

# St. Andrew's Uniting Church News

*Mission Statement:*

**To bring the Gospel of Christ to  
The People of the Hawkesbury.**

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## **Encouragement from the Bible**

**Peter addresses the crowd.** "Men of Israel, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. This man was handed over to you by God's set purpose and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him."

*Acts Chapter 2, verses 22-24*

**May 2011**



## **Sunday Worship Services**

### **8:30am Church**

Traditional worship followed by morning tea & fellowship.

### **10:00am Church**

In conjunction with our Kids' Sunday program. A family celebration including programs from three years old to Secondary Year 9. Morning tea and fellowship follows.

### **6:00pm *Sundays@Six;* In the Auditorium.**

Modern worship with singers, drama and band, plus supper to follow.



**St. Andrew's Church on Palm Sunday** - Palms displayed in memory of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.



**Maundy Thursday**  
**'Service of the Shadows'**  
 A meal of unleavened bread, roast lamb & cinnamon, grapes, apple & bitter herbs. Holy Communion; Readings, prayers and hymns in memory of the Last Supper.



**St. Andrew's Church on Good Friday**



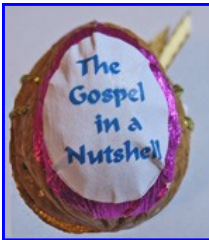
**St. Andrew's Church on Easter Sunday**

## Sound Controller

Thank you Ron for your ever-present attendance in charge of what must be a powerful device. Controlling the recording, sound level, and hearing-aid loop requires skill which you demonstrate while the congregation has only to listen and enjoy the hymns. We do appreciate it!



## Nutshell Bible



Kind Lady, words cannot express our admiration of your excellent handiwork which you give in such abundance. You are truly a missionary who transmits the Word in your own unique way.

Thank you!

## Elijah House

By Margaret Bailey

We have just completed the first 4 days (or 'A' level) of the Elijah House Prayer Ministry Training Course. The 18 participants were women and men from many Christian churches, including Catholic.

People came to learn new ways to pastorally care for others, as well as to gain new insight into the root causes of life's persistent problems. The Course provides answers to many questions about why difficulties arise in our personal relationships, as well as the tools to help us make lasting change. This is a ministry of the Holy Spirit. Real, positive change can happen for anyone who is willing to step forward and open up to God.

*Elijah House has four stages or 'levels', A,B,C,D. Each runs over four days. Students must begin at 'A'.*

*The next Elijah House Course 'A' level, will begin at Kingswood, Church of the Rock, Cox Avenue, Kingswood (near Penrith), Saturdays: 4,18,25, June, and 2 July, 2011. Level 'B' follows in October.*

Our guest John McIver, was interviewed by Bob Thuaux.

John traces his ancestry back to Ireland, Scotland, England and Germany.

His great great grandfather, Enoch Rudder, of Rudder and Martineau, brass founder from Birmingham, arrived in Sydney with his family aboard the *Princess Victoria* in 1834, and late in 1836 established the free town of Kempsey, on the Macleay River.

Great great grandfather John Black McIver hailed from Richmond, Ireland. He had plantations and slaves in Jamaica, and later moved to Argyle, Scotland, where he built Ardmarnock House, a building which still stands as a private hotel. He chartered the *Vessel Christina* to arrive with his family early 1839, and moved from Parramatta to *Belltrees* on the upper Hunter before establishing *Glen Esk* west of Port Macquarie.



John, the eldest of five children, was born a few months prior to the outbreak of WWII at Kempsey.

His father was a *Milo* batcher foreman for Nestles at Smithtown. The family commenced share-farming, on the lower Macleay, with his maternal grandfather, before buying the 490 acre property next door, where they set up a Jersey stud, dairying and mixed farming business. Undertaking much of his schooling, including high school, via distance education, John, commenced working when he was 9 years old. A thorough grounding in business principles and accounting during high school was to stand him in good stead in later life.

