

# July 2010



## **St Andrew's Uniting Church**

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

### **Mission Statement:**

**To bring the Gospel of Christ to the  
people of the Hawkesbury**

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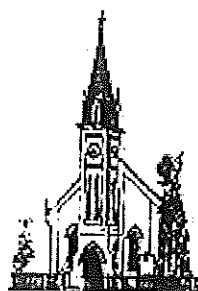
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Church Administrator

St Andrew's is a member of the  
Assembly of Confessing Congregations



### **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 8.  
Morning tea and  
fellowship follows.

**6.00 pm  
Sundays@Six  
Auditorium**

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

## **LIGHT OUT OF DARKNESS**

*What do you think of the following true short account about a blind man? It was written anonymously, well over 100 years ago, so some words have been slightly updated.*

In a small but clean home I visited a blind man who was working at making a mat. Struck by his wonderfully cheerful expression, I directed the conversation with a view to understanding the secret of his serenity and unmistakable joy. It turned out as I might have expected – his radiance did not come from an earthly source, but from the inward light of one who knows Jesus and who has received healing from Jesus.

Until he was 30 years old he had lived as a stranger from God and the power of his grace; seeing with his bodily eyes, but having his mind blinded by the god of this world. By what was termed an 'accident', he lost his sight and when I saw him he had been blind for several years. During those years he had become a new person in Jesus Christ.

I will never forget when I had been offering my condolences for his calamity, that he emphatically interrupted with the exclamation, "Thank God for the loss of my sight, for I never saw until I was made blind!" He then went on to explain that his 'accident' had stopped him in his vicious and selfish career and he had been brought to a saving knowledge of the truth. The Lord had turned his curse into a blessing. He brought him into darkness so that he might bring him into a more glorious light. And for this, the mat maker was filled with gratitude and praise.

Reader, may I ask, "How is it with you? Are the things of sense and earth and time the only realities? Having eyes to see these things, are you blind to the grander realities of the spiritual and eternal world? You pity the blind from whose eyes the light of this world is shut out, but sad as is their condition, is yours ten thousand times more worthy of pity?" If this is so, have pity on yourself, why wait to be corrected by a calamity when God's word, the Bible is at hand? Wake up! And Christ will give you light! Let the world go, turn your eyes and stretch out your hands to the future and eternal life.

### **HELP REQUIRED FOR FRIDAY YOUTH GROUP**

The Youth Group currently has 3 people leading the group:  
Greg & Anthea Inskip and Sandra House

The Pastoral Leaders Team would like a suitable male person to support this team.  
If you feel you could fill this role please contact Greg or Je-Kon.

## OUR FRIDAY SHOP

We have been blessed since 1992, when Enid Kerr opened the Friday Shop in our Front Hall. In those initial years, we shared proceeds with LifeLine, and then later with Castlereagh Church, as these were Enid's passions. Upon Enid's retirement at the end of 2008, her long-time helper, Carmel Hagedoom, took over the operation. In return for a contract payment to cover her travel etc. our church received the full proceeds, which have averaged over \$500 per week. In addition, surplus/unsaleable items were regularly donated to the Hawkesbury Homeless project and Parramatta Mission.

Carmel gave notice because she was moving her home up the coast, and we called for applications through our church and all other local churches. There were two enquiries, but again we have been blessed, as the successful applicant was our own church member Anthea Inskip, who will run the Friday Shop on a contract basis.

She has set the purpose of The Friday Shop as:

- To show God's love by meeting some of the practical needs of the local community by selling low cost clothing and other second hand items.
- To link people within the community to programs and activities within The Church, and as a source of regular income for the Church.



In order to achieve these aims, we want to ensure there is a "social" aspect to the Friday Shop – with a friendly welcome to shoppers, facility for a "cuppa and chat", and a closer link to the activities of St Andrew's.

The "new" Friday Shop will open on Friday 9 July, and initially (on trial) it will be open each week from 8.00am to 1.00pm. We will need at least one volunteer each week, and hope our long-time volunteer Betty Pirie can also continue. We also need our church members to support this project by donating items for sale on a regular basis, either by giving them to Anthea or depositing them in the clothing bin.

Please prayerfully consider how you can help this enterprise to grow. Contact Betty Dixon if you would like to be on the Friday Shop Roster, and remember to sort, clean and donate saleable items, with an emphasis on clothing.

*Contributed by Bruce Fairhall*

## Special Needs Transport -

### More Helpers Needed



A special thanks to all who have offered to provide transport under this programme so far.

I do not know if it is because of it being winter now, but the number of requests seem to have increased lately, and many folk who would normally assist are away on holidays or something similar. One of our people has so far needed transport to medical appointments four times in two weeks, and thankfully, we have been able to assist on two of these occasions.

Bookings for July have already commenced.

I am reluctant to ask people who already perform other busy jobs at St Andrews for assistance, but several times recently, I have had to put this aside so the service can be provided.

This is a very worthy avenue of quiet service performed as an extension of God's love, and people assisted by it appreciate it so very much.

There is a definite need for more willing drivers. The bigger the list of available people, the less frequently each person is called upon to help out.

If you would like to make yourself available, bearing in mind your "busyness" in other areas of your life, please contact either:

Sandi Herbert, (4573 1517),

Rev Je-Kon Oh (4578 3820)

or myself,

so we can check your availability with you when the need arises. Thank you.

