

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.

March 27, 2011



Join us as we explore the question
What's God doing in your life?

Thursday March 31

7.15 for 7.30pm start at DRV

Cost \$12

RSVP today!



Women in fellowship



At Sutherland Oval

Tuesday April 12 to

Friday April 15

1.30pm-5pm

Register online at

www.soccercamps.org.au

**THE CHURCH
WEEKEND AWAY**

April 29-May 1

at Rathane



**pick up your
information/registration
form today!**

PRAYER POINTS

Prayer for our World Pray today for the NSW Parliament, as everything settles down again after yesterday's election. Pray for the Premier and the Leader of the Opposition as they appoint new teams; for the business of government to resume quickly; and for wisdom and integrity in dealing with the many issues faced by NSW at present.

Prayer for our Church Give thanks for the very successful 'launch' of the St John's / TEAR / TASK partnership last weekend. Pray for Pauv and Choeun, as they continue their journey (Melbourne this weekend, then Adelaide and Perth), and for the Social Justice Team, as they process the next stage of the partnership.

SUNDAY

MORNING & DRV SERVICES Today we continue the series called 'Lessons from Exodus' with Rod Harding speaking on 'The Price of Freedom', based on Exodus 12-14.

7PM SERVICE At the evening service, Ian Forest-Jones will be continuing the series 'Unlocking the Bible Story', speaking on the theme 'Judgement' from Genesis 11.

THIS WEEK

Congratulations to those celebrating!

Tuesday 29 Ann McEvoy

Wednesday 30 Graham Johnson

Thursday 31 Carly Reeve

Saturday 2 Kristen Doran
Jonah Ford
Norma Hill
Danny Sy

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.

WOMEN IN FELLOWSHIP - Real women, Real lives, Real God - Join us as we explore the question "What's God doing in your life?" this Thursday, March 31, at DRV, 81-85 Flora St, Kirrawee, 7.15 for 7.30pm start. Cost \$12. RSVP today. If you require transport, call Skye on 9528 5704.

WALK of HOPE 2011 for Rwanda and Cambodia The Walk of Hope is on again on Saturday April 2 from 8am - starting at Inaburra School Bangor and finishing at Dunningham Park Cronulla. That's an 18km walk - but at your own pace. You can also start from Shirelive at Sutherland from 9am - only 10kms. If you can't walk you can sponsor Lynda and all donations are tax deductible. See Lynda McMillan for more details, or go to <https://www.gofundraise.com.au/page/McmillanL> to sponsor online.

NEXT SUNDAY

CHANGED TIMES Please note the changed times again for next Sunday. The morning service will again start at 9am for the 'church service', followed by morning tea, then the 'Community Forum' at 10.30am. The evening version will begin with the 'Community Forum' at 5pm, followed by a light meal at 6pm and the 'church service' at 7pm.

CHURCH SERVICES next Sunday will feature George Collins in the morning (9am) and at DRV (5pm), preaching on 'Healer & Provider' from Exodus 15; and in the evening (7pm) there will be a video shown, called 'Celebrating the Divine Imprint' by Chris Heuertz, followed by a discussion.

MORNING COMMUNITY FORUM - 'CLIMATE - WHO'S RESPONSIBLE?' (What can we do about climate change, and how can we help to safeguard the future of the planet?) This month, the Forum will start at 10.30am, instead of 10.45 ... it seemed morning tea was too long, so we'll try it shorter. We'll still aim to finish at the 45 minute mark ... ie, 11.15am.

EVENING COMMUNITY FORUM – "WHERE IS GOD WHEN DISASTER STRIKES?" (This year, natural disasters have kept on coming ... how can we make sense of this 'out-of-control world?') The Forum starts from 5pm, and the 'conversation' will begin around 5.15. Then stay for a light dinner from 6pm.

COMING EVENTS

AMBASSADORS IN SPORT SOCCER CAMP It's on again !!! Tuesday April 12 to Friday April 15, 1.30pm-5pm at Sutherland Oval. Register online at www.soccercamps.org.au - scholarships available. Pick up a flyer from the church entrance or speak with Michelle Ritchie (9520 2524) for further details.

CHURCH WEEKEND AWAY – ONLY 5 WEEKS TO GO! Yes – the Weekend Away is on April 29 – May 1 at beautiful Rathane. Come and hear Marc Rader (Gynea Baptist Church, Morling College and ACE) speak about what it means to be the body of Christ at Sutherland. Pick up a registration sheet from the 'welcomers' table and book your place. If you can't come for the whole weekend, make sure you come on Saturday. A bus will be provided.

NOTICES

MAG PROJECT for March is white school socks. 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 be, please contact Judith Jones on (9521 7060).

St John's & TEAR / TASK Partnership Our partnership with the Cambodian NGO "TASK", through TEAR, was successfully

launched last weekend. Thanks so much to all those who helped at the services on Sunday and at the Cambodian dinner on Monday. We had a great night on Monday with about 93 people attending the dinner, to hear more about the work that God is doing through TASK. You'll hear more about the plans for the partnership over the coming weeks, so please stay tuned!

'GIVE & TAKE' BOARD A new 'Give & Take' Board has been set up to help us share God's blessings. Have a look during morning tea/supper at the noticeboard (behind the doors of the large hall), and see if there's anything you'd like to give or take away.

PLAYTIME LEADERS REQUIRED. The Monday Playtime group now has about 44 attendees, but we only have two, and occasionally, one leader. If you can help, even occasionally, please speak to Nicole Wyatt (9542 6243).

MEDIA REVIEWER Would you like to provide a media review for the 7pm Sunday services? Tell us about the latest and greatest music, movies, apps or websites, or even what should be avoided? Speak to IanFJ for more information.

SPRING BULBS Last chance to get your orders in and support the Sutherland Board of Christian Education in their fund-raising. Bulb catalogues are available from the 'welcomers' table, orders (with payment) must be returned **today!**

PARISH COUNCIL MET LAST TUESDAY.

- Trudi Stevenson (9.45 service) has been engaged to clean the church house, halls and toilets once a fortnight at a cost of \$100 / fortnight on a 3-month trial.
- Income fell about \$4,500 short of expenses in February.

THE BOTTOM LINE:

Budgeted Expenses	\$29,000.00
Received (January)	\$26,231.95
Received (February)	\$23,661.65
Cash at Hand (January)	\$43,483.58
Cash at Hand (February)	\$38,951.92

Today's Services

8am	<u>Holy Communion</u> : First Order 'The Price of Freedom' Preacher: Rod Harding	p114	<u>Bible Reading:</u> Exodus 12:1-13	
9.45am	<u>Morning Service</u> 'The Price of Freedom' Preacher: Rod Harding		Exodus 12:31-40	p.65 p.66
5pm	<u>DRV Service</u> 'The Price of Freedom' Preacher: Rod Harding			
7pm	<u>Evening Service</u> 'Judgement' Preacher: Ian Forest-Jones		Genesis 11:1-12:3	p.10

Prayer of the Day Lord our God, by your Holy Spirit write your commandments upon our hearts and grant us the wisdom and power of the cross, so that, cleansed from greed and selfishness, we may become a living temple of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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