

Focus on Today's News

Happy Birthday! Today we celebrate 43 years as a Christian community gathering at the corner of Bobbin Head Road and Allara Ave.

In 1965 Chatswood Church of Christ planted a church community in North Turramurra. The group that started the new church had great vision. They came to an outlying suburb bought three blocks of land, built a chapel, a hall and a temporary kitchen and crèche facility.

They did this with great sacrifice. They decided to pay for the building so not to burden the next generation with debt and to free the finances for the establishment of mission and ministry.

42 years later our church did it again – a desire to upgrade and provide new facilities without leaving a debt legacy. In July 2003 the church leaders began to plan and after countless conversations the demolishing and reconstruction began in July 2006.

Finally, we opened the building on 21st/22nd April 2008. The congregation gave sacrificially towards the total cost, so again, we were able to open a debt free building.

Now we have into a new phase of ministry and mission. Part of our mission is to plant a church in Western Sydney with Rivergum Church, provide assistance to China and continue to reach our suburb. As we step out and do the mission God will begin to lead us in the next step in our journey.

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Today

9:30am *SoulCare*
Richard Oakes
Church Anniversary

9:30am *Praise and Communion*
Stephen Cathcart
Church Anniversary

10:30am Morning Tea

12:30pm *Korean Community*

7:00pm *Connect @ 7*
Jeff Deuble
Towards our Destiny

Next Sunday

10:15am *SoulCare*
Praise and Communion
Korean Community
Created for Christ

11:30am Morning Tea

7:00pm *Connect @ 7*
Jeff Deuble

MOWING ROSTER
September 16 Scott Bartholomew

Prayer Hotline
9487 3918
Hanna Dijkstra
All requests are kept
confidential and treated
with the greatest respect.

MINISTRY TEAM

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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 Louise at
office@northturramurrachurch.org.au
Office Hours: Wednesday and Friday 9am—5pm
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N e x t W e e k

Next Sunday we meet at 10:15am for our combined morning service. This will be an opportunity to be inspired through music and song and to be encouraged in the faith. After the service BYO lunch to eat with the Korean community before the **2PM** kick-off for the second soccer match of the year at Ku-ring-gai High School Oval.

ONE YOUTH

Where: Turramurra Uniting Church

Time: 7:30pm

Date: 29th August

Christianity Explained



Christianity Explained is a 6-week course that helps to understand the person of Jesus and where we fit into the plan of God. The principles for CE are:

- Assume nothing - CE starts from the assumption that we know little or nothing about the Bible.
- Slowly - CE seeks to teach the Gospel slowly, one point each lesson. It is based on the Gospel of Mark.
- The three fears - those who participate are assured from the beginning they will not be asked to read aloud, pray, sing or answer Bible questions that may embarrass them. Discussion however is encouraged.

If you would like to be part of Christianity Explained please see Loida

Sycamore

This is the name of the young adults group that meets on **Wednesday evening's 7:30pm** at the church. This week we are meeting for discussion.

"DOULOS"

DOWN UNDER Australia

The Mission ship "DOULOS" of the "Operation Mobilisation (OM) has arrived in Sydney to stay until 7 September and has a berth in Darling Harbour, Wharf 8 (entry at Sussex Street, opp. Napoleon St). Easy access!!

Last Thursday morning was the festive arrival with hundreds of young volunteers hanging out their national flags over the railing.

Tina has organised for a group of these young missionaries to come and speak for our Youth Group on September 5.

Go and See the world's oldest (93yrs) ocean-going passenger ship! "Doulos" is staffed by 330 Christian volunteers from 50 different countries, among which many Australians. The captain is from Perth. During the last 30 years "Doulos" has visited more than 500 ports in over 100 nations.

It offers:

Bookshop: The ship hosts the world largest "floating" bookshop; over 6000 titles for sale, covering topics such as education, hobbies, culinary arts, children books, Christian Literature and more.

