

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.

November 14, 2010



*Share
the
joy*

Bring in your
unwrapped gifts or
food TODAY

BIG PRAYER DAY

Monday

November 15

6-7am

10.30-11.30am

or

7.30-8.30pm

Kaleidoscope Kids

Craft Afternoon

For Primary aged children

\$5 per child

Wednesdays 4 - 5:30pm

(During school terms)

PRAYER POINTS

Prayer for our World Pray for the people of Indonesia, for the many still recovering from the tsunami a few weeks ago, and for those whose lives have been affected by the volcanic eruption. Pray for the aid workers as they help those in need.

Prayer for our Church Give thanks for the improvement in our finances over recent months, and pray that God will continue to bless us. Pray for our treasurer, Doug Ritchie, who puts in a lot of unpaid hours ensuring our accounts are in good order, for Sue Bastow who does the book-keeping, and for Gavin Bowman as he oversees the Finance Portfolio.

SUNDAY

ALL SERVICES Today is recognised as Abolitionist Sunday by churches around Australia who want to take action to abolish slavery and exploitation. It will surprise many people that slavery is a big problem in today's world with an estimated 27 million people having been trafficked. Today we recognise that this is a challenge to us as Christians - we can open our eyes to the situation of the oppressed and take action to be a part of the global movement to end slavery. Tim Venum will preach at all services today, focusing on Abolitionist Sunday, with his sermon entitled "Kingdom Come".

THIS WEEK

Congratulations to those celebrating!

- Sunday 14** Colin Barnes
- Tuesday 16** Jacqui-Maree Martin
- Saturday 20** Dan Gale (21st)

ROD'S HOLIDAYS Rod is currently on leave, returning to the office on Tuesday November 30. Please direct any matters to the staff or wardens (see back cover).

LAST ST JOHN'S PRAYER DAY FOR 2010 – is happening tomorrow as we join

together in prayer for our church, our community and our worldchoose from 1 of 3 times: 6-7am, 10:30-11:30am, or 7:30-8:30pm.

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

OPEN HOUSE Unfortunately, will not be open on Tuesday this week.

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. A helper is needed for November 24 from about 3.30pm. See Benita or contact the office for more details or to volunteer.

MENS WEEKEND AWAY is on next weekend Nov 19-21 at beautiful Koloona on the Shoalhaven River. Pray for safe travel for the guys, and a fantastic time of fellowship, learning and sharing together.

NEXT SUNDAY

MORNING & DRV SERVICES Next Sunday Ian Cooper will preach on the topic "Was Blind But Now I See" from Acts 9. This will be the second sermon from the mini-series called 'To the Ends of the Earth'.

7PM SERVICE Ian Forest-Jones will preach next Sunday evening, on the topic 'Christ the King'.

COMING EVENTS

SOUTHERN MEN'S CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP invites you to their senior men's lunch on Wednesday November 24 at 12.15 for a 12.30 start, at DRV café, for a \$10 light lunch. The Rev Alex Abbottsmith will be sharing a study on the birth of our Saviour. Please ring John Ansell (9528 2481) or Arthur Watterson (8539 7990) by Monday November 22 to advise your attendance.

DINNER & VARIETY SHOW The Youth Mission Team is organising a Christmas-themed dinner & variety show for Saturday, November 27, from 5-8pm. This

event will raise funds for the "John's Place" youth drop-in centre. Mark your calendars. More details soon to follow. In advance, if any budding musicians or performers would like to prepare an item for the variety show, speak to Ian Forest-Jones or Nicole G-Ford asap.

WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS EVENT – come and hear Kath Ansell, as she helps us to reflect on Jesus in the midst of the business of Christmas. A great chance to invite a friend, and enjoy some fair trade shopping. 7pm, Wednesday December 1, at DRV, cost \$12. Grab an invite. For transport or more details contact Skye Blackley.

NOTICES

MAG PROJECT for November is notebooks with pens. Please leave your contributions in the MAG cupboard in the church entrance.

BUS DRIVER WANTED. We are looking for another bus driver to act as back-up for the guys who regularly drive the bus to and from the 9:45am service each Sunday. If you have an 'LR' class licence and are willing to help occasionally, please have a chat to Brian Cooper (0414 542 224).

MONDAY PLAYTIME is in need of a Kitchen Helper once a fortnight. If you are interested in being a part of Playtime in this way or would like more information please ring Nicole Wyatt (9542 6243).

2010 PARISH DIRECTORY The online version is up on the members section of the website. Don't forget this was an opt-in directory, so if you can't see your details and would like to, please contact the church office. An update sheet for the printed directory is being prepared, so if you know of any changes that need to be made please contact the office.

'HOPE STREET' GIFTS– this is an opportunity to support Kath Ansell (speaking at our women's Christmas

event) in her role as Chaplain to street-based female sex workers. The 'Hope Street' ministry would love to have some small gifts to give these women at Christmas, such as toiletries, perfume or chocolates. Have a look at the list of various items required (on the box in the church entrance) and drop in something small over the coming weeks, or at the women's Christmas event.

MEDIA PERSON The Community Engagement Team is looking for someone to coordinate St John's contact with the local media. Many of the ways that St John's engages with and serves the community would make ideal local news stories e.g. Playtime, the opening and vision of John's Place. The media coordinator would liaise with local newspapers and media and provide short articles and photos about St John's activities. The Media coordinator would ideally draw on the journalistic and photographic talents of others in the church, so wouldn't have to do all the writing. If you would be interested in the role of media coordinator or like to take photos or write small articles then contact Catherine Pratten (0432 944 444) or Marney Wane (0409 826 676)

CHRISTIAN COUNSELLING COURSES - Like to know how you can help others and learn more about yourself? St Mark's National Theological Centre offers part-time and affordable courses, in Sutherland and Kirrawee. For more information, grab a flyer from the church entrance, or speak to Faye Hillier, Evelyn Collins or Kerrie Upex.

VOLUNTEERS: TANZANIA - BURSAR & TEACHERS Katoke Secondary School for one year. Requirements: Appropriate qualification, sense of adventure, heart for Christian mission. Call: Adrian Jackson: 9524 9059 or 0409 032 893. For more information see the notice-board.

Today's Services

8am Holy Communion: First Order p114
 'Kingdom Come'
 Preacher: Tim Venum

Bible Readings:

Isaiah 65:17-25

p.743

9.45am Morning Service
 'Kingdom Come'
 Preacher: Tim Venum

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

p.1171

5pm DRV Service
 'Kingdom Come'
 Preacher: Tim Venum

7pm The Lord's Supper
 'Kingdom Come'
 Preacher: Tim Venum

Prayer of the Day Everliving God, before the earth was formed, and even after it shall cease to be, you are God. Break into our short span of life and show us those things that are eternal, that we may serve your purpose in all we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

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