

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 6, 2011

PARISH PICNIC



Prince Edward Park
Woronora

TODAY
Midday

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Next Sunday

February 13

9:45am – Worship Service

11am – Morning Tea

11:30am – Business Meeting

NO 8am OR 7pm

3rd ANNUAL MINISTRY EXPO

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 20

During all services.
Come and see what all the
ministries and groups have
planned for 2011.

THE CHURCH WEEKEND AWAY

April 29 - May 1

at Rathane in the

Royal National Park.

PRAYER POINTS

Prayer for our World Continue to pray for people in Queensland, hammered again by extreme weather conditions this week. Pray too for the volatile situation in Egypt. Pray for a quick settlement to the political and social disturbance occurring there, and especially for the safety of minority groups caught up in events outside their control.

Prayer for our Church Many ministries are resuming at this time ... Life Groups, MU (this week), Playtime, Scripture teaching, children & youth, seniors, etc ... it's a busy time for all. Next week is the AGM, then the Expo, then the Parish Council Retreat. Pray for the church staff and ministry leaders.

SUNDAY

MORNING & DRV SERVICES Today begins the first term series on the book of Exodus ('Lessons from Exodus') with Rod Harding introducing the series, speaking on 'Oppression and Hope', based on Exodus 1 & 2.

9.45am SERVICE We especially welcome today the family and friends of Craig & Melitta Walker, joining us today for Emily's baptism. We're glad you are here to share with us, as we formally welcome Emily to membership of our church.

PARISH PICNIC. To kick off the new year, we are holding a parish picnic at Prince Edward Park Woronora **TODAY** from midday. A BBQ will be available, so bring your own meat, cold drinks, and a salad or dessert to share, and bring your own plates, cups and cutlery as well as chairs or a picnic rug. Tea and coffee will be provided. If you got any new fun games or activities for Christmas, bring them too.

7PM SERVICE At the evening service, Ian Forest-Jones will be preaching the first sermon in a series entitled 'Unlocking the Bible Story'. Tonight's sermon is on 'Life' (Genesis 1 & 2), and asks, 'Who is God and why does it matter? Who am I and why am I here?'

THIS WEEK

Congratulations to those celebrating!

- Monday 7** Annabel Hillier
- Tuesday 8** Debbie Harding
- Thursday 10** Lynda McMillan
- Saturday 12** Daniel Clarke

MOTHERS' UNION meets on Tuesday this week, beginning with a communion service at 10.30am, followed by lunch together in the small hall. All members and friends welcome.

NEXT SUNDAY

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

This important meeting will be held next Sunday, and will consist of:

- 9:45am** – Worship Service (church building)
- 11am** – Morning Tea (church hall)
- 11:30am** – Business Meeting (church building)

There will be NO 8am or 7pm Services on that day. Everyone is encouraged to attend church together at 9:45am.

During the AGM, children will be minded in the halls. If you are prepared to help for a short time, please write your name on the roster in the entrance or small hall.

The following Prior Nominations for the positions of Warden, Parish Councillor and Synod Rep have been received:

POSITION	NOMINEE	MOVER	SECONDER
Warden	Sue Baird	Berenice Nixon	Annette Davies
	Gavin Bowman	Sue Baird	Rose Whitney
	Elizabeth Stevens	Sue Baird	Robyn Field
Parish Councillor	Robyn Field	Sue Baird	Maureen Fenwick
	Graham Johnson	Robyn Field	Sue Baird
	Lynda McMillan	Sue Bastow	Jenny Macbeth
Synod Representative	Tim Venum	Gavin Bowman	Patrick Helm

COMING EVENTS

As a way to restart a **Young Adults Fellowship** (formerly known as "ID") at St John's, we're opening up and making available the facilities and equipment of *John's Place* on **Saturday, 12 February**, from 7:00pm. We'll order pizza, enjoy some foosball, listen to some tunes and generally have a good time. So, if you're young or young-at-heart, feel free to join us!

MORNING PUBLIC LECTURES (ACE COURSES). Are you interested in attending a 6-night series of lectures by Marc Rader, entitled "King & Kingdom – Studies in I and II Samuel". The dates are Feb 14, 21 & 28 and March 14, 21 & 28 from 7:30 – 9:30pm at Gynea Baptist Church. Cost is \$40. Pick up a flyer from the church entrance for more information.

MINISTRY EXPO. Sunday February 20 is the date for the 3rd annual St John's Ministry Expo. This is a great chance for everyone to visit the stalls and displays in the halls and find out more about the various ministries that operate within the St John's family. The 3 services that day will be cut short (30mins) to allow everyone time to join the fun. Just turn up at your regular service time, and then follow the crowds down to the hall. If you are the leader of a ministry and you want to run a stall/display, please let Graham know by Feb 15.

