



# August 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

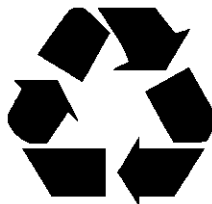
### Pastoral Care:

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

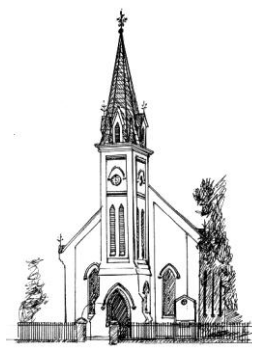
### Recycling at St Andrew's

We have SIX garbage bins at the front of our church, near the green clothing recycling bin. Three of them (black) are for non-recyclable rubbish, and these are collected every Monday evening. The other three (green with a yellow lid) are for recyclable items, and these are collected every second Monday evening.

For many years, we have tried to set an example by recycling as much as we can from the church, and I am writing this short item to enlist your support. In the Church Office and the Servedy there are separate bins for these two types of rubbish, however, if you have something large (such as carton) please place it directly in the outside bins.



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### 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.

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of the Assembly of  
Confessing  
Congregations*

#### Church Office

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Church Administrator: Bruce Fairhall 02 4571 1019  
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## Recycling continued:

**We RECYCLE:** All paper, cardboard, glass (not Pyrex or drinking glasses), aluminium cans and foil, plastic bottles, including their lids, and metal cans. Food packaging made of these materials can be recycled as long as the main food residue is removed. Large cartons should be broken up and/or folded to use as little space as possible in the bin. All other items should be put into the black bulk bin. Note that plastic garbage or shopping bags, pyrex or drinking, and crockery **CANNOT** be recycled.

By recycling we are able to save the energy required to produce aluminium and steel, enable the remanufacture of many plastic and glass products, and reduce carbon dioxide and methane in the atmosphere by not putting paper or cardboard into landfill dumps. The recycling plant used by Hawkesbury Council is at Smithfield, and it recycles about 150,000 tonnes of material each year.

Please help our church continue to set an example, and to be responsible in what we “dump”, by sorting all rubbish and using the appropriate bins.

*Bruce Fairhall*  
Church Administrator

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## Points for Prayer, August 2009

*God's Word*

**Matthew 18: 3,4,5. “Then he said: I promise you this. If you don’t change and become like a little child, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.**

*Lord God, help us all to place our trust in you. Give us help to see the reasons we don’t trust you, and constantly try to control our own lives. Help us to hold our lives open for your healing and your blessings.*

- Count the many blessings in your own life, and thank God that He loves you!
- Commit to Him all the problems and difficulties in your life and thank Him that He is on the Job, and knows better than you do the best way to handle them. Then trust Him just as a child would. And stop worrying!
- Pray for those making decisions about Australia’s economic future, especially in regard to global emissions trading.
- Pray for Governments of Australia as the healthcare and hospital system is reviewed. Pray that they will do what is right for all Australians.
- Pray for Rev. Je-Kon Oh, Sung-Hee, Echo and Isaac.
- Pray for the future of St. Andrew’s Uniting – Planning Committee to make good recommendations; especially in regard to outreach to our community.
- Pray 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, Olive Wyson, Ruth Dacey, Ann McPherson, Gwen Andrew, Sean Dixon. Pray for the families and carers of the above.
- Pray for all Church Council members and office bearers as the AGM approaches.
- Pray for help and hope for - the people of Ethiopia, and Somalia; Tamil people of Sri Lanka and people of Pakistan displaced by war.

## Something Old – Something New



*Cast your mind back 3,000 years to the time when the books of the Old Testament were written...a scribe is sitting down with writing instruments ready...recording the events, not of 3,000 years ago, but of recent months*

And it came to pass that the people had turned away from the Lord and had worshipped other gods for many years. They had worshipped celebrities; they had worshipped clothes, furnishings, plasma TVs and many other things. Some were frequent worshippers at the temples of Myer and Target while others chose JB Hifi or Domayne. Those of greater wealth entered the temple of David Jones. But, lo, many of the objects of their worship could not be paid for out of their incomes and they borrowed great amounts of money, much of it from the poorer people of the world.

