

25TH APRIL 2021
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Welcome

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What is it that compels Christians to not only endure suffering, but rejoice even in the midst of it? 1 Peter is a letter written to five churches of gentile Christians in Asia Minor who were suffering. Perhaps they were beginning to feel overwhelmed by their circumstances or were in danger of losing sight of the hope they had in Christ. While our circumstances are vastly different from theirs – separated by time, culture, our particular struggles – all human beings will suffer during their lifetime. It's a universal fact. So perhaps we, at some point, might find ourselves in a similar discouraging situation.

What I will be exploring today, is the biblical vision of salvation and the way in which that understanding allows us to love and believe in Christ without seeing him, and to be "filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy" even amidst our present reality, which is infused with suffering and pain. It is my hope that this exploration will be an encouragement to all of our hearts, and that we would come away with a strengthened and reinvigorated vision of the hope we have in Christ, allowing that truth to overflow into our lives as an "inexpressible joy".

Yours in Christ,
Courtney Patten

English Service
Livestreamed & in-person
at 10am:

Access via our website
www.carlingford-baptist.org

or go to
www.carlingford-baptist.org/service/easter-sunday/

Dates for your Diary:

Church Meeting	2/5 11.30am
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Mission Spot—

Baptist World Aid Papua New Guinea (PNG)

Because of the immediate response by supporters the 3 Baptist Union Hospitals have been able to remain open. Joseph Lakai, the General Director of Baptist Union PNG spoke emotionally about his gratitude for Australian support for their emergency. The first dispatch of PPE consisted of 2,750 face masks, 1,100 face shields, 330 protective coveralls, 3000 pairs of gloves, 550 pairs of shoe covers and 300 bottles of hand sanitizer. These items are being delivered to the 3 Hospitals and the funds raised will continue to supply the hospitals with vital equipment they need to stay open during this critical time....PNG is still facing a humanitarian catastrophe. Joseph explains: "There are no restrictions, and all our provincial borders are still open. People are travelling every day from place to place and the spread of the virus is now felt throughout the country. There is no contact tracing done because the government is unable to fund it," He said. "Because we lack testing facilities throughout the country, we are unable to detect the spread of the virus until someone is admitted to hospital and tested. Culturally, PNG people interact so often and share stories sitting around in groups or we depend on each other in our living here. In a house you have extended families also living within and if one catches the virus, it's easily spread, so that is what is happening today." The emergency is expected to get worse before it gets better so Baptist World Aid is keeping the PNG COVID Emergency Appeal running.



ELDERS UPDATE –

This Sunday the Kids Church team is meeting - pray that God will guide their plans and help them as they welcome children as fellow disciples. Thank God for new children attending.

We also thank God for the leaders of our Youth and Young Adults. Uphold them in prayer as they commence the program for Term 2.

Our Mandarin men had their monthly meeting on Saturday 24 April. Pray this will continue to be a time of encouragement and spiritual growth for all that participate.

A reminder about the important church meeting next Sunday, 2 May at 11.30 am to consider extending a call to an interim pastor. Please be in prayer that we will know God's will about this appointment.

We continue to have a weekly prayer time before our Sunday gathering. We meet in the Centre at 9.30 am for 15 minutes before the service to pray for the service and the church. Please join us for this time when we can pray together for the things that are on our heart about the church.

Patsy, Amy, Jason and Alan

All members –
Please join us at 11:30 on May 2,
for our Special meeting to consider and vote
for the appointment of our interim pastor.

Keep PNG Hospitals Open...

To give/or find out more information about this appeal go to: <https://baptistworldaid.org.au/appeals/png-covid-emergency-appeal/>



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 **Giveaway Link:** Go to bit.ly/CBCgiveaway or Scan this QR code that will bring you straight to Giveaway -



Prayer theme for April– Sharing the Gospel– Serving in local mission



This week we finish our April prayer theme focused on reaching out to those who need Christ.

We have been looking at Colossians 4:2-6 to see what the Bible says about reaching out for Christ. In the last two verses in that passage we look at this week there are more helpful things to pray about when we are engaging with those who don't know Christ.

Paul encourages us to be wise in the way we act toward outsiders. Our conversation should always be full of grace, seasoned with salt so that we know how to answer anyone.

Pray this week that God will lead us to people to speak about our faith with and help us to have both grace in our conversation and an answer for those we get alongside.

URGENT HELP NEEDED

As we are live-streaming our services, we are need of more people to join with the tech team.

Specifically, we need more people to operate the computer at the back of the church. This is not a difficult to task and full training will be given. Added to this, we also need more people to learn how to operate the sound desk - again, training will be given.

Please pray about this - can you be involved?

Let us try and spread load.

If you need any more details, please contact Lucy Lawrence, David Stewart or Brendan Ridley

THE GATHERING Conference Saturday 1st May Ministry & Learning Centre 5 Saunders Close, Macquarie Park



The Gathering is an opportunity for networking, inspiration and encouragement across our movement on Saturday 1 May 2021 exploring the theme of **Saved, Called, Sent** with special speakers ...registration from 9am, start 9:45am-1pm. For information and to register go to: <https://www.thegathering.com.au/> **More details are also on the noticeboard in the foyer.**

CBC Roster

	25th April	2nd May
Welcomers	10am Lindsay & Roslyn Casey	10am Colin & Patsy Lees
COVID Warden	Di Daniel	George Cini
Prayer	Joy Arnold	TBC
Offering Count	Mary Ong, Joanne Zuang	David Arnold/George Gourlay
Livestream	Tim Ridley & John Dawkins	Daniel Chen & Brendan Ridley
Sound	Albert Hodgson	TBC
AV	Lucy Lawrence	TBC
Grounds		

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People who remember **Norma Pulsford** will be sad to hear she passed away last week. Tony is in a nursing home at Constitution Hill.

Church Family Prayer

Ian & Karen Read,
 Tim, Margy & Brendan Ridley,
 Roy & Margaret Robinson.

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