

Bulletin



WELCOME We love to welcome visitors and newcomers to St John's! If you are visiting today or here for the first time, please fill in a visitors' card and place it in the offertory or Staff Message Box, and stay to say hello after the service.

February 13, 2011

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TODAY

9:45am – Worship Service

11am – Morning Tea

11:30am – Business Meeting

**NO 8am OR 7pm
SERVICES TODAY**

3rd ANNUAL MINISTRY EXPO

NEXT SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 20

During all services.
Come and see what all the
ministries and groups have
planned for 2011.

THE CHURCH WEEKEND AWAY

April 29th - May 1

at Rathane in the

Royal National Park.

PRAYER POINTS

Prayer for our World Pray for our politicians, after a week of news-making. Pray for Julia Gillard and Tony Abbott (Federal), and Kristina Keneally and Barry O'Farrell (NSW), as they lead their respective parties through difficult times.

Prayer for Missions Pray for the Millars in Gihon. Give thanks for their perseverance and pray that for the people attending their "immersion" cafe and language school will continue to be open to hear about Jesus. Pray that their needs will continue to be met as they provide a strong christian witness in Northern Spain.

Prayer for our Church Pray today for the AGM. Pray for the meeting, the conversation, the elections and those elected & appointed ... pray that we will honour God as we seek his blessing on our church and our future.

SUNDAY

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. Our 2011 AGM is on today and consists of:

9:45am – Worship Service (church building)

11:00am – Morning Tea (church hall)

11:30am – Business Meeting (church building).

NOTE: In order to participate in the Business Meeting, it is necessary to sign the 'Declaration' which states that you are at least 18 years old, a member of this church, and do not claim to be a member elsewhere.

There will be activities for children in the halls during the business meeting.

There will be no 8am or 7pm services today.

THIS WEEK

Congratulations to those celebrating!

Sunday 13 Joy Rasmussen

Monday 14 Don Jackson

Tuesday 15 Gav & Deb Bowman

Thursday 16 Harrison Doran

PLAYTIME In the Church Hall from 10am - midday each Monday & Thursday. For details call Nicole Wyatt on 9542 6243.

You're shopping in Sutherland and dying for a coffee. Make it Tuesday and make it **OPEN HOUSE**. We'll throw in the friends and the chat and when you've tried it once - try it again. Every third Tuesday, every month from 10am 'til the last one leaves for lunch.

KALEIDOSCOPE KIDS - a craft afternoon for primary-aged children, Wednesdays in the church hall, from 4 - 5.30pm. Cost \$5 a week per child. All primary kids welcome.

PICNIC DINNERS ON FRIDAYS – during daylight saving we'll be sharing dinner together in the National Park, for anyone who wants to come along. From 5pm onwards at Allambie Flats (turn right BEFORE going over the weir at Audley). BYO everything....food, drink, mozzie spray, rug, frisbee, etc. Two BBQs are available. Come when you can, go when you must. Hope to see you there!

NEXT SUNDAY

MINISTRY EXPO. Next Sunday is the 3rd annual St John's Ministry Expo. This is a great chance for everyone to visit the stalls and displays in the halls and find out more about the various ministries that operate within the St John's family. The 3 services that day will be cut short (30mins) to allow everyone time to join the fun.

COMING EVENTS

MORLING PUBLIC LECTURES (ACE COURSES). Each term, Gymea Baptist Church hosts a 6-night series of lectures by Marc Rader, a lecturer at Morling College. Many at St John's have attended these in the past and enjoyed and benefitted from Marc's engaging and amusing style, and in-depth knowledge. The series for first term is titled "King & Kingdom – Studies in I and II Samuel". The dates are Feb 14, 21 & 28 and March 14, 21 & 28 from 7:30 – 9:30pm at Gymea Baptist Church. Cost is \$40. You can register at www.morling.nsw.edu.au (under the News & Events tab), by emailing

janet.elmes@gymeabaptist.org.au or by calling Gymea Baptist Church Office on 9521-4611.

SYDNEY ALLIANCE TRAINING Rod will be attending the Sydney Alliance two-day training at Kogarah Uniting Church, on Wednesday/Thursday, February 23 & 24. It's a great (local) opportunity for us to engage in a program designed to form constructive partnerships with others in our community. If you have two days to 'spare', talk to Rod about this ... we really need to get involved.

THE GATHERING is an informal social get-together around a BBQ meal – a time just to get to know each other better, and to welcome new people into the St John's family. The Term 1 Gathering will take place on **Saturday March 5** from 6pm at Rod's place, 63 Ninth Ave Loftus. Bring your own meat for the BBQ, plus some drinks, and salad or dessert to share. If you require transport, please contact Graham or Sue.

HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS SEMINARS – organised and hosted by St John's, these free seminars are offered once a term and are open to church members and the local community alike. Facilitated by Thelma Hutchins, a trained psychologist from our own congregation, they provide helpful information and the chance for discussion. The first seminar will look at "Dealing with Anger" (8th March). Grab a flyer for a full list of dates and topics, and think about inviting someone along.

THE CHURCH WEEKEND AWAY is scheduled for April 29-May 1 at Rathane in the Royal National Park. Make it a priority and write it into your calendar now.

NOTICES

MAG PROJECT for February is envelopes (all sizes). Please leave your contributions in the MAG cupboard in the church entrance.

CONFIRMATION 2011 Rod is proposing to conduct a 'last confirmation class' (for him) in the first half of this year, with a Confirmation Service in late May. The class will need to begin in late February. If anyone (Year 10 and above) is desirous of thinking through the issues of confirmation, you'd be very welcome to join the preparation course. Talk to Rod, or complete the application form available from the church entrance or on-line.

URGENT!!! We are still in need of a **Creche Coordinator**. At the moment we do not have some one to take over this admin position. Please see Benita for more details.

LIFE GROUPS 2011 – if you haven't yet completed a yellow form advising us of your intention to be part of a Life Group in 2011, please do so soon. These groups are a great way to grow spiritually and in community with others at St John's.

ITEMS NEEDED Do you have any kids/baby gates that you are no longer using? The small hall could use 2-4 gates so that the doors can be left open safely. If you have a gate, please see Benita or bring it to the church.

FOOD APPEAL – Can you help by bringing along a tinned meal, a can of soup, or tinned fish/meat and placing it in the "Food Donations" basket in the church entrance? This will help to restock our cupboards which have run low over the busy Christmas season.

COL KIDSON Some may remember Col and Mary Kidson, who were an essential part of the rich history of St John's. Col died last weekend, and his funeral will be held tomorrow at All Saints Murwillumbah at 11am. Our prayers are with Mary, Narelle, John and their families.

LOST PROPERTY FROM MEN'S WEEKEND AWAY. We have towels, board shorts, sunglasses, toiletries etc handed in after the men's weekend away. If you own any of these items, please talk to Sue or Graham at the office.

Today's Services

Bible Readings:

9.45am Annual General Meeting Service
 'Pastor's Report to AGM'
 Preacher: Rod Harding

Exodus 3:1-14 p.56
 Exodus 4:18-20, 27-31 p.58

11.30am Annual General Meeting

5pm DRV Service
 'Pastor's Report to AGM'
 Preacher: Rod Harding

Prayer of the Day Everliving God, your Son, Jesus Christ, healed the lepers and brought good news to the despised and outcast: grant us your gifts of compassion and self-control, that in serving others in their need we may strive for the imperishable wreath that you bestow on all who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

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