



September 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)
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Margaret Bailey (Seniors) 4776 1487
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September is Hospitality Month

Meet...Greet...Eat
For more information see leaflets in the church.



Norwest Uniting Church News

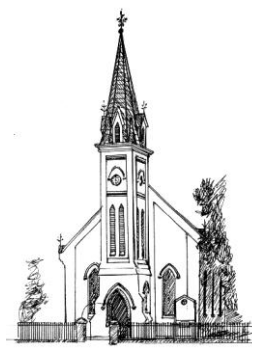
Norwest Uniting Church (Rev John Thornton) will move to its new church building. Its celebration service will be held on Sunday Sept. 13th at 2pm. Its new address is Unit 1/322 Annangrove Rd. Rouse Hill. RSVP to Rev John Thornton (9629 2180 or 0419 630 602)

Men Meeting the Challenge Conference

- * Theme: Real Words for Hard Times
- * Saturday September 5 (UWS Parramatta Campus)
- * If you are interested, please contact Je-Kon.

Big Thank You

Thank you to Peg Kitley for completing the Worship Resources folders.



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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There will be a CONCERT on Saturday 26 September at 2pm featuring Trombone, Piano and Organ.

The first part of the concert will be in the Church and will include popular classics and the second part will be in the Auditorium when we shall have songs from the shows.

\$10 (Children \$5) including refreshments.

Come and enjoy an afternoon of music and help raise funds for the Church.



Let's be influential in the Kingdom and restore it together

In early July I attended the School of Discipleship in Canberra. This body, initiated by the Uniting Church of Australia, calls people into real discipleship of Jesus. It calls all Christians to walk the road that Jesus walked and to heed the call that Jesus made to the Rich Young Ruler: "Go, sell everything you have, and come follow Me". The School is a place where this challenge can be discussed and understood. What does it mean for you and me? It will mean many different things for each individual and it will mean many of the same things for us all.

On Sunday 26th July we were challenged in the sermon to be 'influential' for Jesus. These two calls – to give up all and to be influential, are really one in the same thing. They are a call to be beacons of the light of the Kingdom in a good world created by God that is bound by sin and sinful structures. As was stated, praying and thinking, and might I add, simply talking about salvation, are not enough. Jesus called us to live each moment on the road with him. In the last articles I challenged us all to live in a more earth stewarding way. This call I hope has challenged you to think about what your day to day walk does to the poor of the world and to God's good creation and how God has given us the opportunity and grace to positively care for others through how we live our lives. The world is so connected now that we cannot avoid the responsibility to our Christian brothers and sisters in poorer countries, let alone God's earth and the poor everywhere. Yet isn't it amazing and wonderful that we can influence others by our choices?

During the School of Discipleship we heard talks from an Old Testament Historian (Daniel Christopher-Smith) and a Board member of TEAR Australia (Deborah Storie). Daniel spoke about the calls of Jeremiah and Jonah to the people of rich cities and how they should turn and repent. This call is for us today. Deborah spoke about the parables of Jesus and how this relates to the way we live our lives – what we buy, how we act, our ‘footprint’ here in Sydney where we are all incredibly rich: rich materially and rich in knowledge, so we have little excuse.

Part of the weekend too included a ‘public liturgy’: a church service in the street. Well, actually outside several embassies. First the Aboriginal tent embassy where we prayed and sang for reconciliation, then outside the Egyptian and USA embassies to pray and sing for humane and just dealings with other nations and then the South African embassy, once again to pray and sing for reconciliation and justice for the poor. We had a Federal Police escort for the route – and it wasn’t to protect us! For one short evening we brought Jesus’ light into the bastions of power in Canberra – it was a little scary, but I came away rejoicing that we do have victory in the Name of Jesus over the powers and principalities of this world.

This week I emailed a brother of ours in Christ who lives in Nigeria, North Africa. I have asked him to collect some personal stories about how our shopping habits here in Australia can influence the lives of people thousands of miles away. I am hoping to bring these to you in coming weeks to encourage you too, to step out and be an influential disciple of Jesus in your whole life.

Influential tip No 1: Turn all your electrical appliances with standby, off at the power point when not in use. You will stop heaps of greenhouse gas from being produced and save some money that can then be donated to your favourite charity – and you won’t lose your settings – I’ve tested it out!

Deb Bushell

YELLOW ENVELOPE APPEALS 2009

This year's "Yellow Envelope" appeals, as approved with our Budget by the Church Council, are as follows:

- 1. Pastoral Care:** The Planning Committee is coming to grips with the way or ways we could provide a valuable and valued program of Pastoral and Community Care for our church and its community. But whatever we do it will involve a monetary cost, so we are appealing now for funds for this purpose. A target of \$8,000 has been set.
- 2. Play Area Shade:** Our children's Play Area has no shade or outside wet weather cover, nor does it have a flat space for little children to ride bikes etc. We are hoping to erect a steel roof between the Children's Room and the back of the church, and pave the area beneath it. Cost about \$8,000.
- 3. Front Hall Development:** The Front Hall is in need of some sprucing up. We are presently obtaining quotes for interior repainting, but the main aim is to install a row of cupboards, with a bench top, along the southern wall. This will enhance storage and look a whole lot neater and cleaner. Estimated cost of the cupboards is \$3,500.

Please try to make a sacrificial and meaningful donation at **SOME TIME BETWEEN NOW AND CHRISTMAS**, marking the front of the envelope with your chosen project. The envelope can then be placed in the Offering Bag at any worship service.


Thank you.

Worship Planner for September 2009

Date	8:30am	9:45am	6pm	Remarks
6 September (Ordinary Sunday 23)	Je-Kon Oh (HC)	Je-Kon Oh	Je-Kon Oh	Father's Day
13 September (Ordinary Sunday 24)	Rev Keith Garner	Rev Keith Garner	Je-Kon Oh	
20 September (Ordinary Sunday 25)	Rev Peter Pereira	Rev Peter Pereira (HC)	Mr Graham Knight	
27 September (Ordinary Sunday 26)	Rev Peter Pereira	Rev Peter Pereira	Je-Kon Oh	

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

Holy Communion



The Elders have decided to provide 'gluten free' bread as well as ordinary bread in Holy Communion. If you prefer 'gluten free' bread, let one of the elders know.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Hospitality Month		1 7.00 Elders	2 9.30 Fellowship	3 ACC Conference opens	4	5
6 Fathers' Day 8.30/9.45 Worship <i>Sundays@6.00</i>	7 9.30 Playtime	8	9 9.45 M.O.P.S.	10 10.00 Coffee 'n Chat	11	12 Working Bee with Blokes 'n Sheds
13 Marriage Week 8.30/9.45 Worship <i>Sundays@6.00</i>	14 9.30 Playtime	15	16	17	18	19
20 8.30/9.45 Worship <i>Sundays@6.00</i>	21 9.30 Playtime	22	23 9.45 M.O.P.S.	24 12 Seniors' Lunch	25	26 Concert 2pm
27 8.30/9.45 Worship <i>Sundays@6.00</i>	28 9.30 StA Singers 9.30 Playtime	29	30			



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.

(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 – 8am Working Bee & Lunch – 2nd Saturdays each month
(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)*