

28TH FEB 2021
JOHN REID
JOHN 4:1-15

Welcome

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Your preacher today is old enough to have been a Christian Endeavourer when in his late teens. It was one of the places where I was formed spiritually. It was there that I learnt to pray and pray in public. It was at Endeavour that I began the lifelong task of interpreting Scripture. It was there that I learnt some of the spiritual disciplines of doing things in teams; working respectfully with others, both young women and men. It was there that I began to present papers, that is to write talks and present them. The passage that we are considering today is one that jumped into prominence in my thinking when we worked through guidebooks that progressed through the gospel looking at Jesus' Interaction with individuals in a series call "*Crucial Encounters with Christ.*" I learnt a great deal from this memorable series as we worked through Jesus' meeting with a blind beggar, a deceased demoniac; a frustrated Invalid, a petty perfectionist, a crooked social servant; a pillar of the establishment; with four fishermen, a dying criminal and despondent couple. Endeavour writers had a source for their notes that I did not know of at the time.

I remember the series well, because I discovered when I went to Morling College that the series was inspired by the writings of a London Pastor of the City Tabernacle, named Leonard Griffith. He published his book in my first year of college with the title '*The Crucial Encounter*'. I still have the book that I bought at the old Baptist Supply Centre in George Street, next to Central Baptist church. In my third year of college I attended Scotts Church in Macquarie Street to hear Griffiths preach superbly on another from another part of Scripture. We cornered him afterwards and peppered him with questions about his preaching preparation and he was gracious and patient with us. I copied my sermon notes for almost all my pastoral ministry into an A sized folder, until I went to teach at Morling College and upgraded my computer skills. Griffith's sermon on the Woman at the Well is entitled '*The Crucial Encounter with a Divorcee*' I have used that title today, despite the perhaps old fashioned use of language, although not his notes. The meetings and conversation with individuals are enlightening, encouraging and enriching!

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Dates for your Diary:

Church Meeting	7/3 3pm
BWA Launch 2021	13/3 2-4pm
HopeStreet Collections	14/3 & 21/3

Mission Spot—

One of the Power to Change core values is fruitfulness. True disciples of Jesus are called to remain in Jesus. We believe God calls us to go after effectiveness in what we do, as we seek to be intentional in connecting people to Jesus and each other. Last year provided numerous opportunities for our ministry teams to find innovative new ways of being proactive and effective in reaching people for Jesus. It was such a blessing to be able to join in person with the entire HQ team for our Christmas lunch in the park back in December. We hadn't been able to gather like this since March last year. We value your prayers for God to guide us as we seek to grow community and bring direction to our HQ teams.

Please see the mission board for the more detailed letter that shares family news from the Huddlestons too!



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ELDERS UPDATE –

We are thankful to God for the ongoing assistance so many are providing for our 10 am worship service to be held both face-to-face and on line. Plans are being developed for our Easter celebrations. We are looking at opportunities to connect together as we recognise the significance of Christ's death and His rising on Easter Sunday. Please continue to pray for God's plan to be revealed to us as we look at interim arrangements for pastors. We have two church meetings on Sunday 7 March. One meeting is looking at an appointment of a Mandarin Interim pastor and we ask God to guide us as we consider this appointment.

Patsy, Amy, Jason and Alan

FEBRUARY PRAYER THEME -

Asking God to make us better

disciples. For our last week of our prayer theme about praying to be a better disciple we have John 15:8 to help us. It encourages us as disciples to bear fruit, Pray that God will help us this week and into the future to nurture and grow those who don't know Christ so that will come to follow him. Pray also that each of us will bear the fruits of His spirit each day - love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness gentleness and self control.



SPECIAL & QUARTERLY MEETINGS

Our 2 in 1 very important Church meeting will be next week, 7th March @ 3pm. We need 45 members to attend and 75% of the meeting, to vote in favour, before we can appoint the Mandarin Interim Pastor. Some of our members will be away & unable to attend so, if you are a member please do your very best to be present, as the Mandarin congregation are keen for a decision to be made.

A note of **Thanks and Appreciation** from **Becky Dawkins and her family** for all the prayers and cards. Her Mother's funeral went well and was a wonderful ceremony.

Congratulations to Roy Robinson who recently celebrated his 90th Birthday!

To register for in person CBC SERVICES

go to:

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

COVID WARDENS NEEDED FOR SUNDAY SERVICES

- We are still in need of 2 more Covid Wardens. It is a government requirement to have a Covid Warden present if we are to meet together at the church. Please consider whether you could be responsible for one service every 6 weeks. For more information please contact Ian Read.



EASTER SUNDAY BBQ BREAKFAST/ LUNCH

Please keep free Easter Sunday 4 April for an 8am breakfast BBQ of fish & bread (as Jesus did with his disciples John 21).

We are encouraging home groups, or others, to meet in homes @ 8am for a special breakfast (or if you prefer for lunch). Then come to the Easter service @ 10am. Further details later.

BAPTISTCARE HOPESTREET COLLECTIONS will take place on 14/3 & 21/3.



Pantry items Needed are: Up & Go, Noodle Cups, Biscuits/ Crackers (small packets), Muesli bars, Tuna, Tea/Coffee, Tins of fruit

OP Shop items: Homewares, Interior Décor, Socks, Shoes, Beanies, Sunglasses/Jewellery, NEW Men's & Women's Underwear, No Electrical appliances.



BWA 2021 LAUNCH Saturday 13th March 2-4pm at CBC

We will be hearing about plans to aid the poor & most vulnerable in our world.

CBC 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 QR code that will bring you straight to Giveway -



CBC Roster

	28th February 2021	7th March 2021
Welcomers	10am Lindsay & Roslyn Casey	10am Colin & Patsy Lees
COVID Warden	George Cini	TBC
Offering Count	Mary Ong/Joanne Zuang	David Arnold/David Tan
Livestream	John Dawkins	David Chen
Sound	Albert Hodgson	Jerry Hodgson/Vince Dorey
AV	David Stewart	Ivana Gik
Grounds	4th Mar: Jason Xiao & The Mandarin Community	

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

Church Family Prayer

Michael Lam,
Roger & Lucy Lawrence,
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