

**18TH JULY 2021**  
**PSALM 63**  
**COURTNEY PATTEN**

## Welcome

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This week we will be diving into Psalm 63 as a part of our Praying the Psalms series. This psalm reflects David's intimate relationship with God in the midst of his messy and somewhat chaotic lifestyle. In some of the most troubling times of his life, David chooses to seek God with all of his being. David chooses to reflect on God's goodness to him in the past, and to praise God despite his present difficulties. And he chooses to open his heart to God with a vulnerability that fosters a deep spiritual connection. David speaks of a thirst that he knows only God can satisfy, and a thousand years later another King stood among the Jewish people and proclaimed that if they were thirsty, they should come to him and drink (John 7:37). An intimate relationship with God is possible in a way it never was before. What does this mean for our prayers – for our own relationship with God?

May you be blessed in this coming week,  
Courtney.

[English Service](#)  
[Livestreamed at 10am:](#)  
Access via our website  
[www.carlingford-baptist.org](http://www.carlingford-baptist.org)

Dates for your Diary:	
Nominations for Elder due	25/7
Annual Church Meeting	15/8 at 3pm

### Mission Spot—

#### Power to Change, Shayne & Melissa Hamilton



Following Shayne's pictorial description of God's plans, a joyful glimpse of His work (names changed for privacy) shared from one of the school's workers; "Hey Sir! I went to Bible study the other week." This is how I was greeted by a student. I was surprised because I didn't know she had any interest in learning about Jesus.

Lily was referring to a week when I was away. She told me she'd been in her last class for the day when her friend, Jack said "I'm going to Bible study after school. Do you want to come?" So she did.

I asked Lily if she was interested to come again? She answered that she liked it and would think about it... and she did come back. Lily is now a regular member of the group.

She also asked me where she can get a Bible from and is thinking about others she could invite along. Recently she shared her spiritual journey with some of us, saying she's been exploring Christianity for a couple of years now. The invitation to come to Bible study seemed to line up at just the right time. Oh, and you should have seen her excitement when she was given a brand new Bible!

# Church News



## HOPESTREET COLLECTIONS

Once again we have the privilege of being able to give practical help to those in need here in Sydney, through Baptist Care

working in Woolloomooloo at Hope Street.

If possible can the items be brought to the Church Office during working hours on **Tuesday or Thursday**. If this is not possible, Di will happily come and pick up from your home, and or do the shopping for you. The collection will run for the month of July, instead of 2 Sundays, due to the uncertainties that are happening with Covid.

**Items needed: UP & Go, Long Life Milk / Skim / Non Dairy, Pasta & Pasta Sauce, Noodle Cups, Weetbix / Cereals (small pkts) Muesli Bars / Biscuits.**

Contact Di Daniel

## Annual Church Meeting - 15th August at 3pm

This year we say thank you and farewell to Patsy Lees as she steps down from her role as Elder, which has held for the past 6 years. If you are aware of someone who has the character & commitment to be considered for appointment as Elder, please submit their name to a member of the Elder Selection Committee (Sid, Ian, Alan & Don) by **Sunday 25th July**.

## 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>



## Update from David Halder, HELP Samaritan Children's Home in Bangladesh

Bangladesh is going through an emergency Pandemic health crisis from mid of May 2021 till the date. STRICT LOCKDOWN: Along with Army, BGB, RAB, and Extra police force on the road. The Low income or day laborer on the road to find a job & good. Each level of people regardless a middle income or poor, educated or uneducated are afraid of this unknown virus, but especially the poor people are badly affected. There are many who lives from hand to mouth & they do not have any savings. If they do not have work for a day they do not have food for the day. The report says; income of 20% People has been reduced where 90% are lower middle class and poor families. At the same time 9% People who are lower middle class had been jobless. An indication is the bagger has been increased on the road and community in City and in village people surviving without food. The Delta variant rages on through lockdown. Officials "reported 230 deaths toll from Covid-19 yesterday, the highest ever in a single day toll in the country, which is facing a bleak reality as the prevalence of the more contagious delta variant increases despite the Strick Lockdown". The health officials said, "worst has yet to come and the situation could take a turn for the worse next week if runaway infections are not reined in. The country also recorded the highest number of new cases 11,874 in last 24 hours yesterday. That means there will be no beds available in the next seven to 10 days if the current infection rate and patients rush to hospital continue". Another incident of fire at Narayangonj food factory claims 52 lives and dozens of workers and children workers still missing. What a tragedy happening repeatedly in the factory in Bangladesh? We all are still having good health at the Campus. I really don't know what we will do if anything happens to our kids at the Children Home. I appreciate you all for your prayers.

## Prayer theme for July-

### The Current COVID situation

As the situation with COVID this week is even more challenging our prayer focus for this month is reinforced as we see the needs of those in the community become greater and more acute.

This week we can direct our prayer to those who are helping with the medical support for those suffering with the virus. We can also pray for those workers who are conducting COVID tests and the extra demands that are being placed on them at present. We also can pray that God will help with the effective use of the vaccines that have been developed. We know the current lockdown is placing great strain on people, socially, economically and emotionally. Sid's thoughts in his pastoral letter may help shape our prayers this week - we can focus upward on God at this time. Let's also ask God to lead us to look out so we can see and respond to the needs of others and also for us to express our thanks to God in all things.



## CBC Offerings:

Here are few options to give your offerings:

**Manual Offering** -Please contact any church staff or the office [office@carlingford-baptist.org](mailto: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](https://bit.ly/CBCgiveway)

Please use the same bank account if you would like to contribute to our **air conditioning project** but make sure you add one of the following descriptions: *If you are from English congregation - please fill up "AirCon English", from Chinese congregation - "AirCon Chinese", from Korean congregation " AirCon Korean"*

*As far as the Air conditioning giving goes, we have received \$1415.00, alongside a target of \$2741. Thank you very much for your gifts, but we still have a way to go to meet our target.*

## CAROLS IN THE PARK

**Sunday 12 December**

**Boronia Park, Epping**

We are 1 of 7 churches that

help put this event on for our

local community. If you

would like to volunteer to help at this event please contact the Church Office.



## Church Family Prayer

Mark, Kim & Sabrina Chan, Emily Chate,  
Rosa Chen & Jimmy Yang

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