

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.

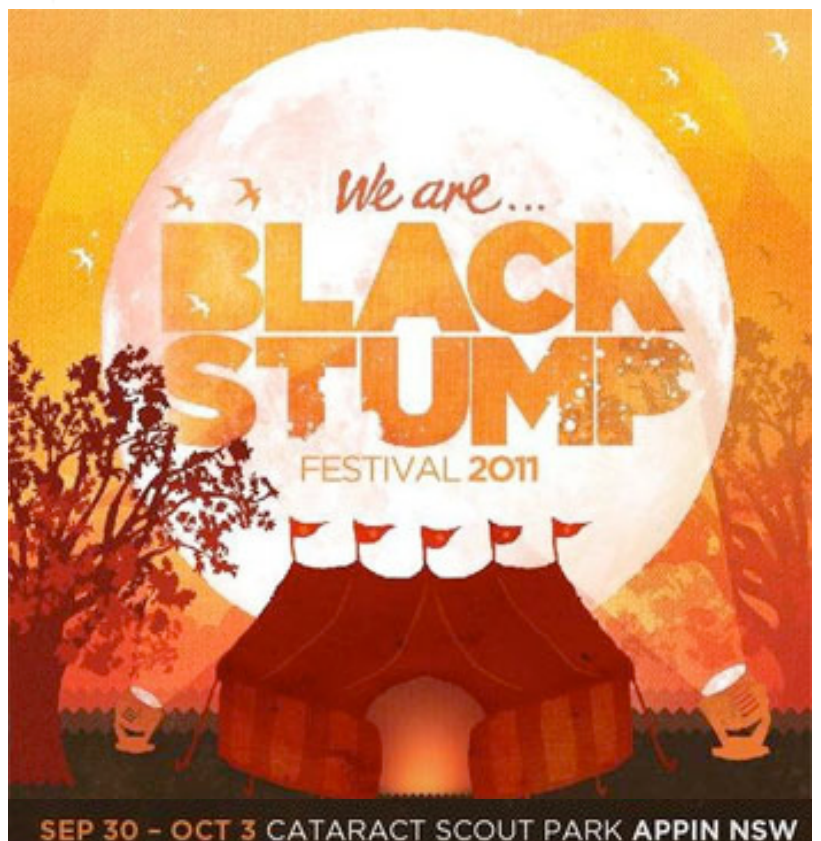
September 25, 2011



**September is
Box Opening Time!**

**OCTOBER
PRAYER DIARY
AVAILABLE
TODAY!**

**NO 7PM
SERVICE
NEXT SUNDAY
DUE TO
BLACK STUMP**



PRAYER POINTS

Prayer for our World Pray for the world's newest country, South Sudan, as its people work to form an independent republic. Pray that the political leaders would serve their people well, and that the nation's Christians would be at the forefront of bringing hope, peace and reconciliation into this newly formed area.

Prayer for Missions Pray for Lynda McMillan as she goes to Cambodia this week to organise conferences to improve training for Cambodian teachers. Pray that she has the support she needs to get things running smoothly.

Prayer for our Church Praise God for the freedom we have in our community to meet publicly as Christians. Give thanks for the church services run every Sunday through St John's, for the teaching and encouragement we receive, and for the opportunity to worship God and serve others.

SUNDAY

MORNING & DRV SERVICES Today we continue our series on "The Making or Breaking of Old Testament Characters" with Malcolm Babbage preaching on 'The Making of Gideon'.

7PM SERVICE Tonight Tim Venum will be preaching from Matthew 22:1-14 "The Parable of the Wedding Banquet".

THIS WEEK

Congratulations to those celebrating!

- Monday 26** Luke Ritchie
- Wednesday 28** Sharon Clarke
Andrew Starkey
- Friday 30** Wendy Fradd
- Saturday 1** Louise Fraser

POLICE REMEMBRANCE DAY. An Inter-Denominational Service, conducted by Police Chaplains, especially for retired police officers and their families, is to be held at St Luke's Anglican Church, Miranda at 10.30am this Thursday, September 29. See the notice-board for more details.

SOUTHERN MEN'S CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP invites you to their senior men's lunch on Wednesday September 28, 12.15pm for a 12.30pm start, at DRV café, for a \$12 light lunch. This month Bruce Lyman, Operations Manager of SIM Aid, will share his life experiences. Please ring Arthur Watterson (8539 7990) or John Ansell (9528 2481) by Monday September 26 to advise your attendance.