Some among the people had murmured that this style of life could not continue but others took little notice. And the Lord said this cannot go on and sent a great financial tsunami which enveloped much of the world. Many were hurt in the storm and some were of innocent behaviour. The people became afraid and they phoned and emailed one another saying “What will become of us?”, “Why has this happened?” and “What are we to do?”

And the Lord sent a prophet to the richest country ; he was of mixed race and carried the name of Barack Obama. He told the people of that country that change must take place but many of those people did not listen and continued in their old ways. For many months he delivered his message and, when the people saw some of their idols fall to the ground, they began to take heed of his message.

Many months had passed since he first appeared but now the people made him to rule over the richest kingdom in the world. The hopes of many people all round the world rested on his shoulders. He joined with the leaders of the twenty richest nations who met together to talk over these things and each returned to their own country to rescue the financial situation.

The people were still greatly troubled by what had passed in recent times and wondered if solutions would be found. They became more cautious and did not visit their temples so often. Some began to wonder if the things that they had worshipped were worthwhile and began to change their ways. Those with wisdom in money matters said that it would be many years before the greed and deceit which had so troubled the world would be overcome. And the people were greatly chastened by all of these events.

*David Harper*

***HAPPINESS CAN BE THOUGHT,  
TAUGHT AND CAUGHT,  
BUT NOT BOUGHT***

## Worship Planner for August 2009

Date	8:30am	9:45am	6pm	Remarks
<b>2 August</b> (Ordinary Sunday 18)	Je-Kon Oh (HC)	Je-Kon Oh (Thanksgiving)	Je-Kon Oh	Kids' Sunday begins.
<b>9 July</b> (Ordinary Sunday 19)	Rev Keith Garner	Rev Keith Garner	Mike Faine	Cong. Meeting (AGM)
<b>16 August</b> (Ordinary Sunday 20)	Je-Kon Oh	Je-Kon Oh (HC)	Je-Kon Oh	
<b>23 August</b> (Ordinary Sunday 21)	Je-Kon Oh	Je-Kon Oh	Je-Kon Oh	
<b>30 August</b> (Ordinary Sunday 22)	Je-Kon Oh (baptism)	Je-Kon Oh	eMTs/Young Adults (HC)	

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



*A happy heart  
makes the face cheerful  
- Prov. 15:13*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>30</b> 8.30/9.45 Worship  <i>Sundays@6.00</i>	<b>31</b> 9.30 Playtime					<b>1</b>
<b>2</b> 8.30/9.45 Worship <b>Kids' Sunday</b> begins 2pm Macquarie Towns Choral Concert <i>Sundays@6.00</i>	<b>3</b> 9.30 Playtime	<b>4</b>  7.30 Elders	<b>5</b> 9.30 Fellowship AGM	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 7.30am Blokies 'N Sheds breakfast At Bob Aslin's Shed.
<b>9</b> 8.30/9.45 Worship <b>AGM Cong. Meet</b>  <i>Sundays@6.00</i>	<b>10</b> 9.30 Playtime	<b>11</b>  AGM: <b>7.30 Church Cncl</b>	<b>12</b> 9.45 M.O.P.S.	<b>13</b> 10.00 Coffee 'n Chat	<b>14</b>  Elder's	<b>15</b>  Retreat
<b>16</b> 8.30/9.45 Worship  <i>Sundays@6.00</i>	<b>17</b> 9.30 Playtime	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 10.00 Fellowship Fashion Parade  7.00 Presbytery	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 8.30/9.45 Worship  <i>Sundays@6.00</i>	<b>24</b> 9.30 StA Singers 9.30 Playtime	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 9.45 M.O.P.S.	<b>27</b>  12 Seniors' Lunch	<b>28</b>	<b>29</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 (Greg Inskip 4573 1002)

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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)*