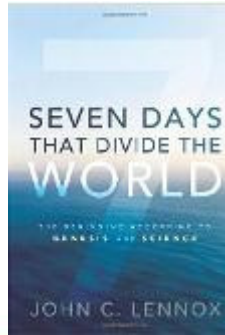


## Book of the Month *Seven Days that Divide the World* by John Lennox

Cost: \$ 12.95



Review by Paul Nicholls

'Seven Days that Divide the World' is a very informative book addressing the arguments for creation by intelligent design. It provides a brief overview and rebuttal of the common incorrect assumptions made about Genesis and presents the possibilities in a short book. Very easy book that could be read in a weekend. Well worth the time!



Your monthly update on what Matters at St Matt's. Reflecting the generosity of Christ in and to our community.

### July/Aug 2012



### July 2012 Preaching Calendar

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| 1  | Identification & Sacrifice – 'The Example of Christ' | Philippians 2:1-11 & John 13:1-17 |
| 8  | No Excuses- No Exceptions                            | Luke 10:25-37 & Matthew 5:38-48   |
| 15 | Like it or Not – You're in it up to Your Neck        | 1 Cor 12:12-31 & 1 John 3:11-24   |
| 22 | Acting in Adversity                                  | James 1:1-18                      |
| 29 | Just Do It!  | James 1:19-27                     |

### St Matt's Services

Sunday 8am	Morning Prayer / Holy Communion
Sunday 9am	St Matts @ School; WPH Public School
Sunday 10am	Family Service for all Generations
Sunday 9.30am	Chinese Service; Cherrybrook Public School
Sunday 11.15am	Asian Congregation; Cherrybrook Public School
Sunday 5pm	Contemporary Service
Sunday 7pm	Contemporary Service
Wednesday 10.30am	Traditional Anglican Service

### Ministers - All members of the Congregation

Senior Minister	Steve Abbott	0417 410 596/9479 3700
Associate Minister	Jon Phua	9479 3700
Young Adults Minister	Nerida Peart	9479 3702
Youth Minister	Geoff Everett	9479 3700
Chinese Minister	Ken Wong	0425 272 755/9479 3700
Asian Minister	Kenny Liew	0448 515 408
Children's Minister	Jacki Hellstrom	9479 3700
Pastoral Care/Young Women	Karen Braga	0401 933 264
Pastoral Care Wed/Thurs	Bill France	9479 3700
Church Administrator	Kat Butler	9479 3700
Communications Co Ord	Tina Piccione	9479 3700

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If you are feeling new to St Matthews, please fill out a Communication Card found in the church or hall or at the back of the school hall. One of our ministry team will be in contact with you soon. Stay for morning tea/supper after the service to meet others who have made St Matt's their spiritual home.



[www.stmatts.org.au](http://www.stmatts.org.au)

## Senior Minister's July/August 2012 Pastoral Letter

Dear sisters and brothers,

The winter months have well and truly hit, it's a season when people spend more time in the warmth of their homes, for the daylight hours are shorter and the nights much colder. In the winter season people therefore withdraw, at least somewhat, from the world, indeed many retirees physically head north to find some warmth, others schedule holidays and also head for warmer climates, while the majority probably watch a little more TV, especially in an Olympic Games year. In contrast, snow 'bunnies' rug up and escape to the alps, making the most of the relatively short snowboarding and skiing season. Interestingly, in the Christian Church winter also tends to be a quieter season for ministry, with the calendar less busy than the other three seasons.

I wonder if a subtle spiritual danger may exist in this seasonal trend? Is it possible that believers could be tempted to spiritually hibernate, to pull back from the radical call of discipleship our Lord Jesus makes on our life, 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.' (Luke 9:23 my emphasis)?. Clearly, there is never a day when authentic Christians, of whatever generation, can put on hold their walk of faith. Each and everyday is another opportunity to respond as Hebrews 12:1-2 urges, 'Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.' The language here, brings to mind the Summer Olympics, from which we can learn some spiritual lessons.

In a few weeks much of the world will be caught up in watching 11,000 athletes from 205 nations participate in 300 events at the 2012 Olympic Games in London, England. They will walk, run, jump, swim, pedal, stroke, throw, leap, balance, dive, shoot, punch, kick and tumble their way to win a medal and the adulation of the crowds and their nation. Yet what we watch and cheer on the screen is only a fraction of the story unfolding before us. We ought to recall an important very powerful principle: for every minute an athlete performs in public they train thousands of hours in private. The authentic serious athlete understands that without the time, grind, sweat, pain and even injuries that come with training prior to the games the few fleeting moments in public will be unimpressive and bring no possibility of success.