BLACK STUMP is on next weekend (Sept 30 - Oct 3), back at Cataract Scout Park at Appin. Tickets cost \$119 (till Sept 27) if you come as part of the St John's group. Contact the office for more information.

NEXT SUNDAY

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS starts next Sunday at 2am. Don't forget to put your clocks forward 1 hour.

MORNING & DRV SERVICES Next Sunday as we continue the series "The Making or Breaking of Old Testament Characters", Andrew Hudson will be preaching on 'Ruth and Naomi'.

NO 7PM SERVICE There will be no 7pm service next Sunday due to Black Stump.

COMING EVENTS

7PM SERVICE LEADERS TRAINING Part two will be held on Tuesday October 4 from 7pm in church house. This is primarily aimed at current and potential leaders for the 7pm service, but is open to members of the other services too. Speak to Ian F-J.

SWITCH CONFERENCE 'A WOMAN FOR ALL SEASONS' – join a group from St John's as we travel down to Nowra to hear Naomi Reed and Narelle Jarrett speak. Saturday October 15 at Waterslea, \$55. All registrations online at www.switchonline.biz If you're coming then speak to Faye Hillier, or one of the Women in Fellowship team, so we can travel down together.

MOTHER & CHILD CRAFT AFTERNOON has been postponed. It will now 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.

NOTICES

OCTOBER PRAYER DIARY – now available! Grab a copy from the church entrance (or download it from the St John's website) and continue to pray for St John's and beyond over the coming month.

MAG PROJECT for September is lead pencils. Please leave your contributions in the MAG cupboard in the church entrance.

BCA BOXES During September, it is time to return your filled boxes, and leave them in the "big BCA box" in the church entrance. Your box will then be emptied and ready for you to collect in the following weeks. If you would like to know more about this ministry, please talk to Judith Jones (9521 7060).

CRECHE FOR 9.45 SERVICE. We are planning to re-start the 9.45 service creche beginning next term. If you would like to be on the roster contact Skye on 9528 5704 or skyebblackley@hotmail.com. See the rosters in the foyer over the next couple of weeks.

YOUNG MUMS BIBLE STUDY NEEDS CHILDCARE HELP Can you help care for our children on Friday mornings, 10am – 11.30am either weekly or on a cycle? Please contact Chris Babbage 9520 0504 or Faye Hillier 9521 4314 if you can help.

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, Please support our partnership with Sutherland Primary School by bringing Coles vouchers for sports gear. Purchases of \$10+ earn vouchers. Finishes Oct 18. Also, bring Woolies docketts (\$10+) to earn points towards teaching aids. This has been extended to also finish Oct 18. Place vouchers in container on shelf near cry room in entrance. Thank you. The school appreciates our support.

CHRISTIAN COUNSELLING - find out more about Christian Counselling courses being offered at Caringbah next year through St Marks National Theological Centre. Courses will equip you for ministry at church and in your workplace, or as a pathway towards a career in counselling. Grab a flyer from the church entrance or speak with Faye Hillier, Evelyn Collins or Kerrie Upex.

CMS SUMMER SCHOOL is being held again from January 7-13, 2012 at KCC, Cliff Drive, Katoomba. If you would like to have a week of challenging Bible teaching, inspiring missionary sessions and great fellowship in a relaxed setting, please pick up a brochure from the church entrance and find out what CMS Summer School can offer you.

CMS GIFT CATALOGUE is a great way to give gifts that will proclaim the gospel, and invest in the lives of people who are promoting the gospel throughout Africa & South East Asia. Pick up a copy from the church entrance for more information.

MU Australia would like to thank everyone who supported us by purchasing Mothers' day cards. Almost \$20,000 was raised for Anglican Aid through the sale of the cards in the MU Shop, branches and churches.

Today's Services

Bible Reading:

8am Holy Communion: First Order p114
 'The Making of Gideon'
 Preacher: Malcolm Babbage

Judges 6:1-21 p.239

Judges 6:22-40 p.240

9.45am Communion Service
 'The Making of Gideon'
 Preacher: Malcolm Babbage

5pm DRV Service
 "The Making of Gideon"
 Preacher: Malcolm Babbage

7pm Evening Service
 Preacher: Tim Venum

Matthew 22:1-14 p.979

Prayer of the Day O God, your Son has taught us that those who give a cup of water in his name will not lose their reward: open our eyes to see those who are in need, and teach us to set no store by riches and earthly rewards, so that, in surrendering ourselves to serve you in your children, we may labour for the treasure that endures; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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