

HOLIDAY BULLETIN
20TH DEC 2020 -
10TH JAN 2021

Welcome

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Each year we set aside the Sunday before Christmas to gather together for a time of joyous singing and reflection on the nativity story. This year will be no different! Whether you are present on the church property, or joining us from a church home, we are glad to be together.

There is much in common between the nativity story and our own. Mary and Joseph went through a significant time of uncertainty, wondering what God's plans were and where they could stay. God cared for them through it all, in the birth and as they were forced to flee to Egypt. We see many seeking God, including the shepherds and wise men. And of course all are filled with wonder at God's great plan. This year we too have gone through uncertainty and have had to trust in God's care. We too are seeking God's will for our future, and we too, particularly at a time like this, are filled with wonder at all that Christ.

Yours in Christ,
Daniel Waugh

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

Dates for your Diary:	
Carols in your Backyard with Colin Buchanan 7-9pm	20/12
Nativity Walk through 7-9pm	21/12 & 24/12
Christmas Day Service 9am Online	25/12
Online Service 10am	27/12
Combined In Person Service 10am—Please register	3/1
In-Person Service 10am Please register	10/1

Mission Spot—

Global Interaction



Teammates Sally Pim and Ben Good reflect on their story telling experiences in Mozambique and pluck out key questions we should ask ourselves before we start sharing the story that changes the world. "It's not as simple as rocking up Bible in hand and telling our favourite Bible story. So how can we share this story that has the power to transform lives through Jesus? Three more questions that help the Gospel make sense in your context:

Who are you sharing the story with? What is the world view of the person you are connecting with? Do they sit within a predominant culture of honour/shame, power/fear, or guilt/innocence? Do they believe in the existence of a higher power? What do they value? Justice, logic, self-reliance, family, tradition. Local stories give a good indication as to what is valued in a culture.

How will you share the story? How do people communicate in this context? Is it different to the culture you carry?

Will you listen to what they share? It is fair to assume that we are not always going to draw the same conclusions as others and therefore need to be aware of the influences of our own background. We are always better for encountering Jesus' story together rather than in isolation. When we do, we discover that Jesus is bigger than our individual understanding of him."

Church News

ELDERS UPDATE

This is a busy week but we want to make sure that we focus on the centre of Christmas, our Saviour coming to earth so that all can be saved. Please be in prayer for all the Christmas activities associated with the Church, particularly for each of the services on Christmas day - our cross cultural gathering, Korean and Mandarin services. Please pray that the message of hope for our world through Jesus will be spread from our services to all those that participate in the services, whether on-line or physically together. We would also encourage everyone to plan to participate in the farewell arrangements for Dan and Annika. (Details below.) Finally, but very significantly we are planning another time for prayer on 1 January. We need God's help and guidance, so please participate in this dedicated prayer time on New Year's day. (See also below.) Patsy, Amy, Jason and Alan

Start the New Year in Prayer – 1 January – New Hope - New Opportunities -

As we move into 2021 we would encourage everyone to have a special focus on prayer for our church on 1 January 2021. Please try and take 15 minutes on 1 Jan at either 9.00 am or 10.00 am, or if that is not possible at some other time during the day to pray for God's guidance for His church at Carlingford in the new season that we are entering. We need to ask God for help for us to focus on His mission to the world to make disciples for Him. Please think of the leaders as we seek to know God's direction for us including about the future arrangements for the church & pastors. We also would encourage prayer for unity as we work through God's direction for us in 2021. Please also pray for all who are part of our community, including all the ministries of the church and help them to prepare for 2021 with the arrangements that are needed for COVID-19. **James 5:16 gives us assurance that the prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective and so we encourage all to be in prayer for God's guidance for His church in a new season** Pastor Dan, Pastor David, Patsy, Amy, Jason and Alan

Farewell Arrangements for Daniel & Annika

Meet up with Dan 3 Jan after the service or Picnic with Dan & Annika on 17 Jan—after the service there will be a picnic at Don Moore Reserve North Rocks **12:30-2:30pm**. BYO food & drink. The 2m2 distance will be kept. If the weather is inclement or temp over 35 we will revert to the Church premises.

Words of encouragement— send an email or card to the office or write on a note in the Church foyer or at any of the gatherings on 3/1 or 17/1. These will be collated in together in a scrapbook.

Gift for Dan & Annika—we have opened a Giveway account for you to contribute to a gift. Go to:

<https://www.giveway.org.au/bfsgiveway/farewell-gift---pastoral---daniel-waugh>. Gifts can also be dropped into the Church Office. The Church Office will be open 21 Dec, 22 Dec and then will reopen on 12 Jan. Please join with us to encourage & support Dan & Annika as they take this next step in their ministry together for God.

CBC Offerings: Here are few options to give your offerings:

Manual Offering -Please contact any church staff or the office 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

Giveway Link: Go to bit.ly/CBCgiveway or Scan this



Contact Everest Consulting Pty Ltd Tel: 0403 272 866 for SAP support, sponsors of our weekly CBC bulletin

December Prayer Meeting

Today 3-4pm by ZOOM
Our Prayer focus this week is
SEEKING JESUS.



Please pray for
the Mandarin
Community
Christmas Day
Outreach
Service



A BIG THANKYOU from Karl & Caroline Hochstetter to all those who baked for the SRT!

To give to our **Cambodia Christmas Appeal** scan the following QR Code

or go to the following address:

<https://baptistworldaid.org.au/appeals/nsw-carlingford/>



Go to the **CBC Website** to order cards from the **BWA Big Hearted Giftstall!**



Update on Church Contact Arrangements

If you have pastoral matters that you would like to raise then please contact Pastor Dan Waugh. Over the next couple of weeks if you have questions or matters that you would normally raise with Ian Read our Church Secretary then please contact Kim at first instance or if of a more sensitive nature than could please raise with Dan or one of the elders rather than Ian.

UPDATE ON CBC SERVICES

7-9pm, 20th December

Carols in your Backyard—Livestreamed

7-9pm, 21st & 24th December

Nativity Reflection Stations walk-through event at Church – come anytime with your family to pray, reflect and enjoy the lights!

9am, 25th December

Christmas Day Online Service

10am, 27th December Online only

Launch of Proverbs Preaching Series

10am, 3rd January 2021

Combined Service and official launch of English in-person services. To register go to:

<https://reopen.church/r/TYBH9oOp>

10am, 10th January 2021

English in-person services. To register go to:

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**Website Admin
Password:
admin4Carlo!**

The CBC Office will be closed from Wednesday 23rd Dec– 12th Jan. Any urgent matters please contact Dan.

Church Family Prayer

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