

31ST MAY 2020
ACTS 15:22-35
STEVE HALES

Welcome

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Well that was fun last Sunday afternoon. I enjoyed checking out all those silly hats and I have to say, some of us excelled in that department. It was also nice to see some of our Chinese and Korean friends joining in the spirit of it all. Our silly hat winner, in fact, was Malcolm Bae from our Korean community, and the prize for the yummiest looking cupcake went to the Dorey family. Congratulations!

In this the final Sunday in May, we look forward to hearing how it's going for Karl and Caroline Hochstetter and the Sydney Refugee Team. I have a feeling they have some exciting news to share, as well as giving us a look at an exciting new ministry initiative.

The message today asks what we learn from Acts 15 about 'joining God's mission'. We're going to see that it can get messy sometimes, working out what grace looks like in a particular context or community. Joining God's mission means being willing to enter into that sometimes 'messy' business of mission – but doing it in wisdom and love. We need to listen to God's voice through his word and Spirit. We do it together, as a team. And we need godly and courageous leadership. Finally, we need to be willing to join God's mission even though it can be costly.

Grace and peace,
Steve

English Service
Livestreamed at 10am:
Access via our website
www.carlingford-baptist.org

Today **3-4pm** we will have an **"informal forum"** regarding our Quarterly Church Reports.
Zoom link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89040149836>

Next Sunday –
We will have our Kids Celebration Service.

Mission Spot - Sydney Refugee team

Sydney Refugee Team have recently been accepted as candidates of WEC Australia to continue their valuable work with refugees and asylum seekers.

Much of the ministry Karl and Caroline Hochstetter normally do is built around relationships. Their food ministry has only recently resumed in a different form because of the Covid 19 challenges. The need has grown as many people don't qualify for Government support packages when they have lost work because they are on Bridging Visas, TPVs and SHEVs. As restrictions have eased limited visits have become possible instead of phone calls, video calls or text messages, to these some respond politely, not necessarily relating their real circumstances.

Caroline is involved in trauma counselling ([freedomtoflourish.org .au](http://freedomtoflourish.org.au)) which she has also continued online at present. Coordinating with a couple and an interpreter make this medium difficult. Freedom to Flourish is a joint venture between Pioneers SUMMIT, SIM and SRT.

They are also developing a therapeutic community garden called "The Restoring Garden". The program includes learning activities like grounding, meditating, coping skills, sharing stories, short and long term goal setting, and many others, while practicing it all with hands in the soil, caring for the produce and enjoying the garden with the healing and restoring power of the Holy Spirit.



Church News

PRAYER TIPS:

God hears and stores our prayers—so pray often

**NO PRAYER IS WASTED -
God answers at just the right time.**



HOPESTREET Collections will take place on the 21st & 28th June.

Due to Covid 19 restrictions we will need to collect items differently. If you are able to please drop off items to the church office. Karon will be there to accept them Tuesday to Thursdays. If you are not able to, please contact the office to let us know if you would like your items to be picked up, or shopped for. As you can appreciate the needs of the homeless are not diminishing. The following is a list of needed items: Up & Go (much needed), Poppers (much needed), Noodles in a cup (much needed), Pasta & Pasta sauce, Muesli bars, Long life full cream milk, small boxes of cereal.
Thank you in advance for your continued generosity!



Plan A - is God's plan for us to share the Good News about Jesus.

Recently, Belinda Lakelin inspired us to use this plan, based on Matthew 28:16-20, to tell others about Jesus.

Plan A is simple – Sowing, Growing, Knowing, Rowing and Showing Up. You can explore this further, with the short study guide booklet that you can do on your own, and share with a friend or two (or your connect group).

CBC Offerings:

Dear fellow CBC members/believers,
We are thankful that Covid-19 is under control now, schools and businesses have reopened and our economy is starting to pick up again under the Government's 3 STEP framework for a COVIDSAFE nation. Despite all that has happened, we should acknowledge that Our Lord is still in control because He never ceases to provide for us as He loves us unconditionally. For those who are enjoying subsidy from JobKeeper or JobSeeker and getting their needs met, they should be very grateful, as there are many who are still struggling to make ends meet. We shall continue to pray for those who are experiencing financial hardship that they will be able to get through this difficult period. We encourage all church members/fellow believers especially those who are not going through financial hardship to give according to their ability and not beyond their means.

Here are few options to give your offerings:

Manual Offering -Please contact any church staff

1. **Kim Poon** - businessmanager@carlingford-baptist.org or **0426 581 932** 2. **Karon Linder** - office@carlingford-baptist.org or **9872 3022**

Direct Deposit: Account held with **Baptist Financial Services** Account Name: **Carlingford Baptist Church**

BSB No: **704-922**, No: **100016526** or

Giveaway Link: Go to bit.ly/CBCgiveaway or

Scan this QR code that will bring you straight to Giveaway



CONNECTING IN THE MIDST OF COVID-19



Please make the most of the opportunities to stay connected -

-**Online services at 10am**....

Follow the links from our website.

-**follow our Carlingford Baptist Church Facebook Page.** Daily updates Mon-Fri at 7am.

-**Join us on Zoom for a chat over morning tea after the service on Sunday**

-Keep meeting with your Connect Group over Zoom

-Use FaceTime/ WhatsApp or pick up the phone & call each other....IT IS SO

IMPORTANT TO STAY CONNECTED AT THIS TIME!

Don't forget after the Livestream to go back to our webpage to find the curated playlists for reflection and worship. There is also resources for children and families to worship together.



UPDATE COVID-19—RESTRICTIONS

Some restrictions are easing, however, we need to continue our current rhythms for now. There is a possibility of meeting with 10 people or less but there are very strict conditions to comply with. If you have a special case please make direct application to Steve so we can make sure the conditions are met. **In the meantime we are strongly encouraging our current rhythms of meeting together using technology.**

In addition, every gathering must record details of attendees. For more details about current guidelines from the Baptist Association go to:

<https://nswactbaptists.org.au/covid19/>

Keep PRAYING -

Our MONTHLY PRAYER FOCUS is MISSION—Global & Local.

This week **Karl & Caroline Hochstetter, Sydney Refugee Team.**

If you would like to join our Weekly Thursday Morning ZOOM Prayer meeting from 7:30-8am please email the office.



May Missions Month

Thank you for your generosity in supporting Open Doors - Hope for the Middle East".

If you would like to give to this appeal the link is - <https://bit.ly/CBC-Open-Doors>



*Thanks to those who are faithfully looking after the Church Grounds.
Next on the roster is:
Jun 11– Clive Copelin & Trevor Hayes*

Church Family Prayer

Peter Jones,
David & Alice Karoma & Family,
Lyn, Andrew & John Kidson.

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