

North Turramurra Church of Christ
Focus on Today's News

Easter on the lawn

Easter is the opportunity to focus on the life, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus. The Easter weekend provides an opportunity for us as followers of Christ to reflect upon His sacrifice and resurrection. At the same time the Easter weekend is an opportunity for mission.

There are many ways that we reach out into our world in mission. As a church we are involved in mission:

- *Personally* – to our friends and family
- *Locally* – through *Easter on the lawn*
- *Nationally* – by working with Rivergum church to establish a Christian presence in Mt Druitt (July 20-26th)
- *Globally* – to serve in China. Our church once again generously gave to serve the people of Jinghong and more specifically the children of Seth Home Services.

Easter on the Lawn is on Sunday 12th April at 9:30am. At 10:30am there will be morning tea in the sunshine, jumping castle and other activities. We plan this event to:

- Provide opportunity for us as a church community to talk, share and encourage one another in a relaxed atmosphere on the long weekend
- Provide a safe environment for children to play and enjoy one another's company
- Be seen in the community as people walk and drive by
- To reach out to friends and family who may come to church with this activity afterwards
- To be relevant to a community who do not understand why a church exists. We trust that this provides a context to share faith in word and deed

Please pray that we will have one significant conversation with a member of our church and that we would be confident to ask one other person to come.

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Easter events

Good Friday service

9:30am in the chapel

Easter Sunday service

9am—Communion in the chapel

9:30am—Easter on the lawn

CHINA

“By the patter of small feet, you brought me to my knees.
From a distance, it’s a distance you called for me”

What a great example it is for a church to send out their young disciples into the world to “love thy neighbour”. To share in a vision, not limiting themselves to just locally – as important as it may be, but to reach out their arms internationally. To be blessed with the opportunity, and the faith to be obedient to take the Christian walk onto Buddhist ground and mirror the acts of Jesus. How great it is, that our church continues to contribute to a ministry where workers literally wash the hands and feet of others and spend their days with prostitutes and lepers. How inspiring is it, that even though we are in a Global Economic Crisis, one person was obedient to a call on their heart and donated \$7000 to go towards airfares. And that the very same day our ministers turn to our church, asking for the money to fund a walker and the exact amount (\$1,388) was given.

Jesus didn’t spend all His time in the church but out with the people, with the women, the children, the sick, the needy, the outcasts of society and He said, “you will do greater things than I.”

—Danielle Mathers

Ignite the flame festival

Saturday 25 April 2009, ‘Ignite the Flame’ 12noon – 4pm

Ignite the flame festival is a combined churches outreach on the village green at St Ives. Part of the coordinating team is David Smith and Gael Boon. If you would like to know more please see either David or Gael.

DIVORCECARE

Following an increase in the demand for support during family break up, we are entering our second year of running DivorceCare, an internationally recognised series of DVD's and discussion.

We are conducting DivorceCare, a group for men and women needing support following separation or divorce. DivorceCare features internationally recognised experts on divorce and recovery topics including: "Facing my anger", "Facing my loneliness", "Depression", "New relationships", "KidCare" and "Forgiveness".

Meeting each Thursday 9.30am -11.00am. Childcare will be provided if requested.

*For more information please call Wendy 0411060780
or Juliet 0403076913.*

Australian Christian Lobby

The Australian Christian Lobby is the Christian voice into the Federal and State Parliaments. This is a vital ministry at a time when Christian values are under such strident attack. The Annual fund raising dinner will be held on *Monday 30th March at 6:30PM at Sydney Olympic Park in Homebush*. The cost is \$60 per head.

If you would like to attend the dinner please email your response to apn@ausprayernet.org.au .

Speakers at the evening will be:

- Jim Wallace, Managing Director of the Australian Christian Lobby,
- Ursula Stephens, Parliamentary Secretary for Social Inclusion, Voluntary Sector and Indigenous Affairs, and Parliamentary Secretary assisting the Prime Minister for Social Inclusion.
- Tony Abbott, Shadow Minister for Families, Housing and Community Services.

Entertainment at the dinner will be provided by 'Sons of Korah!'

North Turrumurra Church of Christ has an intern counsellor available to provide support for a variety of life issues. \$20 a session or a voucher is available from Stephen to see the Counsellor. Please phone the church on 9988-4688.

Monthly tent fete

Our first CareWorks fete is Saturday April 4th 8am to noon on the church lawn. For the day we are in need of:

- gazebo tents x3
- 6 people to sell clothing – the prices will be marked
- 2 people to provide morning tea for those who are shopping
- people to provide morning teas – cakes, muffins etc
- 4 people to put up the tents at 7am on Saturday and to take down the tents at noon

If you could help in anyway please speak to Stephen.

Transforming Children Into Spiritual Champions

THE ENEMY HAS PLANS FOR YOUR CHILDREN—DO YOU?

Based on original research among children, parents & churches, George Barna reveals his discoveries about the significance of ministry to children.

*Join us Tuesday evenings
31 March & 7 April,
7:30pm in the church hall.*

Prayer and Praise

- Praise God for the work of the pastoral carers at Turramurra House from our church.
- Pray for the small group leaders as they prepare and lead bible studies each week during the school term.
- Pray for the Phillips family as they begin Mandarin course this week, as Kaiden starts pre-school and Tina commences school teaching.
- Pray for the Jagelmans protection as they are away this week.
- Pray for Wendy and Juliet as they lead DivorceCare and Wendy begins the Counsellor internship at the church this week.
- Pray for the monthly tent fete on Saturday April 4th on the church lawn. Pray that this will be a good opportunity to connect with people in the area.
- Pray for the *Transforming Children into Spiritual Champions* course in March and April.
- Pray for Pastor John and Mi and the Korean community as they prepare to reach out to the local community.

Live, Learn, Love

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: Nancy FIG

TUESDAY: Ross, Wendy, Ebony and Jordan FINNIE

WEDNESDAY: Wal and Jenny GAMBELL

THURSDAY: Tim, Louise, Harry, Ellery and Sophie GLEESON

FRIDAY: John and Cheree GOURLEY Peter and Jo BAEE

Lamentations 3:22

"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."

Today

Next Sunday

9:30am **SoulCare**
Stephen Cathcart
Volunteer Appreciation

9:30am **Praise and Communion**
Richard Oakes
Favourite Psalms

10:30am **Morning Tea**

12:30pm **Korean Community**

7:00pm **Connect @ 7**
Stephen Cathcart
Philippians 3

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Richard Oakes
Easter #1

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Stephen Cathcart
TBA

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Danielle Allen
Philippians 4

MOWING ROSTER

28th March 2009

John Saxby

Prayer Hotline

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Hanna Dijkstal

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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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