

# 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 6, 2011

## ILLUMINATE:

**A Community Forum -  
shedding light on Christian  
beliefs and lifestyle!**

**TODAY**

**10.45am**

**'Where is God when  
Disaster Strikes?'**



**5pm**

**'Mardi Gras: Our  
Response?' with special  
guest, Kath Ansell**



## HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS SEMINAR

**"Dealing with Anger"**

**Tuesday, 7.30pm**

**At St John's**

## THE CHURCH WEEKEND AWAY

*April 29 - May 1*

*at Rathane*



*information/registration forms  
available from church entrance*

# PRAYER POINTS

**Prayer for our World** Pray for Libya – pray for a quick resolution to the violence and internal fighting, and for a peaceful and just regime to be established for the future. Pray too for Pakistan, where a Christian cabinet member, the Minister for Religious Minorities, Shahbaz Bhatti was assassinated on Wednesday this week.

**Prayer for our Church** Pray for all the opportunities we have to influence our community for good. Pray that we might all be actively engaged with others at some point, building relationships of love and support. Pray that we might have courage to faithfully represent Christ in our community.

## SUNDAY

### MORNING SERVICE

**9am** Church service with Rod Harding preaching on 'God of Covenant' from Exodus 5-7

**10am** Morning Tea

**10.45am** Community Forum - 'Where is God when Disaster Strikes?'

**DRV SERVICE** At 5pm, Rod Harding will preach on the topic 'God of Covenant' from Exodus 5-7.

### EVENING SERVICE

**5pm** Community Forum - 'Mardi Gras: Our Response?' with special guest, Kath Ansell

**6pm** Light meal

**6.30pm** Church service with Ian Forest-Jones speaking on the theme of 'Curse' in the 'Unlocking the Bible Story' series.

**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) today for a very brief meeting with Rod.

## THIS WEEK

### Congratulations to those celebrating!

**Sunday** 6 Georgia Harrison  
**Monday** 7 Ella Ford  
**Tuesday** 8 Chloe Doran

**Thursday 10** Ken Simpson

**Saturday 12** Debbie Bowman

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

**MU** meets on Tuesday this week. All members and friends are warmly invited to come for a bible study on "When Friends Become Enemies" in the hall at 10.30am, then stay for a basket lunch.

**'DEALING WITH ANGER' SEMINAR** – The first of our 'Healthy Relationships Seminars' is on this Tuesday night, 7:30pm in the large hall. 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 this Tuesday, March 8, from 7.30pm in church house.

**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.

**SAFE MINISTRY REFRESHER TRAINING** will take place this Thursday, March 10, at 7:30pm in the church building. This training is mandatory for anyone involved in Children's or Youth Ministry who did their initial training in 2008. If you're not sure whether you need to attend, please contact Graham. If you can't make it on Thursday, please contact Graham about other options.

**PICNIC DINNERS ON FRIDAYS** Everyone is welcome to come and share dinner together in the National Park. From 5.30pm onwards at Allambie Flats. BYO everything.

## NEXT SUNDAY

**MORNING & DRV SERVICES** Next Sunday we continue the series called 'Lessons from Exodus' with Ian Forest-Jones speaking on 'Resisting God', based on Exodus 7 -10.

**7PM SERVICE** At the evening service next Sunday, Rod Harding will be continuing the series 'Unlocking the Bible Story'. speaking on the theme 'Salvation' from Genesis 6.

## COMING EVENTS

**MEN@STJOHNS** – A round of par 3 golf and a BBQ. What better way to begin the men's events for this year. We will be meeting at Sylvania Par 3 Golf at 9:30am on Saturday March 19 with the BBQ to start at midday. The cost will be \$25 all included. Bring your male friends and family and come and join the men from our church for a purely social event. If you have any questions or to RSVP, speak to Mark, Steve, Paul or Garry or call 0404 636 981.

**ST JOHN'S & TEAR / TASK PARTNERSHIP**  
Our partnership with the Cambodian NGO "TASK", through TEAR, will be launched on Sunday March 20 and Monday March 21 at St John's. Ome Choeun, TASK's Education & Rehabilitation Program Co-ordinator, will speak at all 4 services on Sunday, and Prom Pauv, TASK Director, will be our guest at a dinner meeting on Monday evening from 7pm. More details next week.

**AMBASSADORS IN SPORT SOCCER CAMP**  
– It's on again !!! Tuesday April 12 to Friday April 15, 1.30pm-5pm at Sutherland Oval. Register before March 14 to receive the Early bird rate - \$99/\$79/\$59 – scholarships available. Register online at [www.soccercamps.org.au](http://www.soccercamps.org.au). Pick up a flyer from the church entrance or speak with Michelle Ritchie (9520 2524) for further details.

## 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, please contact Judith Jones on (9521 7060).

**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 cartons of long-life milk, cereal, tinned fruit, or something 'special' (eg - biscuits, nuts, muesli bars) to help restock our cupboards which have run low.

### ST JOHN'S PRAYER DIARY AVAILABLE

- the monthly prayer diary is up and running again. Grab a copy and pray with your life group, prayer triplet or in your quiet time, as we look to God to lead St John's over the coming month.

**'GIVE & TAKE' BOARD** – do you have any good quality items you would like to give away, but are not sure who needs them? Or, do you need an item, but are not sure where to look? 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.

**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 newcomers' table, orders (with payment) must be returned by Sunday March 27.

### PARISH COUNCIL MET LAST TUESDAY.

- Rod announced that Bronwyn Cowan had accepted his invitation to join Parish Council as his 2<sup>nd</sup> appointment.
- PC agreed to suspend Yasdun until attendance increases. Parents of children of high school age are encouraged to talk to Ian F-J.
- PC approved the purchase of a new church projector at a cost of up to \$2649.
- PC agreed to underwrite the cost of assisting everyone to attend the Saturday of the church weekend away (April 30) up to \$2000.
- All AGM recommendations were assigned to portfolio holders for investigation.
- Everyone is reminded that the AGM approved a budget which requires a 7% increase in giving.

# Today's Services

<p>9am <u>Morning Service</u>                  'God of Covenant'                  Preacher: Rod Harding</p>	<p><b><u>Bible Readings:</u></b>                   Exodus 5:22-6:8</p>	<p>p.59</p>
<p>10.45am <u>Community Forum</u>                  'Where is God when Disaster Strikes?'</p>	<p>Exodus 6:28-7:7</p>	<p>p.60</p>
<p>5pm <u>DRV Service</u>                  'God of Covenant'                  Preacher: Rod Harding</p>		
<p>5pm <u>Community Forum</u>                  'Mardi Gras: Our Response?'                  Special Guest, Kath Ansell</p>		
<p>6.30pm <u>Evening Service</u>                  'Curse'                  Preacher: Ian Forest-Jones</p>	<p>Genesis 3:1-24</p>	<p>p.3</p>

**Prayer of the Day** Almighty God, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us faith to perceive his glory, that being strengthened by his grace we may be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; through the same 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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