Bulletin

St John's Sutherland

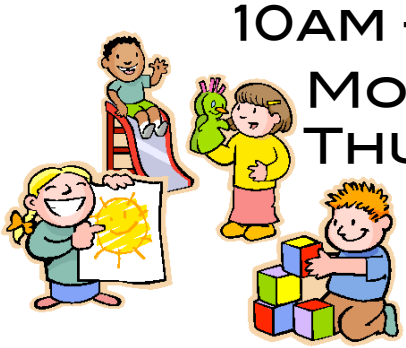
WELCOME We love to welcome visitors and newcomers to St John's! If you are visiting today or here for the first time, please fill in a visitors' card and place it in the offertory or Staff Message Box, and stay to say hello after the service.

October 16, 2011

PROMISELAND Term 4 begins TODAY

PLAYTIME

IN THE CHURCH HALL
10AM - MIDDAY
MONDAYS & THURSDAYS



PRAYER POINTS

Prayer for our World Pray for the massive clean up operation happening in New Zealand, as heavy fuel washes into the environmentally sensitive Bay of Plenty. Pray for those whose livelihood is linked to this pristine area, that they can trust God to provide for them. Pray also that His creation will recover completely from this shipping accident.

Prayer for Missions Pray for Hannah & Drew Starkey in Tonga. Pray that they would be encouraged in their new jobs, that their relationships at work and beyond are strengthened, and that they have a real sense of joy of serving Him in a new way. Pray also for Hannah's health as she has had a few issues lately that are making it difficult for her to cope.

Prayer for our Church Pray for those attending the final days of the Annual General Synod this week, including our representatives Tim & Bec Vernum. Pray that as His people we will show integrity, compassion and courage; pray that as His church we will work to create communities of faith, hope and love.

SUNDAY

MORNING SERVICES This morning Priscilla Lumsden will be preaching on the topic 'The Perseverance of Caleb' as we continue the series "The Making or Breaking of Old Testament Characters".

DRV SERVICE Today John Chapman will be continuing the series "The Cross of Christ" at the 5pm service, preaching on the topic 'Why Did Christ Die?'.

7PM SERVICE Tonight we continue the series 'Think Like Jesus'. Ian Forest-Jones will be preaching on the topic "What Spiritual Authorities Exist?".

THIS WEEK

Congratulations to those celebrating!

Sunday	**16**	Doug & Michelle Ritchie
Thursday	**20**	Monica Hiss
		Gareth Wyatt
Saturday	**22**	Elizabeth Stevens

PLAYTIME A place for preschool kids and their parents to play, relax and learn. Meeting in the Church Hall from 10am - midday each Monday & Thursday. Cost $2 per family per week. For details call Nicole Wyatt on 9542 6243.

OPEN HOUSE. The house is open on Tuesday from 10 am until noonish.

KALEIDOSCOPE KIDS - Craft Afternoon for Primary aged children, Wednesdays in the church hall, from 4 - 5.30pm. Cost $5 a week per child. Contact Benita De Rooy for details. Items needed Please bring in any washed 1L milk cartons needed for a craft.

ONE JUST WORLD – FAITH AND DEVELOPMENT: SHOULD THEY GO HAND IN HAND? World Vision is holding a free public forum this Wednesday October 19 at the Seymour Centre, Sydney University, from 6 till 7.30pm. Speakers include Dr Catherine Hamlin (recorded interview), Duncan McLaren, Joel Negin and Prof Matthew Clarke. See the notice-board for more details.

NEXT SUNDAY

MORNING SERVICES Next Sunday we continue the series "The Making or Breaking of Old Testament Characters", with Andrew Hudson preaching on 'The Making of Saul'.

DRV SERVICE Next Sunday at the 5pm service, Bruce Southwell will preach on the topic 'Satisfaction for Sin', continuing the series "The Cross of Christ".

7PM SERVICE Next Sunday night, Ian Forest-Jones will be preaching on the topic "What is Truth?" as we continue the series 'Think Like Jesus'.

