Electronic)
+ \$80.00 (Ministry Fund) + \$40.00 (Building Fund) = **\$6,044.90**
(Combined Weekly Budget: \$5,304.00)

SURPLUS at week 47: \$3,111.42



This month we shall collect for **Anglicare**.

Please place your food (no glass jars) and toys and gifts on the table at the back of the church.

Share the joy of Christmas with families in need!

Your donation of gifts for children and teenagers and festive food for Christmas hampers will enable us to provide for those who would otherwise go without.



Last day for your gifts to
Anglicare:
Next Sunday, 6th Dec. 2009

KURING-GAI GARDENS NURSING HOME

Monday, 7th December, 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.

LEAVING FOR CAMBODIA 20th Jan. 2010

David & Judy Gillan and Roy & Linda Artist go to Cambodia on **20th January** to do practical work for 1 month. They need to raise finances for building a clean water supply for a kindergarten plus treadle sewing machines and fabric for a micro business. They also have contact with an orphanage and wish to assist them. They are asking for donations towards materials only. If you are **able to help with a donation** or wish to know more. Please contact them.

BLOKES CHURCH REMINDER

Yes it is on today!!

When : Today, 12.30pm for lunch and 1.30pm for the service

Where : All Saints Waitara

What : Lunch, Fellowship and Learning.
Zac Veron (CEO of Youthworks) speaks on Leadership.



See you there!

Any questions? See Daryl Gilbert

A SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

For families and friends whose children have died or are missing.

THIS Wednesday, 2nd December 2009 at 7.30pm
at St Matthews Church

Cnr Castle Hill Road and New Line Road, West Pennant Hills
Enquiries 9479 3700

THIS SATURDAY, 5TH DECEMBER
MEN @ MACCAS @ MT COLAH

MAKE YOUR OWN GINGERBREAD HOUSE

THIS Saturday, 5th December

2pm - 4pm Family Afternoon

7pm - 9pm Women's Evening



An excellent evangelistic opportunity!!

GREAT SERVICE@MENS CONVENTION 2010

Join us in 2010 to be challenged by Song of Songs (Gary Millar), Philipians (John Dickson) and Tin Shed Time and enjoy the privilege of spending a weekend with thousands of other Christian men at MKC.

Last year 30 men from St John's enjoyed the excellent teaching and fellowship at Katoomba. Be part of the group in 2010.

Date:

Friday, 26th February (evening) to Saturday 27th February 2010

Place: Katoomba Convention Site, Katoomba

Accommodation:

Eltham Park, Mount Victoria (Friday night only)

Cost:

\$110, (\$104 for concession) - covers registration to listen to talks, accommodation (on Friday night) with breakfast, plus morning and afternoon teas and lunch at the Convention Site

Please put your name on the list in the Atrium if you would like to come. **Payments are needed by 13th December.**

If you have any questions about the event, please speak to John Watson or Michael Coyne.

Will you be coming to Summer School 2010?



This year **Mike Raiter**, principal of the Bible College of Victoria and ex-missionary to Pakistan, will be taking us on the road with Jesus Christ. Brochures available on atrium table.

Pre-Registration closes on 13th December.

CMS Summer School hotline: (02) 9284 6736

Email: nswsummerschool@cms.org.au

SENIOR LADIES FELLOWSHIP CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON MONDAY, 14TH DECEMBER AT 12.30PM

The invitations to this luncheon have been handed to you or you will soon receive it in your mailbox.

A lovely lunch and a special afternoon has been planned.

Please let (Judy Thompson 9477 3609) or Nelly Greive (9477 2302) know you're coming and also if you need transport by 7 Dec.

STORAGE NEEDED

As work on our pipe organ proceeds, some components are being stored in our storeroom, pending installation. The space in the storeroom is required for other purposes and we seek secure storage space elsewhere for the organ components. If any parishioner has some **suitable space** which they could offer for storage it would be appreciated if they could **talk to Brian Heath or Geoff Lloyd** (9476 1530 or geofflyd@tpg.com.au A.S.A.P.

Pick up from the atrium table:

- ⇒ The latest newsletter from the Batey Family
- ⇒ The Christian newspaper *ETERNITY*
- ⇒ The latest information about MV *Doulos*

SAVE THE DATE !

St John's Weekend Away 2010

'In Search of the Perfect Church'

Friday night March 12th to Sunday March 14th

Lutanda Conference Centre, Toukley

Speaker: Richard Gibson

(Lecturer in New Testament & Church History
at Moore Theological College)



DECEMBER 2009 DIARY

Wed	2	11.00am	Lunch at Mt Colah Uniting
		7.30pm	Service of Remembrance at St Matthews in West Pennant Hills
Thu	3	7.45pm	Special Prayer Meeting for all our Christmas events
Sat	5	7.30am	Men@Maccas@Mt Colah
		2.00pm	Wedding of Jonathan & Elysha at Hughes Baptist Church, Groom St in Hughes
		2.00pm till 4pm	Letterbox drop and doorknocking to invite people to our Christmas events
Sun	6	2.00pm till 4pm	Letterbox drop and doorknocking to invite people to our Christmas events
Mon	7	11.00am	Kuring-gai Gardens Nursing Home Service & visit
Thu	10	6.00pm	Parish Council meets in the Rectory
		7.45pm	HADCEA end of year meeting followed by Christmas Supper at St John's
Mon	14	12.30pm	Senior Ladies Fellowship Christmas Lunch
		8.00pm	O.M. information and prayer time at the Beggs
Sun	20	6.00pm	'Carols in the Car park'
Thu	24	6.00pm	Kids' Christmas with a Giving Tree
		9.30pm	Christmas Eve Service of Readings & Carols
Fri	25	8.00am	Holy Communion
		9.30am	Christmas Celebration



CHANGE OF SERVICE TIME TRIAL

Our trial of a 10.00am service is well under way

If you would like to **offer feedback** than you can do this either verbally by speaking to a member of Parish Council or in writing by placing your comments in the offertory. Written comments can be anonymous if you wish.

The trial will be **reviewed at the annual vestry meeting** at which time there will be further opportunity to comment.

A decision on the ongoing service time will be made at the first Parish Council meeting after the vestry meeting.

Parish Council is interested in both positive and negative feedback.

If you are unclear as to the process please contact Brian Heath on 9482 3282.

CHRISTMAS at St John's

Saturday, 5th December

2-4pm — Family gingerbread house making

7-9pm — Women's evangelistic gingerbread house evening

Sunday, 20th December

6.00pm — The inaugural
'Carols in the Car park'



Christmas Eve, 24th December

6.00pm — 'Kids' Christmas'

9.30pm — Readings and Carols of Christmas



Christmas Day, 25th December

8.00am — Holy Communion

9.30am — Christmas Celebration