

Focus on Today's News

Christmas services

This year we offer a number of different Christmas services on Christmas eve and Christmas day. This is because it is important to worship Christ at Christmas and we provide opportunities for people to worship in the midst of complex family commitments, travel and the numerous preparations that many have to make. This is also a time when people come to church and hear, maybe for the first time, the message of Christmas. We trust that you will be able to join us for worship at one or more of the following services.

This year our Christmas services will be:

Christmas Eve 5-6pm in the chapel

Carols played and sung by members of our youth band, a Christmas drama and a message from Stephen on the *fourth wise man*. Join us for 'afternoon tea' following the service.

Christmas Eve 11pm in the chapel – a reflective Christmas

An opportunity to pause in the Christmas season and reflect on the carols, readings, prayers and being lead in communion.

Christmas Day 9:30am in the chapel

Time to celebrate the birth of Jesus with the church family and enjoy morning tea at the Cathcart's home afterwards.

Today	Next Sunday
9:30am SoulCare Debbie Henderson Christmas with Attitude	9:30am Combined Service SoulCare Praise and Communion Richard Oakes Christmas Life
9:30am Praise and Communion Richard Oakes Passport for Egypt	10:30am Morning Tea
10:30am Morning Tea	12:30pm Korean Community
12:30pm Korean Community	7:00pm Connect @ 7 (Hall) Richard Oakes TBA
7:00pm Connect @ 7 Tina Phillips Slowing Down at Christmas	

MOWING ROSTER

27th December
Matt Cowdery

Prayer Hotline

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Hanna Dijkstal

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confidential and treated
with the greatest respect.

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Church Bulletin Information and Service Presentations

Deadline for all office requests are due by **Friday 9am**.
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Growing through Life's challenges

Challenges come to us throughout our life. The bible tells us to rejoice at all times but how do we do that when difficulties come? Join us as we look at God's Word for answers and ways to not just cope, but grow.

The annual Sydney Women's Weekend Convention of CWCI (Christian Woman's Communicating International) will be held from Friday 6th—Sunday 8th March 2009.

Information and pamphlets available in the foyer.

Safety First



We thank Nicholas Campbell for stocking our first aid kit in the kitchen & upstairs. If you need first aid & use anything please report it to Nicholas so we can keep a log of what's used & needs replacing. If you have a church event outside there is a portable kit that can be used. You need to sign this out from Louise (Office Admin) & return it to her.

CAR NEEDED!

Loida Dart is wondering if any one has a car that she could borrow for a couple of weeks in January when her car has to go in for repairs.

Please contact her on 0411 584 701

Morning Tea

A big THANKYOU to all who have willingly served this year. Morning tea is an important part of our weekly fellowship.

The new 2009 list for praise and Communion service is now on the notice board. Add your name(s) early for the days that suit you.

—Lorraine



Prayer and Praise

- Praise God for the wonderful evening for the *carols on the lawn* event.
- Pray for the Christmas Eve and Day services that they will connect people to faith in Christ.
- Pray for Nathan and Tina, Kaiden and Micah as they prepare for 6 months short term mission in China.
- Pray for safety for the team going to China for two weeks in 2009 and for Gods direction.
- Pray for the ministry team as they prepare Christmas messages and lead at the Christmas services.
- Pray for Pastor John and Mi and the Korean community as they prepare to reach out to the local community.

One way that we can encourage one another is through prayer. We want to pray for encouragement, protection, family relationships and God's blessing on these families this week...

This week please pray for:

MONDAY: Max and Kate ROBSON

TUESDAY: Michael ROWE

WEDNESDAY: Jimmy, Persida, Raymond and Jenny SANTIAGO

THURSDAY: John, Rae, Geoff and David SAXBY

FRIDAY: Ian and Jenny SCHNIEDER

Luke 2:10—12 (NLT)

But the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. The Saviour—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David! And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger."

Christmas Eve

Family Service

5:00pm

Reflective Service

11:00pm

Christmas Day

A Joyful Christmas

9:30am

Live, Learn, Love

Thankyou

A BIG thanks to all those who helped with the carols on the lawn event last Sunday. Thanks to all those who quietly helped by carrying, lifting, serving and handing out. Thanks to those who played and sang. Thanks to those who served at the colouring-in, afternoon tea and church table. Thanks to everyone for making it a wonderful event.

Receptionist

Applications are invited for the role of "Receptionist" with Churches of Christ in NSW. Applications accepted until the close of Business 31st December 2008. The full job description and more information can be found on the church's office desk upstairs.

White House Developments

Over the past 18 months the elders along with the management team have been undertaking an assessment of the 'white house'. On **Sunday 18th January 2009 at 11am** the elders and management team would like to share some of the possibilities for the white house.

A window of opportunity has opened up with Nathan and Tina pursuing a short term mission in China for 6 months and members of the management team having some spare moments to consider differing options.

On Sunday 18th Jan we would like to:

- Talk about the history behind the last 18 months
- Probable costs
- The personnel who may be able to oversee a project
- Opportunity to tour the white house

Please make the time to come, hear, question and comment on the project proposed.