The same is true of the Christian race of faith. The capacity to respond ('perform') consistently with the fruit of the Spirit in our daily relationships at home, study, work and play is proportionate to the amount of time and energy we spend in the following:

- The passionate pursuit and enjoyment of time alone in intimate fellowship with our Creator, King and Father.
  - The commitment to be an active, regular participant in a HOME or Community Small Group, where God's Word is studied, prayer is offered, care is given and compassion for the lost is expressed.
  - The prioritizing of church, so that non-attendance is the exception, rather than the pattern.
- Without these regular spiritual disciplines we find our eyes get turned to the things of the world and we become distracted from running the Spirit empowered race as Jesus our role model did.

The Apostle Paul provides a stiff challenge for believers when he explains his own training regime, clearly as a pattern for his readers: 'Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last forever. Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air. No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.' 1 Corinthians 9:24-27.

May this winter season see no spiritual hibernation but ongoing spiritual discipline. Therefore let's ensure we don't run 'aimlessly' but bring our behaviour under the control of the Holy Spirit, so that in all we say and do publicly and privately, we bring home the gold for God and his glory.

Your fellow training spiritual athlete,  
Steve Abbott



#### Prayer Points

- Praise God that the roof has been started and ask that everyone who works on it will be kept safe and that there'll be no unforeseen complications.
- Pray that St. Matt's will be a community of radical disciples who truly keep our eyes fixed on Jesus and run the race of faith with discipline and perseverance.
- Pray for Alison Passe de Silva one of our church wardens, who amidst a demanding job is endeavoring to accurately summarise the Radical Together Feedback.
- Pray for the effectiveness of our second Community Issues Night on 'Living with Dementia', which will be held at West Pennant Hills Sports Club. Pray for the presenter, Janice Ackland, and that many people from the local club and community will come.
- Pray for the next two series of sermons: three on 'Radical Pastoral Care' and the book of James. Pray, that the messages will be clear, engaging and life transforming for all who hear them.
- Pray for my teaching the first two weeks of Everyday Evangelism on the four Mondays of our August Focus training. Kenny Liew will teach the second two weeks.
- Pray that Sue and I will have a relaxing, safe and refreshing two weeks annual leave from 16-29 August, after which I will lead the short term mission team of seven to Zimbabwe.

# St Matt's Diary and Notes



## **SECOND SUNDAY POTLUCK LUNCH**

**8 July & 12 August 12.30—2.30pm:**

If you usually eat alone on a Sunday and wish to join with others for lunch and fellowship, you are invited to our 'Second Sunday Potluck Lunch' in NewLine Cottage. Tea and coffee will be supplied and it would be appreciated if you could bring finger food to share.

Further details:

Colleen Cummings 0403 239 321

## **SAFE MINISTRY TRAINING**

### **KEEPING UP TO DATE**

Tim Yap will be running a Safe Ministry Refresher course on Sat 28 July from 930am-12pm. This course is for all those people who completed the full course 3 years ago. Feel free to check with us to see if we have you on our database if you cannot recall. Remember – all those people who have the potential to work alongside children or youth must do the course before starting that work. We would love to have the whole church safe ministry trained!

More full courses will be run in November

## **MEN@STMATT'S DINNER**

Monday July 23rd @

Hornsby RSL, 7:30 pm

Speaker: David Tyndall, chaplain to the Paralympics, past chaplain to the Australian Olympic team.

Cost \$30 concession (students and seniors), \$40 for workers.

## **MISSION AID GROUP (MAG)**

Donations continue to arrive in our box.

Thank you for responding to suggestions that have been in the bulletins and for all the other goods. At our meeting last week, we were able to pack a wonderful collection to go to the Kingsgrove depot.

Suggestions for this month are: bunny rugs/ baby wraps, washers, s/s dessert spoons, melamine bowls (4 matching), any new clothes for any age, eg. t-shirts, shorts, skirts, underwear, socks. Sewing gear, and of course, anything from the green brochure. Thank you so much  
*Roslyn Dearden*

## **SIMWORLD 2012—28 July 2012**

Our link missionaries Jenny Fallon and Morgan & Anna Powell serve with SIM (Serving in Mission). The SIMWORLD conference day is a great way to discover some of what God is doing throughout Asia, Africa and South America as well as finding out about the diverse ministries in which you can be involved. Of particular interest this year is Phil and Carol Short's compelling story of church planting amongst nomadic desert tribes in West Africa.

Morling College, 120 Herring Road

Macquarie Park NSW, July 28,

9am-3.30pm. Children's program for school aged children.

Registration fee \$15 pp, Lunch \$10.

Register online ([www.sim.org.au](http://www.sim.org.au)) or by phone (02 9580 1422).



Katoomba Christian Convention (kcc) desires to see our nation transformed by Jesus Christ through the powerful preaching of God's word.

We are currently seeking a **full time Convention Coordinator**, who is passionate about kcc's interdenominational preaching ministry, to join our team. This position offers a great opportunity to be a driving force in making effective ministry events happen. It is a challenging, 'hands-on' role coordinating and managing large scale events at our convention site in the Blue Mountains.

