

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.

October 2, 2011



PROMISELAND Term 4 begins October 16

**NO 7PM SERVICE TODAY
DUE TO BLACK STUMP**

PRAYER POINTS

Prayer for our World Pray that Palestine's recent bid to join the United Nations would open the way for fresh talks to begin between Israel and Palestine. Pray for peace in the region, which continues to struggle over land ownership and settlement areas.

Prayer for Missions Pray for Lynda McMillan this week as she helps organise the teachers conference for Hope Global in Cambodia. Pray that all of the overseas trainers and helpers will be kept safe and healthy, and that the conference brings lots of encouragement and ideas for the local teachers, to the glory of God.

Prayer for our Church Give thanks for those who ensure that the various forms of communication at St John's are updated and relevant. Pray that the bulletin, website, announcements and noticeboards would help to inform members, as well as those from the local community seeking to find out about St John's and who Jesus is.

SUNDAY

MORNING SERVICES Today we continue our series on "The Making & Breaking of Old Testament Characters" with Andrew Hudson preaching on 'Ruth and Naomi'.

DRV is having a "Stay at Home Houseparty" this weekend, which includes the 5pm service where John Chapman will preach on the topic 'Making the Most of the Cross'.

There is **NO 7pm Service** due to Black Stump.

THIS WEEK

Congratulations to those celebrating!

- Sunday** **2** Sue Harrison
- Tuesday** **4** Elizabeth Armour
Owen Forest-Jones
Kevin Geerkens
- Thursday** **6** Seth Healey
Patrick Helm

SENIORS CLUB Meets Tuesday! Catherine Pratten will be speaking from her

time in Kazakhstan - almost two decades. Club meets at Thomas Holt Village at 1:30pm, all seniors are welcome - so are small donations! Afternoon tea is served.

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.

NEXT SUNDAY

MORNING SERVICES Next Sunday Ian Forest-Jones will be preaching on 'The Making of Abraham', as we continue the series "The Making or Breaking of Old Testament Characters".

DRV SERVICE Next Sunday, Bruce Southwell will be preaching at the 5pm service on the topic 'The Centrality of the Cross', continuing the series "The Cross of Christ".

7PM SERVICE Andrew Hudson will be preaching at the evening service next Sunday.

COMING EVENTS

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.

TRAINING DAYS for the **John Franklin Christmas Day Lunch** will be held on Saturdays October 15 & 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 at least one of the above training sessions. The John Franklin Christmas Day Lunch is a joint initiative of St John's & St Patrick's Catholic Church. It is an outreach event

extended to people in the community who may be on their own and would like to join in with a community event to celebrate Christmas Day with others.

THE SYDNEY ALLIANCE is holding a 2 day training workshop on Thursdays October 20 and 27 (9am-5pm). This is a great opportunity to understand what the Alliance is all about and to get involved with the broader community. The training is free to St John's members. To register or ask questions contact Catherine Pratten on 0432 944 444 or email: catherine@prattenmail.com.

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.

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

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 skyebackley@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.

PARISH COUNCIL MET LAST TUESDAY and the following decisions were made:

1. The cypress tree beside the church house driveway will be removed at a cost of no more than \$700.
2. Any parishioners who provide their email addresses to the office will be automatically added to the members list.
3. A seminar on Bullying and Internet Safety will be run for members and the community on November 15.

THE BOTTOM LINE:

Budgeted Expenses	\$29,000.00
Received (July)	\$26,219.80
Received (August)	\$23,722.70
Cash at Hand (July)	\$39,319.99
Cash at Hand (August)	\$34,677.79

Today's Services

8am Holy Communion: First Order p114
 'The Making of Ruth and Naomi'
 Preacher: Andrew Hudson

Bible Reading:

Ruth 1:1-14
 Ruth 1:15-22 p.258
 p.258

9.45am Morning Service
 'The Making of Ruth and Naomi'
 Preacher: Andrew Hudson

5pm DRV Service
 'Making the Most of the Cross'
 Preacher: John Chapman

John 20:24-29
 Acts 2:22-36

Prayer of the Day O God, your Son has taught us that we must receive your sovereign rule like a little child: help us to turn to you in faith and simplicity of heart, so that we may receive your blessing and enter the kingdom your Son has promised; through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. **Amen.**

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