International Café: Sip a superb cup of coffee while "Doulos" crew members share about ship life and the extraordinary stories of God's work around the globe.

Guided Tours: Enjoy a 45 minute guided tour of "Doulos" and hear the story of this *unique* ship.

Bookings through Koorong Bookshops or online (Adults \$ 10, Child \$ 5)

Further enquiries phone 0403 932 315 or

www.doulosdownunder.org.au

Jeff and Pam

Over the past two and half years we have enjoyed the ministry of Jeff and Pam at Connect @7. During the year Jeff has sensed a deeper call to the ongoing establishment of the ministry at Mt Druitt and as a result has decided to conclude his role at North Turramurra from 14th September.

Jeff and Pam also will continue with the oversight of the Rivergum Community as well as maintaining a role as Chaplain with the Parramatta Eels Rugby League Club.

Through this latter half of the year Jeff and Pam have also been fostering 5 children under the age of 12 years. This has placed further demands on Jeff and Pam as they reacquaint themselves with parenting after many years and continue their normal schedules.

We bless Jeff and Pam as they begin this next phase of their journey in ministry. They have encouraged, challenged, corrected, rebuked and stimulated us as a community in being faithful followers of Christ. They have poured time into people, have seeded Gods Word into people's hearts and minds and modelled a passion for the Lord. They have left a great legacy within us.

Directly

If you would like to give your *offering* by direct debit please use the following bank details and arrange with your bank to begin the process of being a planned deliberate giver to God.

BSB 032188 A/C 132924

Your opportunity to serve

There are vacancies on the morning tea roster (Praise and Communion Service), one in September and all of November. Please fill in a spot (or two) if you would like to help.

Thankyou to all who have contributed to the biscuit barrel recently. You may have a bickie with your cuppa. *Lorraine Hensby*



Prayer and Praise

- Praise God for the baptism of Blake Jeffrey on 7th September. Pray for Blake as he prepares for this important step in his life.
- Pray for those who are grieving and still feeling the pain of separation through the death of loved ones in our church family
- Pray for Footsteps Holiday Club as they prepare for the week first week of the school holidays - 29th Sept-2nd Oct. Pray for a music co-coordinator and small group leaders
- Pray for Jeff and Pam as they begin a new phase of ministry in western Sydney
- Pray for the Morgan family as they continue to investigate possible sightings of Elaine in Adelaide
- Pray for the Youth leaders as they reach out to the young people in the area on Friday nights and Sundays
- Pray for Wendy and Juliet as they lead DivorceCare on Thursday mornings
- Pray for Pastor John and Mi and the Korean community.

This week please pray for:

MONDAY: Eunice Anderson

TUESDAY: Tom and Julie Bain

WEDNESDAY: Craig Ballinger

THURSDAY: Chris, Carol, Joshua, Miriam and Esther Barnes

FRIDAY: Neil and Narelle Barnes

Live, Learn, Love

Isaiah 41:10

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

White House Report

An extended examination of all the options for the White House, suggested by the congregation, took place over several months, and has been reported on previously.

The most critical part of the whole situation relates to the dual occupancy of the White House and the Cathcart residence on the same block. This block extends to approximately the southern edge of the concrete drive on the south side of the church. Dual occupancy is no longer permitted in North Turramurra (limiting the population in the area to be evacuated in case of bushfire). Council has stated that if we submit a DA for new work on the White House, the first response of Council will be to revoke the dual occupancy permit. We would then have to subdivide the block to have the White House on its own block. The cost would come close to \$40,000. Demolition of existing sub-standard additions of the White House and subsequent renovation, would not require a DA and thus would not require a subdivision.

The cost to get the White House up to the standard of average houses in the locality has been carefully estimated at \$110,000 (including new kitchen, bathroom). The committee recommended that the work be carried out as money became available from budget surpluses, rather than look for donations so soon after the completion of the very large church extension project.

Christ is a substitute for everything, but nothing is a substitute for Christ. -- Dr. H. A. Ironside