Ideally, applicants would already be benefiting from the ministry of kcc and be able to testify to that. Previous event management, project management or marketing experience is essential. A strong customer focus, organisational and communication skills, a flair for problem solving and the ability to work under pressure are also required for this position. This role is **based in Burwood, Sydney** with attendance at meetings and conventions outside of work hours required.

Initial enquiries should be directed to Annette Davis at kcc,  
**by Friday 13 July**, on 1300 737 140.

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### **Job Vacancy at Sydney Diocesan Secretariat ("SDS") - TEAM ADMINISTRATOR / PA**

The Sydney Diocesan Secretariat provides a range of valued services to a number of organisations and parishes in the Anglican Church, Diocese of Sydney.

This is a key role in a team of 5 within the Parish Property Services division and also acts as personal assistant to the Head of the Parish Property Services. Aside from the regular preparation and provision of agendas and minutes, the role maintains and updates a number of databases and systems relating to the insurance of properties and property management. This includes a comprehensive filing system.

This role will suit an active Christian with experience ideally from a mid-large finance, accounting, property or legal organisation. A strong customer focus, high competency in the MS Office suite and database management skills is critical to the success of this diverse and busy role.

Please direct your enquiries to Judy Wong-See on (02) 9994 8044 or email  
[judy.ws@credenceintl.com](mailto:judy.ws@credenceintl.com)



**HELPERS NEEDED FOR MAG PACKING DAY  
FOR CONTAINER TO THE DIOCESE OF MT. KILIMANJARO**

**THURSDAY, 12 JULY 2012**

**LOADING STARTING AT 8 AM**



**LOCATION TO BE FOUND IN THE BASEMENT AREA OF  
ST. THOMAS'S CHURCH, KINGSGROVE  
(4 Morgan St. Kingsgrove)**

Access to the depot is from Paterson Ave and up the lane at the rear of the Commonwealth Bank and the Post Office at Kingsgrove.

**MAG NEEDS HELP TO LOAD THIS CONTAINER**

Morning Tea, Lunch and Fellowship will be provided.

**PLEASE CONTACT  
JENNY NOTT on 9958 8653  
or by EMAIL - [knnott@bigpond.com](mailto:knnott@bigpond.com)**

Thurs 12 July, 2012 is the last Thursday of the school holidays. Uni students on vacation may be able to come and give us a hand.

Some goods on this container are being sent to Mike and Katie Taylor at Munguishi Bible College in Arusha

**PLEASE COME AND HELP the MAG VOLUNTEERS LOAD THIS  
CONTAINER FOR A VERY WORTH CAUSE.**

## **Who wants to come on Hillston 2012!**

In November 2012, Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup> to Thursday the 29<sup>th</sup> a mission team will again head to Hillston to support Lyn and Lindsay Whybrow. Last year the team had a great time, doing ministry in the local school and the town. This year we will again be doing scripture in the local high school where there otherwise is no scripture at all. Other activities will include hosting an arvo club for school kids, doing outreach and a car wash in town, hosting some evangelistic nights, as well as heading out to some remote schools who have no scripture or Christian input at all.

It is very exciting to have an opportunity both to encourage Christians who are isolated from fellowship and also to be able to reach out to the townspeople to show the love of Christ. When we were there last year we were struck by the isolation of the teenage Christians particularly, and also the level of social deprivation in the town, with kids showing significant signs of need. We are looking forward to returning again this year, and particularly encouraging those who are there in their ongoing ministry.

Please be praying for the people of Hillston, and for Lyn and Lindsay as they minister there. If you are interested in finding out more, or registering your interest in being part of the team, please contact Nerida [npeart@stmatts.org.au](mailto:npeart@stmatts.org.au), or John Carr.

[jcarr@stmatts.org.au](mailto:jcarr@stmatts.org.au). We will have our first team meeting on **Sunday 12 August, 1pm.**





## **PUPIL FREE DAY**

Monday 16th July, 2012

8:30AM - 3:30PM

There is an exciting day planned for children aged K-6 at St Matt's.

A day of fun, games, craft, and Bible learning all in a safe and caring environment.

Cost: \$20 per child before 9 July

Cost: \$25 per child after 9 July

(\$20 each for first 2 children, \$10 for 3rd, only pay for 3)

Book now!

Morning Tea and Lunch Provided.

[www.stmatts.org.au](http://www.stmatts.org.au) or 9479 3700

### **HELPERS NEEDED**

This is a great opportunity to serve the community by running a program on the pupil free day for the public schools. If you are Safe Ministry trained and would like to be involved, please place your name on the lists at the back of the church. If you are not Safe Ministry trained but would still like to help, food is needed on the day as well as a clean up crew. Please consider where you may be able to serve in this ministry.