John recalls his father talking to him about the meaning of Easter- crucifixion and resurrection, when he was four years old, and from that time on he was aware of a growing God- consciousness. John's parents come from a strong Anglican and Methodist tradition, but prior to their marriage, they had joined The Salvation Army. Church was 24 kilometers away, so, with cows to milk, morning and night, the family's attendance once a month was a treasured highlight. In between times, evening family prayers and broadcast services via 2CH from Glebe Methodist Mission with the Rev. Allan Brand was to advance John's spiritual development.

Around 18 years of age John had a growing awareness of a call to ministry, which was prompted into action after he read the book *God in the Slums* by Hugh Redwood which describes the work of The Salvation Army slum sisters in London's East End. John was sure that Salvation Army Ministry was his calling!

John said that from an early age he knew that God had a plan for his life (as He has for everyone's life). It was just a matter of seeking God's guidance and getting in tune with it.

Early in 1958, Lt Hazel Kinder was appointed to John's church as the assistant minister. Later that year John was completing his application to enter the Salvation Army Training College, and came across a question that stumped him: "Are you courting, and whom". It should be noted that at that time an ordained Salvation Army minister could only marry if the prospective partner was another ordained Salvation Army minister. John was single, had no girlfriend, and although as they had worked together in the church, John had a growing awareness of Hazel, nothing even remotely romantic had passed between them. He showed it to Hazel. She responded, "I think you should say, Yes!"

Next year John and Hazel will celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. They have three children, 10 grand children and 4 great grand children. One grand daughter and her husband are currently in training for ministry. After more than 45 years in ministry, in retirement, John and Hazel find that one on one ministry continues to be a fulfilling and enriching experience.

Significant persons in John life include a recovering alcoholic, who afforded him observer status in AA, Rev. Eric Stevenson, retired Director of UCA's Family Counseling Service, and his own father, a man of impeccable integrity. John believes a man should be honest with himself and with God, open and honest with his wife and family, and open and honest with others, and seek to be a continually developing personality.

## \* *Special Family Event*

On **Sunday 22 May**, the 10am Congregation and Kids' Sunday children will be going to Pugh's Lagoon for our morning tea and a time of fellowship together. Please join with us and bring your lunch if you would like to spend more time getting to know everybody. If the weather is unfavourable we'll have this event in St Andrew's Auditorium.





Sunday 1st May has arrived at last! Our campaign '40 Days of Community' is now launched. All the 40 days have been planned and resources are available. But perhaps you have not yet made your decision to join the campaign? There are still a few days left, so please do take this opportunity.

The plan is really quite simple– the aim is to take the Christian relationships we have within our church family out into the local community. This may sound simple, but our first step is to make sure our relationships within church are in harmony. Thus the plan is for a comprehensive examination of our church life using a curriculum of devotional reading, prayer and resources scheduled in a study guide.

The plan will be followed by small groups meeting weekly to better understand their role in the church, in harmony, mutual appreciation and Christian knowledge. As this stage progresses, ways towards a commitment which will be helpful to the local community are likely to become apparent.

The organisation of the campaign includes eight team members to cover the overall responsibilities plus the leaders of each small group. The small groups are the key to success of the campaign. Persons who are not at present members of a group are encouraged to become members of an existing group or a new group (Geoff and Sandra Brown are the Group Coordinators).

A flood of information is available; DVD, leaflets, Newsletter inserts and more. The Participants Guide Book at \$10 is very helpful and is a treasure!

During the next 40 days we are going to enjoy being busy and with God's support, surely we will become ready and equipped to serve the local community.

# Coffee 'n Chat



**The Best Place to be . . . Coffee 'n Chat  
From 10:am on the 2nd Thursday of the month.  
Haute Cuisine, Haute Company & Haute Chat !!**



The Uniting Church  
in Australia

8<sup>th</sup> April, 2011.

