

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 9, 2011

PLAYTIME

IN THE CHURCH HALL
10AM - MIDDAY
MONDAYS &
THURSDAYS



Kaleidoscope Kids

Craft Afternoon

For Primary aged children

\$5 per child

Wednesdays 4 - 5:30pm

(During school terms)



LOST IN SPACE

WE ARE NOT ALONE...

 PROMISELAND EVERY SUNDAY @ 9:30AM

PROMISELAND Term 4 begins next Sunday

PRAYER POINTS

Prayer for our World Pray for the future of the Afghan people on the 10th anniversary of the allied troops entering Kabul. The present political system ... a foreign military working with a national government ... is far from ideal. Pray that the people will experience genuine freedom and an improved quality of life after many years of unrest. Pray that ongoing attempts to destabilise the country might be thwarted.

Prayer for our Church Give thanks for the ways in which the Community Engagement Team has enabled St John's to connect with the local community this year. Praise God for the success of the recent Sydney Alliance founding assembly at Town Hall. Pray for the upcoming training days in October, that many Christians, including St John's members, will attend. Pray for fruitful discussions and good connections with those in the community who come together.

SUNDAY

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

TEA 'N' TOAST - is on again this morning. Join us in church house for a cuppa and some hot buttered toast around 9am.

DRV SERVICE 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 At the evening service tonight, Andrew Hudson will be preaching on the topic 'Listening to God' from Mark 9 & 1 Samuel 3.

THIS WEEK

Congratulations to those celebrating!

- Monday 10** Gavin Bowman
- Tuesday 11** Andreas & Sarah Mross
Doug Ritchie
- Thursday 13** Mckayla Bowman
- Friday 14** Mark Cameron

PLAYTIME A place for preschool kids and their parents to play, relax and learn. Meeting in the Church Hall from 10am - midday each Monday & Thursday. Cost \$2 per family per week. For details call Nicole Wyatt on 9542 6243.

MU meets on Tuesday this week. All members and friends are warmly invited to come for the traditional MU service in the church at 10.30am, then stay for a basket lunch in the hall.

KALEIDOSCOPE KIDS - Craft Afternoon for Primary aged children, Wednesdays in the church hall, from 4 - 5.30pm. Cost \$5 a week per child. Contact Benita De Rooy for details.

SHIRE PRAYER MORNING is on next Thursday, October 13, 7.30am at Southside Christian Fellowship, 175 Port Hacking Road Miranda (enter from Kiama Street).

SWITCH CONFERENCE - is happening next Saturday October 15. If you're interested in coming have a chat to Faye, or one of the Women in Fellowship team.

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.

NEXT SUNDAY

MORNING SERVICES Next Sunday we continue the series "The Making or Breaking of Old Testament Characters", with Andrew Hudson preaching on 'The Making of Samuel'.

DRV SERVICE Next Sunday, John Chapman will continue the series "The Cross of Christ" at the 5pm service, and will be preaching on the topic 'Why Did Christ Die?'.

7PM SERVICE Next Sunday night, we continue the series 'Think Like Jesus'. Ian Forest-Jones will be preaching on the topic "What Spiritual Authorities Exist?".

COMING EVENTS

THE SYDNEY ALLIANCE is holding a 2 day training workshop on Thursdays October 20 & 27 (9am - 5pm) at Engadine Community Centre. 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.

HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS SEMINARS

The next seminar takes place on Tuesday November 8 and will look at "Self Esteem". It starts at 7:30pm in the church hall. These free seminars are open to church members and the local community alike, so think about inviting someone along. Contact the church office to book your place.

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

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 9.45am service creche beginning next Sunday. If you would like to be on the roster contact Skye on 9528 5704 or skyblackley@hotmail.com. See the rosters in the church entrance over the next couple of weeks.

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.

MORLING COLLEGE PUBLIC LECTURE

SERIES (formerly known as ACE courses). The term 4 topic is "A Brief History of the Middle Ages" led by Marc Rader. It takes place at Gynea Baptist Church on Monday nights commencing October 10 and costs \$40. For more details, or to register, go to http://www.morling.nsw.edu.au/morling_college/news_and_events/upcoming_events/event/?id=104.

Today's Services

8am	<u>Holy Communion: First Order</u> 'The Making of Abraham' Preacher: Ian Forest-Jones	p114	<u>Bible Reading:</u> Genesis 12:1-8 p.11 Genesis 18:1-15 p.15 Genesis 21:1-7 p.18
9.45am	<u>Morning Service</u> 'The Making of Abraham' Preacher: Ian Forest-Jones		
5pm	<u>DRV Service</u> 'The Centrality of the Cross' Preacher: Bruce Southwell		Acts 2:22-39 Mark 12:1-12
7pm	<u>The Lord's Supper</u> 'Listening to God' Preacher: Andrew Hudson		Mark 9:2-13 p.1000 1 Samuel 3:1-21 p.264

Prayer of the Day Merciful God, in your Son you call not the righteous but sinners to repentance: draw us away from the easy road that leads to destruction, and guide us into paths that lead to life abundance, that in seeking your truth, and obeying your will, we may know the joy of being a disciple of Jesus our Saviour; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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