### **ARVO CLUB—TERM 2**

If you have any shoe boxes (not boot boxes), tins (for pencil tins), bean bags (6 needed for games) or a mega-phone (to borrow), please can you drop it in at the church or contact Jacki Hellstrom. They will all be used for Arvo Club next term.



**ORANA SENIORS FELLOWSHIP**  
**August and September Meetings**  
**Wednesdays at 11.30am**



**1 August**

**Speaker: Mark Short**

National Director, Bush Church Aid Society

**5 September**

**Speaker: Dr Greg Clarke**

CEO, Bible Society Australia

After Wednesday Church come and hear about the work of BCA and the Bible Society and then enjoy lunch and fellowship with us.

Book the dates.

All welcome!

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**DIVORCE RECOVERY WORKSHOP**

**St Andrew's Cathedral**

People who have gone through divorce have been known to struggle every day with a mixture of grief, fear, guilt, and anger.

This workshop is for people recovering from divorce and for people who would like to know how to pray with, encourage and support people who have gone through divorce.

**SPEAKERS:** Rev Ian Powell, Steven Walton and Christopher Allan

**WHEN:** 21 July at 1.30pm to 5pm

**COST:** \$30 each

**LOCATION:** Golden Grove, 5 Forbes Street Newtown. Parking for 20 cars.

**TO BOOK:** Phone Barbara 0407 910 238 or email

[brichards@sydney.anglican.asn.au](mailto:brichards@sydney.anglican.asn.au)

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**Pray for those with special needs:**

Jan Barnes, Damon Beck, Es and Laurie Cawsey,

Margaret Dawson, Dudley Foord,

Brian Forbes, Carolyn (Betty Hampton's daughter),

Betty Hampton, Colleen Lloyd, Jeannine Lucas, Jane Mills,

Cliff Perriam,

Geoff & Margaret Simpson, Bev Snow,

Janet Winterbotham (mother of Sally Lane), Irene Turner.



## WEDNESDAY CHURCH, SENIORS AND PASTORAL CARE UPDATE



Our Wednesday Morning Tea and Midweek Service continues to prosper and we would like to share the experience with others!!!! It features:

- Morning tea from 10.00am: tea + coffee and an array of delicious cakes and slices.
- Great fellowship with friendly like-minded people.
- Holy Communion or Morning Prayer at 10.30am: a shorter, more traditional service - around 45 minutes.
- Focused bible teaching - 15 minutes worth of good stuff!

If you know of folk for whom this time would be suitable, do invite them to give it a try - or even better bring them along yourself!!! Even more, why not make it a regular feature of your own week, an opportunity for further reflection and ministry?

Pastoral Care Focus July and August.

The three week sermon series in July on the biblical bases for pastoral care and the four week course in August arose out of the concern of the Pastoral Care committee that pastoral care was seen as:

- a. something that older people needed
- b. something that required specialist training
- c. a specific gift that only some people had

While accepting that in certain cases and situations each of these things is true, it was felt that we needed to encourage all church members to recognise their responsibility to care for those around them and thus seek to equip themselves better to do so. The better equipped each of us is, the less likely those in need will be overlooked, and the more winsome the ministry of Christ will be. Christians are people on a journey together - the road is narrow (Matt.6:13-14) there are twists and turns, sometimes the terrain is flat but at other times it is steep and rock-strewn - often we need help, and there are times when we see others struggling too.

Or to use another analogy, Christianity is a life of convalescence: brought back from the dead, born again, and now in the process of being restored to the likeness of Christ, as the Holy Spirit administers the 'antibiotics' of God's word, putting to death the old ways, and the 'vitamins' and 'tonics' of that same word to enliven Christ-like characteristics.

The sermon series provides the biblical warrant for being there for one another in the journey - about "nursing" each other in the convalescent process.

The August course is about clarifying our relationships and equipping us to care where we are - it is not aimed at 'specialist' care - it is about better enabling us to live within the mutual relationships we have with one another as fellow members of the Body of Christ - the human face of Christ in the world today: "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13:34-35. What does it mean to "love one another as Christ has loved us"? What does this look like in practice?

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## Over a cuppa with The Ekins St Matt's Link Missionaries

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**Names:** Chris & Sharon

**Children:** Caleb, Hannah & Chloe

**Residence:** 28 Belton Way, Forster 2428

**Found (by) Jesus:** When I was 13, at Penno High, in year 7.

**Missionary Work:** Church plant in Forster (since 2009)

**Social Activities:** Fishing & Soccer

**Currently Reading:** The Trellis and the Vine

**Connection to St Matt's:** started attending Club 78 in 1986, went to St Matt's and youth group throughout high school, and then was involved in leading youth group after school (Club 78 from 1990-1992)

**What is the best thing about living in Forster:** Apart from the great privilege of seeing God draw local people to Himself and transform their lives; it's gotta be the fishing!

