



# May 2009

## St Andrew's Uniting Church

A congregation of the Uniting Church in Australia  
25 West Market Street, Richmond, NSW

St Andrew's has something for everyone of all ages, as we follow our mission to Seniors, Young Families and Young Adults in our community. Please contact a member of the Ministry Team or an Elder for any needs or support. Our Elders' names and phone numbers are listed in the Foyer (near the clock).

### MINISTRY TEAM

Rev Je-Kon Oh 4578 3820 (BH)  
Minister of the Word 4578 3421 (AH)

Email (Ministries): minister@richmonduniting.org.au

### Pastoral Care:

Margaret Bailey (Seniors) 4776 1487  
Dulcie Butler (Young Families/Young Adults) 4571 2246

### PASTORAL WORK: For the Needy

For many years now, our church has requested a retiring/special offering on the first Sunday of each month to benefit those who are in special need or require some material forms of pastoral care.

This help may be in the form of transport to an appointment, provision of a meal, purchase of food, purchase of family needs, fuel for a special/urgent trip etc. Each week, St Andrew's has people calling in requesting assistance, and we also need to help our own members at times. On some occasions, it is our Minister or a staff member who helped with transport, and so any income helps meet their travel costs.

In the past three months (January-March), those generous donations amounted to \$781.35, and the fund had expenses of \$100 in cash. Of course, there were transport, meals and groceries also provided, which don't show up in the finance records.

It is important that we recognise the generosity of those who provide cash on those "first Sundays", help with transport, donations of groceries and support our frozen meals program. Without all of those wonderful people we could not be such a caring church!

So please remember, if you cannot help our needy community members in other ways, please give what you can using the envelopes distributed on the first Sunday each month: put your envelope into the plate whenever you can over the following Sundays.

Bruce Fairhall, Treasurer



### SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

**8.30 am Church**

Traditional worship followed by morning tea and fellowship

**9.45 am Church**

In conjunction with our Kids' Sunday program.

A family celebration, including programs for children from 3 years of age up to Secondary Year 9. Morning tea and fellowship follows.

**6.00 pm  
Sundays@6.00  
Auditorium**

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

*St Andrews is a member of the Assembly of Confessing Congregations*

### Church Office

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I recently attended a conference on Sustainable Community Development . I found the following so much fun I thought I'd share it with you.

*Deb Bushell*

## **YOU CAN'T CLEARCUT YOUR WAY TO HEAVEN**

By Darryl Cherney

### **Verse 1**

Now the Lord, He made the world in just six days  
A wonder to behold when it was done  
The oceans and blue skies, forests green and mountains high  
With animals which crawl and fly and run

But one of God's creatures wasn't pleased  
It wanted to create with its own hands  
So it clearcut all the trees, carved the mountains, spoiled the seas  
Proclaiming it the way that God had planned

### **Chorus**

But you can't clearcut your way to Heaven  
No, strip mines don't make it with the Lord  
Bulldozin' the Creation won't win God's admiration  
And the Pearly Gates may close for Evermore

### **Verse 2**

Now my Mama, used to read the family bible  
And it said: "Thou shalt not covet, steal or kill  
But then I coveted the forests and the mountains  
And I stole my mother Nature's gems at will

Then I killed off many critters to extinction  
But I'm sure God must have made them by mistake  
Cause I had to keep my job, where I plunder, rape and rob,  
But I swear to you it's for my children's sake

### **Verse 3**

Well to-day, I heard they mined the rock of ages  
Cause they thought it had a chunk of gold inside  
And they're dumping PCB's into the Sea of Galilee  
And they've milled the cross on which our Saviour died

And they've levelled old Jerusalem for condos  
Gone built a shopping mall where Jesus did his thing  
And as I looked on our success at creating such a mess  
I swore I heard a band of angels sing

## ***CONCERT***

*St David's Uniting Church, Kurrajong Heights  
Sunday 31 May at 2pm  
Chorella Choir and the Muso Mates*

*\$20 / Children free*

## POINTS for PRAYER, May 2009

John 3:16,17,18a. "God loved the people of the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who has faith in him will have eternal life and never really die. God did not send his Son into the world to condemn its people. He sent him to save them! No one who has faith in God's Son will be condemned."

*We thank you Father for your great love for us. We marvel at your sacrifice and realise again how much we owe you. Thankyou for Jesus. May we all open our lives to you, so that you may be our power and motivation everyday. May we have your outlook of LOVE in all we think and do.*

- Pray for World leaders and governments who grapple with the problems of economic downturn, and potential pandemic of Swine Flu. Pray for wisdom and integrity.
- St. Andrews - thank God for our community here. May we respond well to people in hard times.
- People out of work – that they will turn to God and not to despair.
- Mark Prowse who is at Kinglake West (Victorian bush fire community) as minister for Uniting Church. Also other chaplains.
  
- Je-Kon, Sunshine, Echo and Isaac. Pray for times of refreshing and recharging.
  
- Elders, Church Council officers, Pastoral Carers, Small Group leaders, Children's ministry workers, Church members on every roster; that we would all stay close to and follow Jesus.
- Bruce Fairhall as he co-ordinates 40 days of Purpose.
- Choice of an Admin. Assistant from a large number of applicants. Pray that we will employ the right one.
- Pray for Alan Cox, Win King, Keith Bailey, Betty Dixon, Peg Woodhill, Gwen Barclay, Jane Ervine, Mary Avern, John Dunstan. Baby Jordan Jean Mackay recovering from surgery and facing ongoing treatment, also parents.