SYDNEY ALLIANCE TRAINING Rod will be attending the Sydney Alliance two-day training at Kogarah Uniting Church, on Wednesday/Thursday, February 23 & 24. It's a great (local) opportunity for us to engage in a program designed to form constructive partnerships with others in our community. If you have two days to 'spare', talk to Rod about this ... we really need to get involved.

HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS SEMINARS – organised and hosted by St John's, these free seminars are offered once a term and are open to church members and the local community alike. Facilitated by Thelma Hutchins, a trained psychologist from our own congregation, they

provide helpful information and the chance for discussion. 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.

THE CHURCH WEEKEND AWAY is scheduled for April 29-May 1 at Rathane in the Royal National Park. Make it a priority and write it into your calendar now.

NOTICES

CONFIRMATION 2011 Rod is proposing to conduct a 'last confirmation class' (for him) in the first half of this year, with a Confirmation Service in late May. The class will need to begin in late February. If anyone (Year 10 and above) is desirous of thinking through the issues of confirmation, you'd be very welcome to join the preparation course. Talk to Rod, or complete the application form available from the church entrance or on-line.

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.

LIFE GROUPS 2011. If you haven't yet completed a yellow form advising us of your intention to be part of a Life Group in 2011, please do so soon. Whether you plan to stay in the same group as last year, change to a different group, or join a group for the first time, Faye would love to hear from you. Place your completed form in the box in the entrance.

ITEMS NEEDED Do you have any kids/baby gates that you are no longer using? The small hall could use 2-4 gates so that the doors can be left open safely. If you have a gate, please see Benita or bring it to the church.

FOOD APPEAL – our supply of tinned and packaged food, which we offer to people who drop into church in need of practical help, is running low. Can you help by bringing along a tinned meal, a can of soup, or tinned fish/meat? (place items in the "Food Donations" basket in the church entrance). This will help to restock our cupboards which have run low over the busy Christmas season.

Today's Services

<p>8am <u>Holy Communion</u>: First Order p114 'Lessons from Exodus' Preacher: Rod Harding</p>	<p><u>Bible Readings:</u> Exodus 1:6-14 Exodus 1:22-2:10</p>	<p>p.55 p.55</p>
<p>9.45am <u>Morning Service</u> 'Lessons from Exodus' Preacher: Rod Harding</p>		
<p>5pm <u>DRV Service</u> 'Lessons from Exodus' Preacher: Rod Harding</p>		
<p>7pm <u>Evening Service</u> 'Life' Preacher: Ian Forest-Jones</p>	<p>Genesis 1:1-2:3</p>	<p>p.1</p>

Prayer of the Day Saving God, whose Son, Jesus Christ, healed the sick and brought them wholeness of body and mind: inspire us, his disciples, so that we may constantly proclaim his gospel by our words and by through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

C O N T A C T D E T A I L S

Church Office

43a Belmont Street
SUTHERLAND
Phone: 9521 4314
Fax: 9521 2950
Email: office@stjohns.org.au

Pastor:

Rod Harding

Home: 9545 1626
Mobile: 0411 331 167
RDO Monday
Email: rod@stjohns.org.au

Associate Pastor - Youth & Young Adults:

Ian Forest-Jones

Mobile: 0408 580 673
Office: Tues, Wed, Fri
Email: ian@stjohns.org.au

Children's Ministry Co-ordinator: Prayer Chain

Benita De Rooy

Mobile: 0402 160 440
Office: Tues (am) Wed, Thurs
Email: benita@stjohns.org.au

Pastoral Care Co-ordinator:

Faye Hillier

Mobile: 0419 542 010
Office: Mon, Tues, Thurs
Email: faye@stjohns.org.au

Parish Administrator:

Graham Johnson

Mobile: 0418 655 005
Office: Tuesday - Thursday
Email: graham@stjohns.org.au

Office Administrator:

Sue Bastow

Office hrs: 9.30am-2.30pm
RDO Tuesday
Email: sue@stjohns.org.au

Jean Blott 9521 5257
Carol Redman 9521 5497
Email:
prayer@stjohns.org.au

Wardens:

Email:
wardens@stjohns.org.au

Gavin Bowman

Work: 8023 3703
Home: 9521 5667

Elizabeth Stevens

Work: 9752 9444
Home: 9521 5706

Sue Baird

Work: 9382 4301
Home: 9521 5574