**Words of Encouragement to those who want to “radically” challenge themselves:** You get one life to live this side of glory. So do whatever you can with this life to bring our Great God as much glory as you can. Forster needs more committed Christians to come and live here and be on mission. There are lots of needy people here and not enough leaders. So why don't you quit your job, sell your house and move here to join us? Maybe you could come up here for your next holiday to suss it out... seriously.

## 60 Seconds with John Carr, MTS Worker



**Name:** John Leslie Carr

**Nick Name:** I have had very few, but a couple that seemed to stick in High School were 'J-Bone' and 'Bont' – neither have any significance whatsoever.

**Married:** Not yet... but at the ripe old age of 20, I believe there is still time!

**Pets:** One lovely (even if not clever) Labrador, 'Rosie'.

**Residence:** Britannia St, Pennant Hills. Nice and close to the soccer field and the bush!

**Work:** I love training at St Matt's and working with such a supportive staff team here. I also work at Pennant Hills Public School Before and After School Care 3 days a week which is a whole lot of fun!

**Food:** I can't decide between Chicken Burritos and Honey Joys – just delicious.

**Social Activities:** Soccer (whether it's playing it on the field, playing it on the Xbox or watching it on TV, I just love it!)

**Found Jesus:** Grew up under the guidance of a Christian mother – but didn't come to my own faith until joining St Matt's own Club 78 back in 2004.

**Fellowship:** I constantly look forward to sharing time with my Young Adult Community Group, as well as my year 10 guys' MAD group.

**Currently Reading:** Working my way through the Bible in chronological order – currently reading Jeremiah. Also reading 'Life Together' by Dietrich Bonhoeffer and 'When God's Voice Is Heard' by Various Artists in tribute to the teaching of Dick Lucas.

**Words of Encouragement:** I'm likely not as wise and experienced as those reading this, so I feel that my own words will not mean much. So my encouraging words are simply "Romans 8". Read it. All of it. It's a passage I come back to regularly to remind myself of the hope we have in Christ.



# Forster Mission 2012 – You're on the team!

"Good *morrrrrrrning* Forster! Yes, that's right folks, you're tuned-into 101.3 Forster FM... the only place to tune into these school holidays where we promise to have nothing but non-stop action! First up for all the kids we have the renowned Holiday Hang-Out..."

In case you haven't heard the news, a team of fifteen young adults and five youth from St Matt's will be heading up to Forster these school holidays to run a program for children in years 3-6. As part of St Matt's ongoing relationship with and commitment to the Coast Evangelical Church we will be running a holiday program to assist them in their endeavours to reach out to the community of Forster.

Leaving on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July, the team will make it up to Forster in time to join Coast EC for Church where we'll run a kid's church program to allow the kids to get to know the team and stimulate interest and excitement in the 'Holiday Hang-Out' program. The program will run from Monday through to Wednesday and the team will return to Sydney on Thursday.

We'd love you to join us as part of the team... by supporting us and Coast Evangelical Church in your prayers.

Many thanks on behalf of the team!

In Christ,  
Geoff  
Youth Minister

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## TEAM GOING TO FORSTER

XAVIER BOUCHER  
WILL CARR  
NAOMI DONKIN  
MARCUS FOORD  
EMILY MACDONALD  
LACHY MURRAY  
SARAH NICHOLLS  
KARINA OLSEN  
CLAIRE STICKLEY  
JEREMY WEIR

JOHN CARR  
LAUREN DAVIE  
GEOFF EVERETT  
TOM JOB  
ROSS MCGAUGHRAN  
PAUL NICHOLLS  
MURRAY NOBLE  
ZANETA STEPHEN  
SOPHIE VARVEL  
LAMAM YUSUFOVA

## 40 Hour Famine ~ 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> August 2012

Have you ever had a vision to make your world better? Well, 7 year old Burtukan sure has. She is a young beautiful girl in Ethiopia who is one of the feature children in this year's 40 Hour Famine. She shares her world with us, and the way she loves to play with her friends – serving “coffee” and other traditional delicacies. Unfortunately for Burtukan, her play is make believe, as she and her family are living on about \$1 a day for a family of five, that works out at only 20c a day per person...



One of the great things about the 40 Hour Famine, is that it allows Burtukan to share her very own story with us in Australia and the vision she has for a better life – where she and her family can flourish. By working with World Vision in Ethiopia, Burtukan's family can strive to achieve improved livelihoods through access to education, training, health care, safe water and other necessities, which often prove difficult to find in remote rural villages.

Last year I was blessed to be able to go to East Timor and visit children like Burtukan – although in a different culture in a different part of the world, many families face the same restrictive poverty, but I was able to see the benefits of sustainable investments that helped to transform whole communities! It is for this reason that I am proud to passionately support the 40 Hour Famine, because it really is doing something real to fight hunger and poverty around the world.

