

# 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 27, 2011

**The Gathering**  
**Saturday**  
**6pm**  
**At Rod's Place**

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**'Where is God when Disaster**  
**Strikes?'**  
**5pm**  
**'Mardi Gras: Our Response?'**  
**with special guest, Kath Ansell**

*THE CHURCH*  
*WEEKEND AWAY*

*April 29 - May 1*

*at Rathane*



*in the Royal National Park.*

**HEALTHY**  
**RELATIONSHIPS**  
**SEMINAR**  
**"Dealing with Anger"**  
**March 8**  
**At St John's**

# PRAYER POINTS

**Prayer for our World** Pray today for the increasingly grim news from Christchurch. Pray for families suffering grief, especially those still waiting for information about 'missing persons' and for the injured. Pray also for leaders and decision-makers, facing the task of rebuilding infrastructure and lives and livelihoods.

**Prayer for our Church** Today we praise God for all he is and for all he has done and continues to do. We pray for our many ministries and ministry leaders, as well as for our influence on our communities – local and global.

# SUNDAY

**ALL SERVICES** Our focus today will be on Prayer and Praise, as we share together in the first of two 'Prayer Sundays' for the year. We will be doing things a little differently at all three services, as Tim Vernum speaks about prayer, and we deliberately spend time praying for our church and community. Tim will also preach at the 5pm DRV service.

# THIS WEEK

**Congratulations to those celebrating!**

- Sunday 27** Jan Rasmussen
- Wednesday 2** Peter Krauklis  
Bruce Pickering
- Saturday 5** Michael Pickering

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

**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 savings, everyone is welcome to come and share dinner together in the National Park. From 5.30pm onwards at Allambie Flats (turn right BEFORE going

over the weir at Audley). BYO everything. Come when you can, go when you must!

**THE GATHERING** is an informal social get-together around a BBQ meal. The Term 1 Gathering will take place **next 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 have portable outdoor lights that we could borrow or if you require transport, please contact Graham or Sue.

# NEXT SUNDAY

**CHANGED TIMES** There will be no 8am, 9.45am or 7pm services. Instead, the morning service will start at 9am for the 'church service', followed by morning tea, then the 'Community Forum' at 10.45am. The evening version will begin with the 'Community Forum' at 5pm, followed by a light meal at 6pm and the 'church service' at 6.30pm. Please note the changed times for next Sunday.

**CHURCH SERVICES** next Sunday will feature Rod Harding in the morning (9am) and at DRV (5pm), preaching on 'God of Covenant' from Exodus 5-7; and Ian Forest-Jones in the evening (6.30pm) speaking on the theme of 'Curse' in the 'Unlocking the Bible Story' series.

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# COMING EVENTS

**HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS SEMINARS** – organised and hosted by St John's, these free seminars are offered once a term and open to church members and the local community alike. The first seminar will look at "Dealing with Anger" (March 8). Grab a flyer for a full list of dates and topics, and think about inviting someone along.

**7PM TEAM MEETING** The new format is a monthly meeting beginning on Tuesday March 8 from 7.30pm in church house.

**OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY** Ian F-J, is a patched member of the Brotherhood Christian Motorcycle Club, who are holding their annual Silverwater Street & Custom Motorcycle Show on Saturday, March 12. They need volunteers to operate the BBQ and sell refreshments. If you would be interested in offering an hour or two of your time on that day, then please speak to Ian today.

**THE CHURCH WEEKEND AWAY** is scheduled for April 29-May 1 at Rathane in the Royal National Park. An information sheet and registration form is available from the table in the church entrance.

## NOTICES

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

**BCA BOXES** During March, it is time again to return your filled boxes, and leave them in the "big BCA box" in the church entrance. Your box will then be emptied and left in the church entrance ready for you to collect. If you have not been involved with this ministry before and would like to, please contact Judith Jones on (9521 7060).

**CONFIRMATION 2011** Anyone proposing to be part of the class preparing for Confirmation in May this year, please be prepared to remain after the main church services (morning and evening) next Sunday for a very brief meeting with Rod.

**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.

**SCRIPTURE TEACHERS NEEDED:** Thursdays at 9am for a year 2 class. Thursdays at 1:45pm for a year 1+2 combined class, and also a year 5 (or 6 if preferred) class.

**FOOD APPEAL** – can you help by bringing along an item of food and placing it in the 'Food Donations' basket in the church entrance? We currently need long-life milk, cereal, tinned foods (meals, soup, vegetables or fruit), pasta, rice, and special items (eg biscuits, nuts, muesli bars), to help restock our cupboards which have run low over the busy Christmas season.

**SPRING BULBS** The Sutherland Board of Christian Education is once again providing for the purchase of spring-time bulbs, as a method of fund-raising. Bulb catalogues are available from the 'welcomers' table, orders (with payment) must be returned by Sunday March 27.

**ANGLICARE COUNSELLING** – has commenced a new counselling service out of rooms at St Phil's Caringbah. Run once a fortnight, it offers individual, relationship and family counselling services within the Sutherland Shire. For more information, ring 1800 133 373, or have a look at the pamphlet on the church noticeboard.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who supported the TEAR Useful Gift Stall at Christmas time. We raised \$3790. 'Those who have supported TEAR through the useful gift shop have played a significant part in helping to reduce global poverty and build a more just and compassionate world for everyone to share'. A certificate of appreciation from TEAR is on the noticeboard.

**NEW CONTACT DETAILS:** Steven & Crystal Clark have moved. Their new address is 31 Gunners Mews, Holsworthy 2173 and phone no. is 9825 1363. Mobiles are unchanged, but also note Steven's email [Steven.Clark@ghd.com](mailto:Steven.Clark@ghd.com)

**New Year, new schedule, new stress?** Need a hand sorting things out, keeping everything tidy, to feel less burdened? Joanne can help! Call her on 0412 066 199. She's honest, reliable, cheerful and energetic.

# Today's Services

## Bible Reading:

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

Acts 12:1-17

p.1090

9.45am Morning Service  
 'Prayer'  
 Preacher: Tim Venum

5pm DRV Service  
 'Prayer'  
 Preacher: Tim Venum

7pm Evening Service  
 'Prayer'  
 Preacher: Tim Venum

**Prayer of the Day** Almighty God, renew us through the gift of your Spirit, that we may always do and think what is righteous in your sight, that we, who can do nothing good without you, may live according to your holy will; 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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