



July 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

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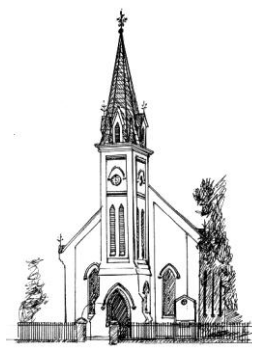
Annual Reports

A reminder that we would like a report on the past year's activities from EVERY group or gathering of our church, please. The Annual Report aims to provide an overview of all that has happened, and perhaps even a hint of plans for the months (year?) ahead. Even groups that don't have a formal meeting or leadership are invited to submit something. By publicising what you have done, who is involved etc. then you spread that knowledge to everyone in our church.

The actual Report has to be printed, collated and stapled in time for our Congregation AGM on Sunday 9 August, so allowing some time for the setting up it is requested that all reports be received by the **END OF JULY**.

Please email them to the Church Office by that date. If you don't have access to typing facilities, it will need to be at the office, for typing, at least a week before.

*Bruce Fairhall
Church Administrator*



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*

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40 DAYS OF PURPOSE

A PURPOSE-DRIVEN LIFE CAMPAIGN

Although the *40 Days of Purpose Campaign* has triumphantly finished, let us not lose our commitment to live out God's purposes in our lives. If you missed memorizing all six of the weekly memory verses, memorize the rest! If you still have some chapters in *The Purpose Driven Life* to finish, keep on reading!

If your small group has connected in a special way, keep on meeting! If you signed up to serve in a ministry or a mission, get in the game! This Campaign will have true impact if we each choose to live God's purposes every day from now on. Today is not an ending; it is the start of the rest of the adventure!

St Andrew's Church congratulates all the people who have made the 40 Days of Purpose a triumphant campaign: from Je-Kon, Study Leaders/Hosts, Coordinators, volunteers and other people who worked quietly in the background, to every person who participated in the study, well done everyone.

Points for Prayer, July 2009

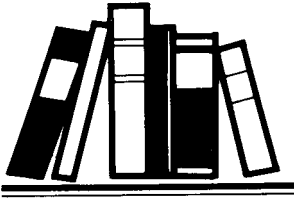
God's Word

Matthew 28:19-20 "Go to the people of all nations and make them my disciples. Baptise them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teach them to do everything I have told you. I will be with you always, even until the end of the world."

Gracious God, you have given each of us a mission. Help us to fulfill our mission, so that your name is lifted high, and all glory goes to you.

- Thank God for the 40 Days of Purpose program. Pray that we will continue to grow and mature as Christians, so that we serve Christ's purposes in the church and the world.
- Pray for all politicians and public servants in Federal, State, and Local Governments, to have integrity and the will to do their best for Australia and Australians.
- Pray for the upcoming Uniting Church National Assembly. Pray that all delegates will seek God's guidance and have his mind, so that real unity is achieved. Pray for Assembly of Confessing Congregations representatives, that they will be respected and heard.
- Pray for the future of St. Andrew's Uniting – Rev. Je-Kon Oh and his family; the Planning Committee to make good recommendations; Children and Teenagers attending our church to become disciples of Jesus.
- Pray for those who struggle with health issues – Alan Cox, Keith Bailey, Jane Ervine, Bruce Gay, Hazel Power.
- Pray for help and hope for - the people of Ethiopia; the people of Sri Lanka; people and Govt. of Zimbabwe; the people of Pakistan; the children of Nigeria branded as witches and abused – all because of bad teaching in the churches there.
- Pray for protection and good outcomes for the people and Govt. of Iran as they experience conflict and turmoil.
- Pray for Christians who suffer for their faith in many countries of the world.

Book Review: PRAYER by Philip Yancey.



Philip Yancey has written a refreshing, thought provoking and helpful book on prayer. He explores basic questions we all have at times – Why pray? Why doesn't God answer my prayers? And he doesn't give cheap or quick answers to people's big questions – Where was God when my son suicided? He writes honestly about doubts, his own and other's. Yancey speaks helpfully about position; God's position and our position, and realising where and who we are in relation to God.

“Prayer helps correct myopia” and “Prayer raises my sight beyond the petty”. “Prayer is not about giving God new information.” He draws his observations from a wide range of people's experiences, and stories and quotes are found throughout the book - the voice of Harold: “We try to follow God on a place (the earth) where we are in active rebellion against him.” Philip Yancey introduces us to new ideas and concepts in prayer.

In Chapter 7 he speaks about prayer being “ a wrestling match between us and God. What we want vs What God wants. Abraham was a bargainer, Moses argued. We tend to be polite and silent.” Yancey points out that: “Jacob, whose other name was Israel, which means “God wrestler”, said to God, “I will not let you go unless you bless me.” He observes: “God seems to welcome the persistence that keeps fighting long after the match has been decided.”

This book is very readable and it kept me thinking. It is an encouraging book, one which I recommend to all people who are wanting to improve their own communication with God.

Margaret Bailey



Purposeful Parenting

MOPS have a guest speaker, Lyn Roberts, from Purposeful Parenting coming to St.Andrew's on Wednesday 29th of July starting at 0945am to 1145am. She will be talking about "Boundaries" with kids. There is no child minding available. Gold coin donation for those who are not MOPS mums.

Michelle Dacey

*Teaching kids to
count is good but
teaching them what
counts is best.*

Worship Planner for July 2009

Date	8:30am	9:45am	6pm	Remarks
5 July (Ordinary Sunday 14)	Je-Kon Oh (HC)	Je-Kon Oh	Je-Kon Oh	
12 July (Ordinary Sunday 15)	Je-Kon Oh	Je-Kon Oh	Je-Kon Oh	End of 2 nd school term
19 July (Ordinary Sunday 16)	Tony Blake	Tony Blake (HC)	Tony Blake	Je-Kon's Leave
26 July (Ordinary Sunday 17)	Mr Graham Knight	Mr Graham Knight	Tony Blake	Je-Kon's Leave

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

*If you can't sleep
don't count sheep
...talk to the shepherd*



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9.45 M.O.P.S.	2	3	4
5 8.30/9.45 Worship <i>Sundays@6.00</i>	6 9.30 Playtime	7 7.30 Elders	8 11.00 Fellowship Mission Lunch	9 10.00 Coffee 'n Chat	10	11
12 8.30/9.45 Worship <i>Sundays@6.00</i>	13 Je-Kon on Leave	14	15	16	17	18
19 8.30/9.45 Worship <i>Sundays@6.00</i>	20	21	22	23 12 Seniors' Lunch	24 CLOSE TODAY: Church Council and Elders Nominations	25 10.00 Presbytery Fellowship Gathering
26 8.30/9.45 Worship <i>Sundays@6.00</i>	27 9.30 StA Singers 9.30 Playtime Je-Kon returns	28	29 9.45 M.O.P.S.	30	31	



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 (Greg Inskip 4573 1002)

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)

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 – 1st Tuesday each month (Sandi Herbert 4573 1517)

WEDNESDAYS

MOPS – 9.45-11.45am Fortnightly in school terms for Mums and preschoolers
(Michelle Dacey 4574 1312)

Adult Fellowship – 10am – 1st Wednesdays – Friends, food, fun (Irene Milne 4578 1482)

THURSDAYS

Coffee 'n Chat – 10am (2nd 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 4th Thursday)
(Sandi Herbert 4573 1517)

Seniors' Luncheon – 12noon - 1.45pm (4th Thursday each month)

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)

SATURDAYS

Blokes 'N Sheds – 7.30am Breakfast for blokes – 1st 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)*