St Matt's has been doing the 40 Hour Famine for many years, and it is something which Steve Abbott and the ministry team, as well as many church members, have been doing or supporting, and so we thank you for that. Last year we had over 80 people do the 40 Hour Famine, and together as a church we raised over \$11,000! Thank you for being a part of this. It is an excellent way in which we can put our faith into action, being a light to people all around the world, including our own local community.

This year, we again expect many people from youth and other services to participate in the 40 Hour Famine, and we would love to encourage everyone to get involved by at least praying for and making a donation towards someone who is doing the 40 Hour Famine. We will also be focusing on a Christian attitude towards poverty and justice issues at Youth in term 3, learning about the issues and how and why we, as Christians, should be active in our faith. We will also be having a special event for all our services during the Famine weekend. Stay tuned for more details!

If you would like to know more you can contact me directly. My details are in the church directory.

**Marissa Flynn**

On behalf of St Matts Youth and the recipients of our fundraising!



## **Zimbabwe Mission Trip is coming soon...please pray for us!**

**Team:** Pat Sutton, Pamela Webster, Jack and Zara Packham, Mark Simons, Nigel Woolley, Steve Abbott.

**Dates:** 1- 9 September, 2012. Pamela Webster is staying an additional week. At this stage she is hoping to give some training for those in Prison Ministry in the Harare area as they don't have Kairos Ministry there yet.

**Who With:** Reuben and Cheizda Zivagwe under the banner of their ministry 'The Living Word Ministry'.

**Where:** Mufakaso Baptist Church in a suburb of Harare (6 nights in local Harare hotel), Nenyunga Area (probably 2-3 nights) in an isolated and very poor community in the Zambezi Valley which is about 400kms from Harare. Mark, Nigel and Steve will stay in the village and the ladies and the Packhams will stay in a hotel in Gokwe about 20 Kms away.

**Ministry:** We will do some teaching, preaching and sharing of testimonies. In addition to the activities Reuben Zivagwe has provided below, we are exploring going to Nenyunga School to teach a class and/or assembly teaching. There will also be surprises and we'll need to be ready for last minute ministry.

The Zivagwe's have given us lots of good advice in the lead up to the mission trip, such as

*"Worship is a big event in many cultures. You may be sitting on a hard bench for several hours or under a tree during the heat of the day. Be prepared for anything!"*

### **Activities we will be involved in:**

1. Pastors' Encouragement clinic
2. Women's sewing club visit
3. Orphans' Pre-school visit (time with the orphans)
4. Feeding programme (time to share some food stuffs with poor communities)
6. Jesus Film shown in the villages (including a short message)
7. An open air demonstration during the day
8. Church in Harare one Sunday and in the village the other Sunday

## ReachOut Conference 2012 'Y-Mission. Taking the Message to a Changing World'



At ReachOut 2012 we will explore the theme of 'Y-Mission', what does mission look like in the Y-Generation and how can we take part? This August 11-12, we will have two great speakers with us. **Mark Young**, president of Denver Seminary, and **Steve Maina**, Director of CMS in New Zealand, will be joining us. We will also have heaps of mission agencies, great workshops, awesome worship and loads of people to chat to about global mission

Register: <http://www.reachoutmissions.com.au/conference.aspx>

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### Mission Course

#### Why come to the marvellous St Matt's Mission course each Monday night in August?

Learn about

- What God has to say about mission
- What's happening in the world today
- What some of our link missionaries are up to
- Worldwide Mission and how mission organisations help
- How we support mission at St Matt's
- How Christians operate in the workplace
- How you could become a greater part of God's plan in West Pennant Hills, Sydney, Australia, the world!

Course leaders include– Geoff Everett, Maurice Boxwell, John Bales, Jenny Fallon and Jenni Sawyer and others. Don't miss out! Diarise now!



Why support this very important program

- There are over 3000 students in these two high schools most of whom have been through the Christian Studies (Scripture) program, at some stage, in these schools.
- Currently over 1600 students are regularly and systematically being taught about God, his Son Jesus, and His Word by our two very talented specialist teachers, Graham Castle and Peter Murphy.
- The program has been running over 27 years and has provided entry into our many youth-related activities at St Matthews and other local churches
- This work is entirely funded by donations from people like you - congregations in our local churches. There is a danger that without your financial assistance we will not be able to continue God's valuable work in our local community
- The 2011 census confirms that fewer and fewer young people are seeking contact with our God and his purpose for their lives. This program is addressing that.

Can we afford to let this happen here?

To directly support this program:

(Donations of \$2 and over are tax deductible).