COMING EVENTS

2ND TRAINING DAY for the **John Franklin Christmas Day Lunch** will be held on Saturday October 29 from 11am - 12.15pm at St Patrick's Primary School Hall, (cnr Flora & Belmont St) Sutherland. All volunteers who assist at the Christmas Day Lunch, will be required to attend a training session.

HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS SEMINARS The next seminar takes place on Tuesday November 8 and will look at "Self Esteem". It starts at 7:30pm in the church hall. These free seminars are open to church members and the local community alike, so think about inviting someone along. Contact the church office to book your place.

MOTHER & CHILD CRAFT AFTERNOON will be held on Saturday November 12, 3-5pm in the church hall. Come to a class on how to make a decorative clipboard. Cost $10 per adult / $5 per child. Bookings essential - see Benita.

SPIRITUAL GIFTS WORKSHOP To be held on Sunday November 13 after the 9.45am service. Cost $10 including lunch. Please register by contacting the church office.

BE BULLY-PROOF AND CYBER-SMART. The St John's Equipping team, in conjunction with Enough Is Enough, is hosting this seminar on Tuesday November 15 at 7.30pm in the hall, to help parents equip their children to overcome bullying and cyber-bullying. Invite your friends and family and book your seat at the office.

NOTICES

THE SYDNEY ALLIANCE 2 day training has been postponed until 2012. There will be a dinner for anyone interested in getting to know others who are involved in the Sydney Alliance in the St George – Sutherland region in the near future. Keep an eye on the bulletin for details.

WORLD VISION 40 HOUR FAMINE MONEY IS DUE IN!! If you still have money, please hand it to Marney or Andy Wane or Bronnie or Matt Hammond ASAP. If you sponsored someone, and haven't yet paid them, please do so TODAY if possible.

MAG PROJECT for October is single hole pencil sharpeners. Please leave your contributions in the MAG cupboard in the church entrance.

CONGRATULATIONS to Morris and Vanessa whose daughter Emma was born on Wednesday September 21, three and a half weeks early. Emma weighted 3.285 kilos and measured 50cm.

CRECHE FOR 9.45 SERVICE. We are re-starting the 9.45am service creche today. If you would like to be on the roster contact Skye on 9528 5704 or *skyeblackley@hotmail.com*. See the rosters in the church entrance.

SOUND SYSTEM AND PROJECTIONIST TRAINING. The Sunday Plus software we currently use to manage and project the song lyrics in the 9.45 and 7pm services is about to be replaced. All operators on the rosters will have to be re-trained in the new software. This provides an opportunity to also train anyone who is thinking of joining these rosters. If you are interested, please speak to Marcus Macbeth (0412 720 238) or Graham.

COLES SPORTS VOUCHERS & WOOLIES DOCKETS They both finish on Tuesday this week, so if you have brought them today, place them in container on shelf near cry room in entrance. Thank you to everyone who has brought them in. The school appreciates our support.

STORAGE SPACE NEEDED Rod (remember Rod?) needs about half a garage to store boxes of books, etc, for a month or two. If you can help, please contact Rod urgently on 0411 331 167.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD Thank you to everyone who packed a box for this project this year. We collected 70 boxes.

Today's Services

Bible Reading:

8am Holy Communion: First Order p114
'The Perseverance of Caleb'
Preacher: Priscilla Lumsden

Numbers 13:26-14:11 p.143
Numbers 14:20-35,39-45 p.144

9.45am Morning Service
'The Perseverance of Caleb'
Preacher: Priscilla Lumsden

5pm DRV Service
'Why Did Christ Die?'
Preacher: John Chapman

Isaiah 52:13-53:6
Luke 23:1-25

7pm Evening Service
'What Spiritual Authorities Exist?'
Preacher: Ian Forest-Jones

Hebrews 13:1-8,15-16 p.1194
Luke 14:1,7-14 p.1034

Prayer of the Day God of unchangeable power, when the heaven and earth were made, the morning stars sang together and the host of heaven shouted for joy: open our eyes to the wonders of creation and teach us to use all things for good, to the honour of your glorious name through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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