

30TH MAY 2021
SID GRINDLEY
HEBREWS 12:1-3

Welcome

Ministry team

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It is extraordinary how complicated the Christian walk can be. There is no doubt that the expectations of what it means to be part of a church can diminish our capacity and availability to be salt and light within the world in which we live, and even at times take our eyes of Jesus.

In Hebrews 12 the writer extols his readers to keep their eyes fixed on "Jesus the author/pioneer and perfecter of our faith". This recognises our natural propensity to fix our eyes on whatever else demands our attention, rather than on Jesus himself.

As the old chorus declares "Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face, and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace

Yours in Christ,
Sid

English Service
Livestreamed & in-person
at 10am:

Access via our website
www.carlingford-baptist.org

Dates for your Diary:

Celebration Service 10am	6th June
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Quarterly Church Meeting 3pm	6th June
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May Mission Month

Sydney Refugee Team (WEC)

Karl and Caroline Hochstetter Have found that the demographic of refugees in Sydney has changed and they are spending much more time in and around Guildford/ Granville/ Merrylands/ Fairfield areas. The Freedom to Flourish Restoring Garden is in Granville and Caroline is currently counselling out of Merrylands Baptist Church. They have recently moved to Guildford making it easier to welcome their refugee friends into their home and be an appropriate fit for their changing family needs as well. The Freedom to Flourish ministry continues to grow. Each of the groups has welcomed new people along and the veggies are growing in an increasing number of garden beds. The participants are seen to be growing as they experience the love and acceptance of God and each other. The team has been preparing a Conflict Resolution workshop to help bring healing to many people who have experienced conflict in their home countries. Term 2 saw a new therapeutic craft group commence in Granville and development of a therapeutic art group program with strong input from Caroline.



Our next **Quarterly Church Business Meeting will be on Sunday 6th June at 3pm** in the CBC Auditorium. Church Reports are available in the foyer or in the Admin section of the Church Website.

ELDERS UPDATE –

With Sid's commencement as interim senior pastor we can now start to look at the next stage of our transition for us as church. One thing we have mentioned in a couple of updates is a Church Health Check. To help you understand a little more around a Church Health Check we have some answers to a few questions you may have about this process. **What is a Church Health Check?** It is a review undertaken by consultants to get a clear picture of the health of the church and to help develop a strategy for a church as it seeks to passionately live out its vision in a healthy manner. **Why do churches undertake a Church Health Check?** It helps to work out things the church is doing well and identify things that may affect the church's wellbeing and provide a strategy for fostering greater effectiveness & fruitfulness. This will be particularly helpful in working out the future needs for the pastoral team. **Who conducts the Church Health Check?** The Baptist Association has a team of consultants who conduct the check. Normally, there will be two suitably trained & experienced people from the Association. **How is the Church Health Check done?** Following a formal approach by the church to the Baptist Association to engage in a Church Health Check the consultants meet with the leadership - elders, staff team, church council to clarify the parameters of the check & identify the main objectives to be prioritised and then there is an agreement with the church about the scope of the check. Subsequently the consultant work to collect data through a variety of methods such as surveys, interactive church gatherings & selected individual interviews, before presenting a report that provides reflections and makes recommendations for the church to consider & implement. At our next church meeting on Sunday 6 June Ian & Sid will be able to give you more background about the Health Check and the next steps. Please be praying for our meeting next week as we look to work together guided by God. *Patsy, Amy, Jason and Alan*

May Mission Month Projects

This month we will be supporting the work of Muana and Villy in Thailand. They need funds to support the following projects: **1. Team- Equipping & empowering leaders**
2. Team-Retreat **3. Muana and Villy-Children's Education**
To give either scan the following QR code or go to <https://support.globalinteraction.org.au/pages/people-groups/mmm-thailand-team>



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 QR code.



Prayer theme for May –

Global Missions

For the final week of our May prayer focus on Global missions we want to highlight the particular missions we heard from this month. All have unique ministries and special needs that we need to lay before God. Here is the list so we each can remind ourselves this week in our prayers:

- **Global Interaction—Ethnic Thai—Muana & Villy**
 - **AEFI**
 - **HELP Bangladesh**
 - **Power to Change -Shayne and Melissa Hamilton**
 - **Sydney Refugee Team—Karl & Caroline Hochstetter**
- Let us ask God to keep each of them safe and help them in all that they do to serve Him in the different ways each are bringing Christ to the parts of the world in which they serve God.



Catalyst Event June 2021

Feast for Freedom/ Freedom to Flourish, Host a Dinner, 20th -26th June'

You're invited to participate in the CBC Catalyst event for 2021. CBC supports the Sydney Refugee Team (Karl and Caroline Hochstetter) in their work with refugees. The Catalyst team would like volunteers to host a dinner in your home to raise awareness of the work of SRT, the Refugee Council of Australia RCoA), and the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre (ASRC). Dinner guests will be asked to make a small financial contribution to either of these agencies. This will be a great opportunity to invite friends, neighbours, work colleagues, family members who normally won't come to church to participate in an event to hear about Christians putting their faith into action. What you need to do: invite friends and family to a dinner in your home between 20th-26th June (Refugee Week), prepare a meal (recipes can be supplied), during the dinner play a short video from SRT and invite guests to make a financial contribution to one of the listed organisations. To volunteer to host a dinner email Lyn Kidson- lkidson@ozemail.com.au or phone 96386714. Further info see Lyn or Karen Read or Caroline Hochstetter.



Connect Group Picnic – All welcome!

Monday 14th June, 12 to 3pm, Don Moore Reserve, North Rocks <https://goo.gl/maps/9MN9g5Ci6qdmETQ7>
Bring your own food and drinks. Or only single serve/wrapped snacks if wanting to share, to keep it simple and COVID safe. Large grassed area with some tables and plenty of parking. Bring a picnic rug or chair. Small enclosed playground, for younger children. Netball courts for riding scooters/bikes etc. Contact Margy Ridley for more details

CBC Roster

	30th May	6th June
Welcomers	10am Ken & Dianne McGill	10am Mandarin Community
COVID Warden	Lyn Kidson	George Cini
Prayer	Sylvia Collinson	David Tan
Bible Reading	Karen Read	Roslyn Casey
Offering Count	Clive Copelin/David Tan	David Arnold/George Gourlay
Livestream	John Dawkins/Tim Ridley	Brendan Ridley/Daniel Chen
Sound Church Sound Stream	Albert Hodgson Dave Stewart	Kim Poon
AV	Ivana Gik	Betty Moore
Grounds	25th May: Paul Dudeney/ Lindsay Casey	

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If you are attending CBC it would be appreciated if you could wear a name tag each week, as Sid & Jenny are getting to know us!

Church Family Prayer

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Stan & Josie Smith.

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