Lester Vincent

Co-ordinator,

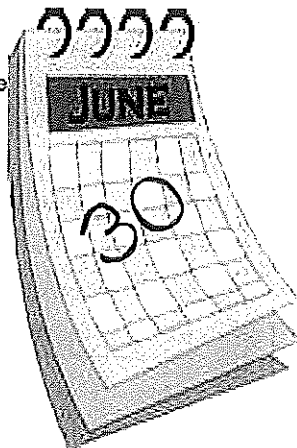
Special Needs Transport

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## IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!!

Yes, the end of the financial year is upon us, and that means some people have things to think about, with the Congregation AGM set down for Sunday 15 August.

1. Treasurers of our groups should have their report and documents to our Auditor, Bert Wheeler as soon as possible, but definitely by an absolute deadline at the end of July.
2. We will be electing some members of Church Council, and it has been proposed that we have 8 representatives from our Worship Services, but not necessarily 2 from each service. More on this later; But would YOU like to be on our Church Council? A nomination form will be available shortly.
3. We will be electing people to be members of our Pastoral Leaders' Team (PLT), and some of them may then wish to choose to be a Leader, Assistant Leader or Coordinator. A nomination form for PLT membership will also be available shortly.
4. The Annual Report provides a way for groups and activities to record what they have done during the year, and publicise their achievements. Reports should be emailed to the Church Office or handed in for our Office Assistant Cheryl Jones to type out. Because it is a large report, don't leave your submission till last minute: By the end of July at the very latest, please.



Thank you everyone for your cooperation at this busy time.

Bruce Fairhall, Church Administrator

### An Illustrative Story

A lady was reading her Bible on the packed commuter train.

The man next to her sighed and said, "You don't really believe that rubbish do you?"

She replied, "Yes of course, it's the Word of God." The man said, "What about that bloke who was swallowed by a whale – how could he have survived?"

"I'll ask him when I get to heaven," she said. But the man persisted, "What if he's not in heaven?" "Then you can ask him", she said.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>July 2010</b>				1 9:30 Fellowship	2	3
				4 8:30 / 9:45 Worship  <i>Sundays@6</i>	5	6 7:30 Church Council
11 8:30 / 9:45 Worship  <i>Sundays@6</i>	12	13	14 Children's School Hol. Activity, Folk Art 9am -12 Sandra House	15	16 Friday Shop 8am-1pm	17
18 8:30 / 9:45 Worship  <i>Sundays@6</i>	19 9:30 Playtime	20	21 9:45 M.O.P.S.	22 12:00 Seniors' Lunch	23 Friday Shop 8am-1pm. Youth Group 7:00pm	24
25 8:30 / 9:45 Worship Klds' Sunday Begins.  <i>Sundays@6</i>	26 9:30 St. A. Singers 9:30 Playtime	27	28	29	30 CLOSE TODAY: Church Council Nominations. Fri. Shop 8am-1pm. Youth Grp7pm	31

**Announcement** *Je-Kon will take his annual leave from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July to Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August. Please contact Pastoral Leaders for all Pastoral matters.*

### Worship Planner for July 2010

Date	8:30am	9:45am	6:00pm	Remarks
4 July (Pentecost 6)	Je-Kon Oh (HC)	Je-Kon Oh	Je-Kon Oh	
11 July (Pentecost 7)	Je-Kon Oh	Je-Kon Oh	Je-Kon Oh	
18 July (Pentecost 8)	Ms Annie Lindsay	Ms Annie Lindsay (HC)	Je-Kon Oh	Je-Kon's Annual Leave: Mon 19 July – Sun. 1 Aug
25 July (Pentecost 9)	Rev Steve Estherby	Rev Steve Estherby	Rev Steve Estherby	KIDS' SUNDAY begins

### Lectionary Reading for July 2010 (Year C)

Date	Old Testament	Psalm	Epistle	Gospel
4 July (Pentecost 6)	2 Kings 5: 1-14	Psalm 30	Galatians 6: (1-6), 7-16	Luke 10: 1-11 & 16-20
11 July (Pentecost 7)	Amos 7:7-17	Psalm 82	Colossians 1:1-14	Luke 10:25-37
18 July (Pentecost 8)	Amos 8:1-12	Psalm 52	Colossians 1: 15-28	Luke 10:38-42
25 July (Pentecost 9)	Hosea 1:2-10	Psalm 85	Colossians 2:6-15 (16-19)	<b><u>Luke 11:1-13</u></b>

**Note:** Kids' Sunday Bible Text is in bold & underlined

## 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

Church Council – 7.30pm-1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in odd-numbered month (Greg Inskip 4573 1002)

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

### WEDNESDAYS

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

(Michelle Dacey 4574 1312)

### THURSDAYS

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday: Coffee 'n' Chat – 10am

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday: Seniors All Together – 10am – 12 noon (Crafts)

4<sup>th</sup> Thursday: Seniors Lunch 12 – 1.45pm

Seniors Bible Study – 12 noon-1.30pm Bible Study (except 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday)

(for info on Thursday seniors activities contact Sandi Herbert (4573 1517))

### FRIDAYS

Op Shop – 8.00am – 1.00pm – clothes and wares (Anthea Inskip 45731002)

Youth Group (Years 6-10) 7pm every week during school term (Greg Inskip 4573 1002)

### SATURDAYS

Block's 'N Sheds – Breakfast bi-monthly (Bob Thuaux 4578 2309)



**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.**

***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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