

**THIS WEEK****3 MAY 2009****EASTER 3**

8.00 am	<b>Holy Communion 2</b> (A.A.P.B. p.134) Jeremiah 3:14-20 (p.749) <u>Matthew 6:1-15</u> (p.960)	Rosemary Burn Terry Burn	<b>Brian Heath</b>
	<b>'Our Father in Heaven'</b> Organ Postlude: Miniature on the hymn tune St Michael "The Lord Is risen indeed" (June Nixon 1999)		
9.30 am	<b>PowerPoint</b> Kids Spot Jeremiah 3:14-20 (p.749) <u>Matthew 6:1-15</u> (p.960)	Holiday JJs Rick Lovegrove Sue Lovegrove	<b>Brian Heath</b>
6.30 pm	<b>PowerPoint</b> Jeremiah 3:1-20 (p.749) <u>Matthew 6:1-15</u> (p.960)	Angus Mackenzie Gav Amm	<b>Brian Heath</b>

**NEXT WEEK****10 MAY 2009****EASTER 4**

8.00 am	<b>Holy Communion 1</b> (A.A.P.B. p.114) Jeremiah 10:1-16 (p.759) <u>Revelation 4:1-11</u> (p.1218)	Col Robinson Doug Leverett	<b>Brian Heath</b>
	<b>'Hallowed Be Your Name'</b>		
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	<b>'Hallowed Be Your Name'</b>		
6.30 pm	<b>PowerPoint</b> Jeremiah 10:1-16 (p.759) <u>Revelation 4:1-11</u> (p.1218)	Dan Butler Andrew Drury	<b>Brian Heath</b>
	<b>'Hallowed Be Your Name'</b>		

**Support Ministries:****Cleaning:** Nicola & Neil Elleson**Sidespeople:**  
8.00am Col Robinson, Charles Wulff  
9.30am Michael Browne, Andrew Munkman  
6.30pm Kat Steele, Beth Wright**Morning Tea:**  
8.00am Rhondda Day  
9.30am Elsa Booth, Linda Huskinson, Lisa & George Garner**Crêche:** Suzanne Gilbert, Lisa Tong, Kate Browne**Supper:** James Goulding, Heather Amm, Justin Butcher

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

**A HARD ASK**

**Putting together** a prayer list can be an exciting exercise. As we list the members of our family we think of each one and what it is that we should pray for them - whether it be to come and taste the goodness of the Lord for the first time or to give thanks that they are pressing on in their Christian lives. We list missionary friends whether they be working in far flung corners of Australia or overseas and we consider the particular challenges that they face.

**We list** our Diocesan leaders and staff of our training College; Moore College.

We list those in authority in our land such as the Prime Minister and Premier of this state as well as local political representatives.

We list leaders in our congregation such as paid staff and members of the Parish Council.

We list those that we know that we are praying will come to know the saving grace of the Lord Jesus.

We will put down that the Lord will send out more workers into the harvest.

We may well list godchildren or pen pals.

**However** the excitement may come to a screaming halt when we come to one particular category - to a group that we know should be there but we just don't want to put them there.

That is, those people that we would describe as enemies. To pray for your enemies must be one of the hardest things of all. To put them on the prayer list is hard enough but to pray for them is even harder. But pray for them we must.

**As I reflect** on the scriptures I realise that I must do this even though I want to do anything but pray for them. Remember the words of Jesus **"You have heard that it was said, 'love your neighbour and hate your enemy.' But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven."** (Matthew 5:43-45)

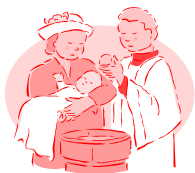
So when you come to put together your prayer list don't forget your enemies - those who have let you down, those who have maligned your character, those who have gossiped about you, those who simply don't like you.

**I know it will be difficult**, but imagine the change we could make if we all prayed diligently for our enemies!

Yours in Christ

Brian

## BAPTISM TODAY



A big welcome to the family and friends of  
Sam Thomas Newton  
who is to be baptised at the 9:30am service today.

## THE QUEEN IS COMING

### EQUIP WOMEN 09

#### Queen Esther, the Persian Queen

Where : Sydney Convention Centre, Darling Harbour

When : Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2009

Time : Equip Daylight — 9.00am to 3.30pm

Equip Twilight — 2.00pm to 7.30pm

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

**Fran Newling on 9457 8175**

## FOOD BANK

Thanks to all those who have generously **cooked meals**. We have been able to help out many families. The food bank is nearly exhausted, so could you please help out once again.



**Savoury dishes, cakes or muffins** are very welcome. Please put these in disposable, freeze able containers.

**See Lisa Tong for more labels or questions (9482-3256)**

## WORKING BEES

There are two working bees scheduled for 9th and 16th May commencing at 8:30am. It would be great if you could attend to finalise the landscaping for the two new houses.

## 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.**

## THE BATEY FAMILY

The latest Prayer letter from the Batey family in Spain is now available on the Atrium table.

## OFFERTORIES 26 APRIL 2009

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

Incomes: \$2,468.70 (General) + \$2,700.00 (Electronic)

+ \$70.00 (Ministry Fund) + \$20.00 (Building Fund) = **\$5,258.70**

(Combined Weekly Budget: \$5,304.00)

**\*\*\*\* SHORTFALL at week 17: \$7,726.00**



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

Here at St John's

6.30 - 9.00 pm  
Saturday, 16 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)

## Pre-School to Year 6 will be going for a Walk to the Park TODAY!



Children will meet  
and start in church as  
usual.

We will aim to have  
walked back by 10.45.

We will be going to  
Mills Park.



## MISSION AID GROUP — 'MAG'

Thank you very much for your generous April  
donations which totalled 60 razors (12 pkts)  
and 24 assorted balls for kids.

Our MAG item in MAY:

**BUCKETS**



Our MAG for KIDS:



**STICKERS**



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

## SOUTHERN CROSS

The latest issue of the Southern Cross is now available and copies  
are on the Atrium table.  
Pages 8 and 9 contain tributes to Sir Marcus Loane, 1st Australian -  
born Archbishop of Sydney, who died on 14th April aged 97.

## THANK YOU!

Brian, Sue and the girls would like to say thanks to all those who:

planted plants  
assembled a bed  
gave us anonymous presents  
climbed under houses or in roofs with wires  
checked water pipes  
watered plants  
cooked us meals  
moved boxes  
laid turf  
arranged internet, phone lines etc  
built retaining walls  
chose plants  
washed rectory walls etc  
dug holes  
wheeled wheelbarrows  
put up sheds  
picked paint, tile etc colours  
contributed grocery items  
watered lawns  
built garden beds  
weeded fairy gardens  
  
etc etc etc

We have moved in, and we're almost unpacked.

**We look forward to having you at our place on 24<sup>th</sup> May.**



## 'The Building Is Over, Long Live the Building Celebration'

On Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May, there will be a combined morning service.  
Archdeacon Terry Dein and Gordon and 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.