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## Tingalpa Uniting Church

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*An Evangelical Church within the Uniting Church in Australia*



We thank you for your very generous donation to those affected by the recent floods in South East Queensland. We apologise for the delay in informing you on how the donations were used, but we wanted to find worthy organisations which were directly helping the most needy persons.

Together with other donations we have distributed the combined donations to:

1. Blazead; 2. Jubilee Ministries; 3. Operation Gyprock; 4. A private individual, known to a congregation member.

Again we thank you on behalf of the flood affected persons.

*E W Coit Hon. Treasurer.*

**A part of the 'Thank You' letter from Tingalpa Uniting Church.**



# BLOKES 'n SHEDS

At our next meeting  
**Saturday 11 June**  
7:30am  
Welcome our  
**Guest Speaker,**  
**Dr Tony Rombola**



## **Gentlemen, please listen to me.**

Dr Tony Rombola is a Christian GP practicing in Windsor. He graduated from Sydney University and has worked in General Practice since 1988. Apart from working in his practice, Tony also provides medical care for a men's rehabilitation centre in Yarramundi. Tony has a keen interest in

health and in the management and prevention of chronic disease in our community. I really think it is important and you should attend.

**"Blokes, the lady is right, we should all be there."**

More Information ?

Contact Bob Thuaux : 4578 2309 or Lester Vincent : 4575 1507

Cost is \$5 and to assist in catering for the superb breakfast, please let Bob or Lester know S.A.P. that you will attending.

**Worship Planner for May 2011.** This plan can be changed at any time

Date	8:30am	10am	6pm	Remarks
<b>1 May</b> (Easter 2)	Je-Kon Oh (HC)	Je-Kon Oh	Je-Kon Oh	Kids' Sunday begins.  40 Days Launch
<b>8 May</b> (Easter 3)	Je-Kon Oh	Je-Kon Oh	Je-Kon Oh	Mother's Day
<b>15 May</b> (40 Days: Love)	Je-Kon Oh	Je-Kon Oh (HC)	Je-Kon Oh	40 Days of Community begins.
<b>22 May</b> (40 Days: Mission)	Je-Kon Oh	Je-Kon Oh	Je-Kon Oh	
<b>29 May</b> (40 Days: Fellowship)	Je-Kon Oh	Je-Kon Oh	Je-Kon Oh	

The 10am service morning tea & lunch will be shared in the Pughs Lagoon Reserve on Sunday 22 May 2011. (GWU will organise it.)

\* GWU – High School students in Kids' Sunday—see Page 6

**CAN YOU FIND 18 BIBLICAL PERSON & PLACE NAMES ?**

This puzzle began when a church minister asked the travel agent to produce an itinerary for a group visit to the Holy Land. The minister said he wanted to see a lot of places and perhaps be the last to go with Sid on a ramble around the Salt Sea. But he was getting old and could no longer go dancing every night, in fact to relax he liked to spend a day on a canal boat and go landing a fish or two from a dam as customary in that part of the world. When he was younger he thought it a sin aiding



and abetting baby London gangs, but now he would like to spend time for a better purpose. He thought it's a pity really I want to go to Egypt, but with our big group we would need at least nine vehicles to carry us all. The travel agent said, 'Why not go to the Jordan and have a splash, erase your jetlag and have a beer, she bawled out. He was no hero don't you see; he didn't like to compete really and was thinking of his girlfriend Beth anyhow; she remarked that if he went away it would test her love for him. This worried him and he and his group spent their time at home trying to find all the 18 biblical persons and place names in this puzzle. Remember letters, word spacing and punctuation are to be ignored!