**Book Review: *a friend like henry*** by Nuala Gardner  
(Borrowed from our Church Library)

This heart-wrenching story of parents dealing with authorities' and peoples' "perceptions" of the way children should learn, grow and behave, opens your eyes as you read this family's story of life living with autistic children. "JUST READ IT" is what I recommend, and your life perspective will be changed! You will view human behaviour in a new way - through God's eyes.

*Heather Fairhall*

## WANTED: Stamps and Spectacles

Last year \$22,731 was raised by Sydney Stamp Volunteers from the sale of old POSTAGE STAMPS (yes, old postage stamps!) for projects for Mission, Outreach and Education. Please retain your old stamps (including Australian ones) and bring them along to the church periodically but please make sure that some paper is left round the perforation as they are of no use if any part of the original stamp is cut off.

ALSO, do you have any OLD GLASSES because we collect these and they are sent to people in underdeveloped countries; sometimes they can be used as they are but otherwise the lenses can be reground. It can make all the difference to people being able to see.

## Thank You

Belinda Oliver wishes to thank the many people who have called, visited, prayed, sent cards and supplied meals for her and the family; she is truly grateful. Belinda will be on crutches for a number of weeks yet and is still in quite a bit of pain; please continue to pray for her healing and for Michael, Laura, Stephanie and Harrison as they care for Belinda and keep the home running smoothly.

## Worship Planner for May 2009

Date	8:30am	9:45am	6pm	Remarks
<b>3 May</b> Easter 4B	Je-Kon Oh (HC)	Je-Kon Oh	Je-Kon Oh	Kids' Sunday begins.
<b>10 May</b> Easter 5B	Je-Kon Oh	Je-Kon Oh	Je-Kon Oh	
<b>17 May</b> 40 Days Purpose Wk1	Je-Kon Oh	Je-Kon Oh (HC)	Je-Kon Oh	What on Earth Am I Here For?
<b>24 May</b> 40 Days Purpose Wk2	Je-Kon Oh	Je-Kon Oh	Je-Kon Oh	You Were Planned For God's Pleasure.
<b>31 May</b> 40 Days Purpose Wk3	Je-Kon Oh	Je-Kon Oh	Je-Kon Oh	You Were Formed For God's Family.

\* Note: This plan can be changed at any time.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>31</b>					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 7.30 Blokes 'N Sheds
<b>3</b> <b>Lent Event</b> 8.30/9.45 Worship <b>Kids' Sunday</b> begins - KICK-OFF - <b>40 DAYS OF PURPOSE</b>  <i>Sundays@6.00</i>	<b>4</b> 9.30 Playtime	<b>5</b>  7.30 Church Council Budget Planning	<b>6</b> 9.30 Fellowship 9.45 M.O.P.S.  7.30 '40 Days' Leaders	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10 Mothers' Day</b> 8.30/9.45 Worship  <b>Sundays@6.00</b>	<b>11</b> 9.30 Playtime	<b>12</b>  7.30 Church Council	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 10.00 Coffee 'n Chat	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 8.30/9.45 Worship <b>Cong. Meeting</b> - START - <b>40 DAYS OF PURPOSE</b>  <i>Sundays@6.00</i>	<b>18</b> 9.30 Playtime	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 9.45 M.O.P.S.	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 8.30/9.45 Worship 12.00 Pak 'n Yak  <i>Sundays@6.00</i>	<b>25</b> 9.30 StA Singers 9.30 Playtime	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  12 Seniors' Lunch	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>



## WHAT'S ON DURING THE WEEK

### SUNDAYS

**Paddlers** – Age 3 to Kinder: 9.45-11.00am (Heather Fairhall 4571 1019)

**Kids Sunday** – Years 1-5: 9.45-11.00am (Robyn Duignan 4572 7517)

**GWU** – Junior High Youth Years 7-9: 9.45-11.00am (TBA)

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### MONDAYS

**Playtime** – 9.30am-11.30am – Parents and preschoolers (Michelle Dacey 4574 1312)

**Andy's Hands-on-Help** – 9.00am to 1.00pm – Maintenance and Fellowship

(Bob Thuaux 4578 2309)

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### TUESDAYS

**eMT Youth** – 3.15pm-4.15pm (During school term time) (Glenda Christie 02 9913 8626)

**Church Council** – 7.30pm – Quarterly Meetings (Greg Inskip 4573 1002)

**Elders** – 7.30pm – 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday each month (Sandi Herbert 4573 1517)

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### WEDNESDAYS

**MOPS** – 9.45-11.45am Fortnightly in school terms for Mums and preschoolers

(Michelle Dacey 4574

1312)

**Adult Fellowship** – 10am – 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesdays – Friends, food, fun (Irene Milne 4578 1482)

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### THURSDAYS

**Coffee 'n Chat** – 10am (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday each month: Crafts and fun)

**All Together** – 10am - 12noon. Other weeks – Get fit exercise (for info on Thursday seniors' activities contact Sandi Herbert 4573 1517)

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

(Sandi Herbert 4573 1517)

**Seniors' Luncheon** – 12noon - 1.45pm (4<sup>th</sup> Thursday each month)

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### FRIDAYS

**Op Shop** – 9.00am – 12.00 – clothes and wares (Carmel Hagedoorn Phone 4567 7448)

**Open Church Prayer** – 9.30am - 10.30am and more (Margaret and Keith Bailey 4776 1487)

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### SATURDAYS

**Blokes 'N Sheds** – 7.30am Breakfast for blokes – 1<sup>st</sup> Saturdays each month

(Keith Bailey 4776 1487)

*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)*