1. Direct deposit to PHCCEA Inc Commonwealth Bank, Pennant Hills BSB 062 225 A/c No. 0090 3146 then email the treasurer at [treasurer@phccea.org.au](mailto:treasurer@phccea.org.au) advising of your address so your receipt can be posted.
2. Credit card donations – see back of current PHCCEA newsletter for details or ring John Hain (9872 9965) for a form to be emailed to you.
3. Cheque posted to PHCCEA PO Box 346 Pennant Hills NSW 1715
4. Cash or cheque in an envelope with your contact details – for the receipt, clearly marked PHCCEA. Special envelopes are available on the table near the fire hose. Then put the envelope in the church collection plate.
5. Association Dinner
6. Find out more and show your support attend the Annual Dinner on Saturday 25th August at Thornleigh Baptist Church. Tickets will be on sale soon or you can print your own at <http://www.trybooking.com/BPQG> Why not organise a table of eight now?

**Check out the web site: <http://www.phccea.org.au/>**

**Enquiries: Jenny Gibbs or John Hain.**

## St Matt's Chinese Congregation

感謝神在七月份給予我們一個新的講道系列：彼此相愛相顧，攜手同走天路，盼望眾肢體能一同學習並體會到關顧是在主的身體裡彰顯上帝的愛。對於基督徒，彼此相愛相顧不是一件可有可無的選項，乃是我們的義務，又是我們各人應盡上的責任，尤其是當肢體的需要擺在我們面前。這段日子，我正忠心地編寫這系列的講章，過程中我也用上一點時間閱讀一些屬靈書籍去豐富自己在關顧一事的認識。以下是幾段我在一書本上找到的精句，展示出能在基督裡活現彼此相愛相顧是何等美好的事情，因為藉此相互關係我們能攜手同走天路！

「教會是一群子民正同走天路朝向神。」

「我們相聚一起成為一群上帝子民同走天路，路是窄的並充滿著歪曲和曲折的路，有時地勢是平坦，但有些時候地勢變得險峻和崎嶇，正因是這些不利的處境，我們實在需要別人的援手和關顧，並且我們也看見別人也是一樣在掙扎著！」

「若沒有別人的幫助，我們無法到達終點。事實上，我們需要同伴的關係、導引和守護去鼓勵我們走天路，並且能攜手到達終點。」

「我們所得的喜樂不止於旅程本身，是從美好的同伴關係而來。喜樂不止於旅程中腳踏之處，却在於在基督裡遇上願意攜手同走的你們。喜樂不止於我成為我們當中一員，却在於我們一起活出基督樣式！」

主僕：王 鴻 溪 牧師



## **St Matthews Chinese Congregation**

Thank God that we can have such a wonderful preaching series “Radical Caring” in July to help us to understand that care is the expression of God’s love. For the Christian, caring is not an option we may choose or not, but rather our obligation and our responsibility wherever we come across needs. These days, I am working faithfully to prepare these sermons. Besides, I also read some Christian books to gain more insights on this topic. Below are some quotes from the books which show us how wonderful it is to live within the mutual relationships we have with one another in Christ.

“The church is a community of people on a journey to God.”

“We come together as people on a journey together – the road is narrow (Matt 6:13-14) there are twist and turns, sometimes the terrain is flat but at other times it is steep and rock-strewn – often we need help, and there are times when we see others struggling too.”

“We can’t get to our destination without the help of others. We need relationships, guides, and guards who can help us on our journeys and be with us when we reach our destination.”

“The joy is not in the journey; it’s in the relationships. The joy isn’t found where the rubber meets the road, but where I meet you, in Christ. It’s not about ‘me become we’; it’s about us becoming him.”

**Ken Wong**

**Please pray for...**

- Give thanks to God for His unconditional love towards us, and that through Christ we can be part of His family. Pray that God will fill us anew with His Holy Spirit, to love and care for our families and other people who need our help.
- Ask God to grant increasing opportunities and loving wisdom to our members seeking to serve and love each other, and to reach families in our neighbourhood.
- Pray that God will draw near to everyone whose life is a struggle and grant them His love, protection and peace.

## Focus on 'August Focus'



Over the past few years it has been our practice to run teaching and/or training sessions during the four Monday's of February. However given February was always a busy start-of -the-year month we decided in 2012 to move the 'Focus' to the four Mondays in August. Hence we'll be running three excellent opportunities for personal growth in knowledge and practical obedience as we address the following significant topics:

- **Everyday Care** - The August course is also a home grown product and is about clarifying our relationships and equipping us to care where we are - it is not aimed at 'specialist' care - it is about better enabling us to live within the mutual relationships we have with one another as fellow members of the Body of Christ. The four sessions will include: 'Eco-Mapping Relationships', 'Relationships at Work', 'The Importance of Listening' and 'Situational Analysis'.
- **Everyday Evangelism** – a lifestyle witnessing training course, which will equip you with essential tools for sharing your faith in Jesus in the cut and thrust of daily life. The four sessions include: 'Your Wired for Witness', 'Sharing Your Story', 'Getting the Facts Straight' and 'Handling Tough Questions'.
- **Mission And God's Big Picture: Where Do You Fit?** – This course is a home grown course, which aims to give participants a greater understanding of mission. It starts with the biblical mandate, moves through an overview of mission in our world, then examines local and global mission in practice and concludes with a session entitled Mission: How to Get Started.