## Lectionary Planner for May 2011 (Year A)

Date	1st Reading	Psalm	Epistle	Gospel
<b>1 May</b> <b>(Easter 2)</b>	Acts 2:14a, 22-32	Psalm 16	1 Peter 1:3-9	<b><u>John 20:19-31</u></b>
<b>8 May</b> <b>(Easter 3)</b>	Acts 2:14a, 36-41	Psalm 116, 1-4, 12-19	1 Peter 1:17-23	<b><u>Luke 24:13-35</u></b>
<b>15 May</b> <b>(Easter 4)</b>	<b>From Sunday 15 May the Readings will follow the '40 Days of Community Program'</b>	* Note: Kids' Bible Study Texts are in bold underlined		
<b>May 22</b> <b>(Easter 5)</b>				
<b>May 29</b> <b>(Easter 6)</b>				

### May Church Activities (Services – see Page 1)

Sun	1	Launch: 40 Days of Community	Mon	16	Playtime	9:30
Mon	2	Playtime 9:30	Wed	18	M.O.P.S.	9:45
Tue	3	Church Council 7:30pm	Fri	20	Youth Group	7:00pm
Wed	4	M.O.P.S. 9:45	Mon	23	St. A. Singers	9:30
Thu	5	Fellowship 9:30	Mon	23	Playtime	9:30
Fri	6	I.D.A. Service 10:15	Wed	25	Presbytery	7:30pm
Fri	6	Youth Group 7:00pm	Thu	26	Seniors' Lunch	12:00
Mon	9	Playtime 9:30	Fri	27	Youth Group	7:00pm
Thu	12	Coffee 'n Chat From 10:00	Mon	30	Playtime	9:30
Fri	13	Youth Group 7:00pm				

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING DURING THE WEEK



### SUNDAYS

**Paddlers** Age 3 to Kinder: 10:00 -11.15am (Heather Fairhall 4571 1019)

**Kids Sunday** Years 1-5: 10:00 -11.15am (Robyn Duignan 4572 7517)

**GWU** Junior High Youth Years 7-9: 10:00 -11.15am (Greg. Inskip 4573 1002)

### MONDAYS

**Playtime** 9.30am -11.30am Parents and preschoolers (Caroline Kidd 4578 5583)

**Andy's Hands-on-Help** 9.00am -1:00 pm, Maintenance & Fellowship. (Bob Thuaux 4578 2309)

### TUESDAYS

**Church Council** 7.30pm 1<sup>st</sup> Tues in odd numbered months. (Greg. Inskip 4573 1002)

**Pastoral Leaders Team** 7.30pm 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday even numbered months. (Je-Kon Oh)

### WEDNESDAYS

**M.O.P.S** 9.45-11.45am Fortnightly in school terms for Mums and preschoolers.

(Rachel Pilcher 4578 0001)

### THURSDAYS

**Senior's Bible Study** 12 noon -1.30pm Bible Study (except 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday)

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday: **Adult Fellowship** 9:30am (Irene Milne 4578 1482)

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday: **Coffee 'n Chat** from 10:00am

3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Thursdays: **Seniors All Together** 10:00am – 12 noon

4<sup>th</sup> Thursday: **Seniors Lunch** 12:00 –1:45pm

For information on Thursday seniors' activities contact Sandi Herbert (4573 1517)

### FRIDAYS

**Op Shop** 7:30am -12 noon clothes and wares. (Anthea Inskip 4573 1002)

**Youth Group** (Years 6-10) 7:00pm every week in school term. (Greg. Inskip 45731002)

**SATURDAYS** **Blokes 'n Sheds**, alternative months at 7:30am (Bob Thuaux 4578 2309)

**SMALL/HOME GROUPS are a valuable and integral part of St Andrew's ministry.**

*We encourage all members to join a group. For further information please speak to our Minister Rev. Je-Kon Oh - Phone 4578 3421 (Home)*

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**Because of the danger to members and visitors with an allergy to nuts, the church premises are declared to be NUT FREE. Please do not bring nuts in any form.**



*Please send your news and views for the newsletter. email [jcsturgess@westnet.com.au](mailto:jcsturgess@westnet.com.au) Ph. 4567 1301*

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