

North Turramurra Church of Christ



Today's News

The early church existed with a dynamic and vital tension. The church was expanding and consolidating. The church was growing as the Lord added to their number, yet, they 'had everything in common'.

Paul takes up this same tension in his New Testament letters. Paul describes the church as the body of Christ and as the army of God. The body of Christ is focused around community, caring for one another and using our gifts to encourage each other in the faith journey. The army of God is centred on reaching those who are hurt and lost in our sphere of the world. A balance.

As a church we live in this creative tension of the body and the army. To enable us to continue to effectively live in this tension we have:

- ⇒ The Holy Spirit to enable us with the presence and power of God. Without this we are just another organization. It is the Spirit's role within us to be the arms and feet of our Lord in the world and to one another.
- ⇒ The Word of God provides focus for us in this tension. On the one hand it propels us to be like Christ and seek and save the lost whilst reminding us to minister to our brothers and sisters in the family of God.

FOCUS

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Ecclesiastes 12:13-14
 "Now all has been heard;
 here is the conclusion of the matter:
 Fear God and keep His commandments,
 for this is the whole duty of man.
 For God will bring every deed into judgment,
 including every hidden thing,
 whether it is good or evil."

<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Sunday</u>
9:30am Soulcare Gifts of the Spirit Stephen	9:30am Family Service Fruits of the Spirit Tina
9:30am Praise and Communion Fruits of the Spirit Richard	9:30am Praise and Communion Gifts of the Spirit Stephen
10:30am Morning Tea	10:30am Morning Tea
12:30pm Korean Community	12:30pm Korean Community
7pm Connect @ 7 Tina	7pm Connect @ 7 Jeff

MOWING ROSTER
 May 24 Matt Cowdrey

DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES

Saturday of the long weekend, the 7th June at 6pm polish your tiara and find the bow tie as all are invited to a British Tea party for the Queen's Birthday in the church hall.

MINISTRY TEAM

Stephen Cathcart	Senior Minister	9144 6680
Jeff Deuble	Associate Minister	0402 010 207
Richard Oakes	Associate Minister	0434 104 555
John Park	Korean Minister	0425 833 510
Loida Dart	Chaplain	9440 3723
Tina Phillips	Youth	9440 4262
Fatima Bulow	Office Administrator	9988 4688

Prayer Hotline

9487 3918
 Hanna Dijkstal
 All requests are kept confidential and treated with the greatest respect.

Church Bulletin Information and Service Presentations

Deadline for all office requests are due by **Thursday 2:00pm**.
 Please contact the office on 9988 4688 or email her at
office@northturramurrachurch.org.au
 Office Hours: Wed-Friday 9:00am– 2:00pm
 Web site: www.northturramurrachurch.org.au

⇒ Leadership of the local church is to resourcefully handle this tension so that equal attention is focused on providing appropriate encouragement to evangelism whilst also keeping us accountable to one another.

Leadership is vital and if you would like to know more about leadership in your church please come on *Sunday 25th May 11am* to hear about the role of elders.

Live, learn, love

GRIEF AND LOSS

As a church community we have suffered grief in losing a friend.

To help us understand and work through this process Dr Rev Geoff Glassock (Bachelor of Psychology and Theology) will lead us on:

**Wednesday 28th May
7:30-9:15pm
At the Church**

Geoff has counselled many people through grief. He was present after the Bali bombing, assisting many families who suffered loss.

“Faith is being sure of what we hope for and it is certain of what we do not see.” Keith Green

Prayer and Praise

- Praise God for the baptism of Natalie Keller tonight
- Pray for Ross and Wendy, Ebony and Jordan as they continue to deal with the tragic loss of Tara and learn how to live without their daughter and sister. Prayer for us as a church to support the Finnies and help us to learn how to deal with the loss of one dear to us
- Pray for the fundraising and preparation for the China mission that begins on 7th July. Pray for safety in travel, an impact in the mission and effective fundraising
- Pray for grief and loss seminar on the 28th May 730pm
- Pray for the Morgan family with Elaine still missing after one year
- Pray for Pastor John and Mi and their family as they lead the Korean community.

Baptism This Evening at Connect @ 7

Tonight we will take time to witness the baptism of Natalie Keller. Natalie will share her testimony and has invited many friends. Please join us for this special occasion.

Our Deepest Sympathy

Our sympathies are with the McMahon family as they deal with the loss of Dr. Brian. Brian sadly passed away on Tuesday morning and his funeral was yesterday.



HILLSONG TICKETS

If anyone would like to purchase a ticket or tickets to the Hillsong Conference Cheree has some discounted tickets. Please see or ring Cheree on 0409-302-277

China Fundraising

To prepare for the trip to China we have some fundraising activities commencing this week. Please participate and see how you can be involved and help in this fab mission.

Date	Activity	Contact person
9 th -31 st May	Smencils	Jo Mohr 0428 962 983
18 th May – 18 th June	Sponsoring of wish list from China	Tina 0413 990 449
23 rd May – 23 rd June	Chocolates	Jo Mohr 0428 962 983
1 st June (Sunday)	Bacon and egg roll after morning church	Stephen
27 th June	Youth Group formal dinner	Tina 0413 990 449
6 th July (Sunday)	Bacon and egg roll after morning church	Stephen

Are You Ready For The Challenge..?



The first annual football (soccer) game between our church services and the Korean community will be on Sunday 1st June 3pm at a venue yet to be determined. Start training and preparing yourself for 60mins of non stop action with a short intermission for oranges. For those who might like to pull on a jumper and would like to play please see Chris Barnes. For those who would like to be part of the cheer squad please see Angela for when the training and rehearsals take place.

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Evensong Service 3pm
Sunday 18th May **TODAY**
St Johns Anglican Church
Wahroonga



Are elders elderly?

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OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

We are pleased to announce that Louise Joyce has accepted the role of Office Administrator. Louise will commence on Wednesday 21st May be trained by Fatima.
Thank you to all who enquired about the role.

Congratulations!

Well done to Chris Joyce in graduating with a Bachelors degree from Macquarie University. Our congratulations also go to Louise Joyce for graduating with a Diploma of Children's Services. Well done!



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