

1ST AUGUST 2021
2 COR 4:5-11
SID GRINDLEY

Welcome

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Paul's letters to the church in Corinth and some of the most quoted and well loved within the NT. When people say they want to be like a NT church I doubt they really want to be like this church - internal divisions, sexual immorality, lawsuits, disorderly worship are just some of the issues.

This is a church with some significant issues - yet also loved by God.

Perhaps we shouldn't be surprised that Paul speaks, in 2 Cor 4, of the amazing truth that God puts his light, his treasure, in Jars of Clay - fragile, breakable, easily damaged. Just like those in the church in Corinth, and indeed, maybe just like us too.

Yours in Christ,
Sid

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

Dates for your Diary:	
21 days of Prayer	1/8-21/8
Annual Church Meeting	TBC

Mission Spot— Sydney Refugee Team



Psalm 91

1. *Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High
Will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.*
2. *I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress,
My God, In whom I trust...*
5. *You will not fear the terror of the night...*
6. *nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness,
Nor the plague that destroys at midday.*

The past month has been challenging for our team (as for many/ most in the community of Sydney). Most people we support live in the LGAs in Sydney with the tighter restrictions- Fairfield and Liverpool and now also Cumberland, Canterbury-Bankstown and Blacktown. Our team needs to meet over Zoom weekly to discuss the implications of the latest rule changes on our ministry.

The lockdown causes additional stress for those who are already isolated. We have attempted to maintain contact with families by telephone and SMS but this can be challenging. We know a number of people are struggling mentally and emotionally.

To date, we have continued our weekly food deliveries to the most vulnerable families. However, we have not been able to stay for a visit as we normally would. Instead, we need to leave the food at the door despite knowing that those we deliver to are starved for human contact.

Church News

After the Service Zoom Morning Tea

A Zoom meeting morning tea has once again been organised for after our online service. *Sylvia apologises for the problems with her internet last week, which cut the time short.* Link is <https://zoom.us/j/92222845221> Meeting ID: 92222845221 It is scheduled from 10.30-12noon so whenever the service finishes it can start.



Annual Church Meeting -

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation across Greater Sydney, it is apparent that we will not be able to hold our Annual Church Meeting as planned on 15 August. Following discussion with the Pastoral Team and the Elders, it has been decided to postpone the meeting to a date in mid September (possibly 19/9). Regular updates will be made available to you with regards to the mode, time and date for this meeting to occur.

Elders Update

We currently have scheduled a meeting with the church consultants from the Baptist Association, Tim Burns and Kevin Jin, along with the Church Council and the elders on Saturday 21 August. This meeting is to scope the possible key matters to be reviewed by the consultants. In preparation for this meeting we encourage all of us to actively participate in the 21 Days of Prayer commencing on Sunday 1 August. It is important we surround all that the health check will involve in prayer. We continue to gather background information about the church to assist the consultants. Thanks to all those who have already assisted with providing information. On the church website in the administration password protected section is background material about the church health check process and associated documents, for example a copy of the church consultancy agreement. **Can we please emphasise the importance of your prayers about the church health check over the next 21 days?**

Patsy, Amy, Jason and Alan

CBC CHURCH DIRECTORY

We are updating our church directory!

This will be a list of people's contact details for everyone who chooses to opt in. We hope this will enable us to stay in touch & serve together better. **Please use the link or QR Code to fill in the form.**

One person can opt-in for their household (with permission).

<https://carlingfordbaptistchurch.breezechms.com/form/9538b1>



Directory
'Opt In'
Form
CARLINGFORD
BAPTIST CHURCH

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

Up to now, we have received a total of \$10,866 from 3 congregations and **we still need another \$98** to achieve the target amount of \$10,964. Please use the same bank account for the air conditioning project contribution. If you are from English congregation - remember to fill up "AirCon English" in the description/reference of the transfer.

Prayer Focus for August- 21 DAYS OF PRAYER Week 1: 1 -7 August

"Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His love endures forever"
Psalm 107:1

The Past – in this first week of prayer we are looking back and giving thanks to God for the lasting legacy of those who have gone before us at Carlingford:

Day 1. "Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom" Ps 145:3

Thank God for those who saw the opportunity to plant a church within the Carlingford community.

Day 2: "I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of Lord" Ps 122:1

Thank God for the generosity of those who established this centre for Gospel ministry, and for the subsequent generations who supported the work and improved the facilities over the years.

Day 3: Someday your children will ask, "Why are these rocks here?" They remind us of what God did (Joshua 3, 4:1-9). Find a rock & thank God for what he has done.

Day 4: "The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth" Ps 145:18

Thank God for the Elders, Pastors, Lay Leaders, & others who have faithfully served God and seen growth and blessing come to those who put their faith in Jesus.

Day 5: Draw/write your fav things (past/now) about CBC on strips of paper. Make a chain & thank God. 'He who began a good work in you will carry it on' Phil 1:1-6.

Day 6: "How good it is when brothers and sisters live together in unity" Ps 133:1

Give praise and thanks to God for the diversity of people over the years who have called CBC home. Thank God for the courage to develop three distinct congregations who are united in Christ.

Day 7: "The Lord upholds all those who fall, and lifts up all who are bowed down" Ps 145:14

We acknowledge Lord that no generation gets everything right, but we thank you for your mercy and grace as you forgave all those who humbled themselves before you.

Please let the Church office office@carlingford-baptist.org know your details if you are not receiving SMS updates but would like.

THURSDAY MORNING PRAYER MEETING

You are welcome to join our church Thursday **7.30-8 am** prayer time for the next 3 weeks as part of our **21 Days of Prayer.**

Zoom link is <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89019660956?pwd=d05SVzltU2VwYmErZTdoNFpDYWtKdz09>.
(Meeting ID : 890 1966 0956) Password is 290 255

Church Family Prayer

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