All of these courses have excellent practical content and I hope that all of our HOME and Young Adult Community Groups will support this August Focus along with everyone else from our parish family. Small Groups could choose to stay as a group and join in one of the courses or split up across the three courses so that the members of the group can later share their respective insights.

Each evening will commence with light refreshments and fellowship from 7.30pm and the courses will commence at 7.45 and run through to 9.30pm. There will be a one off small charge of \$10 per person to cover the cost of the supper and printed materials for each course. However, because 'Everyday Evangelism' is a published manual the charge will be a little higher at \$15.

I hope to see you all there.

**Steve Abbott**





## **GENERAL MANAGER**

Are you enthusiastic about seeing resources effectively used for Christian ministry? Crusaders is seeking to employ an outstanding candidate in the role of General Manager. This position has been created to take the operational issues off the Executive Director's desk and enable him to focus on key strategic issues.

Use your passion, skills and experience to reach over 52,000 kids for Christ each year through Crusaders. We're an interdenominational Christian youth organisation, and are seeking an experienced General Manager/Bursar to take responsibility for our operations. Reporting to the Executive Director, you will provide comprehensive strategic leadership skills (including people, resource and financial management) and a proven record in operational management. This is a fantastic opportunity to use your skills and experience for Gospel ministry in an organisation experiencing exciting growth.

This role is full time with the option of a 9 day fortnight.

The successful applicant will be suitably qualified with strong inter-personal skills and ability to influence and communicate effectively at a senior level. They will have a passion for helping young people come to know Christ, a mature Christian faith, 3-5 years' experience in a senior financial role, have GST/FBT familiarity and sound time management skills.

A copy of the full job description with selection criteria is available from our website: <http://www.crusaders.edu.au/getinvolved/career/>

To apply, download and fill in the Application Form from the website. Send the Application Form, along with a resume and cover letter to Mr Gary Hill, Executive Director, via email: [elizabethw@crusaders.edu.au](mailto:elizabethw@crusaders.edu.au) or via mail: PO Box 590, Eastwood NSW 2122. For more information, call Elizabeth White on (02) 9874 8933 (ext. 302).

Applications close Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2012.

*"We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deed of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done." Psalm 78:4b*

# St Matthews Asian Congregation

11.15am church service

9.30am crossfire youth group

all meetings @ cherrybrook public school, 131 new line road

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*To generously proclaim the gospel to Asians in the Hills and surrounding communities*



## PRAY FOR PROJECT FRIDAY

Over the holidays, we run a holiday youth program for Years 10-12 at the Parish Centre on Friday afternoons. We are aiming to reach especially those who are unchurched or are not Christians. Please pray for us.

- For lots of youth to turn up and bring their friends
- For the energy of the leaders, who are doing this ministry in their holidays BUT it means they don't get a break after their term's worth of ministry.
- That reading the Book of Job will be fruitful and stir our minds and hearts to trust in the sovereign Christ. May it equip those of us who feel teenage life and school is a tough slog sometimes.
- That some from this ministry will flow on to church and youth fellowship.

Kenny Liew

21 June 2012

You, Me and All of Us



living with  
**Dementia  
Together**

# COMMUNITY ISSUES NIGHT

## “LIVING WITH DEMENTIA”

Speaker Janice Ackland;  
a chaplain at the ARV in Woolaware Shores

Monday 30 July  
7.30pm

@ West Pennant Hills Sports Club  
New Line Rd, West Pennant Hills

# Find-a-Word: Books of the Old Testament

All the OT books are listed below, but one is **NOT** included in this tree grid. Look everywhere but always in a straight line, mark off the books as you find them and you'll find the missing one. One is given.

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Amos  
 1 Chronicles  
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 Ecclesiastes  
 Esther  
 Exodus  
 Ezekiel  
 Ezra

Genesis  
 Habakkuk  
 Haggai  
 Hosea  
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 Jeremiah  
 Job  
 Joel  
 Jonah  
 Joshua

Judges  
 1 Kings  
 2 Kings  
 Lamentations  
 Leviticus  
 Malachi  
 Micah  
 Nahum  
 Nehemiah  
 Numbers

Obadiah  
 Proverbs  
 Psalms  
 Ruth  
 1 Samuel  
 2 Samuel  
 Song of  
     Solomon  
 Zechariah  
 Zephaniah