

**22ND AUGUST 2021**  
**JOHN 20:24-31**  
**SID GRINDLEY**

## Welcome

### Ministry team

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*Encounters with the King*

We start our new sermon series this week entitled "Encounters with the King" – this week Thomas: John 20:24-31

We'll be paying attention to how Jesus consistently changed the lives of those he encountered during his ministry on earth. I have always felt that the nickname popularly given to him of "doubting Thomas" really did not accurately reflect his character and life. In John 11:16 we find Thomas displaying devotion and courage as he declares to Jesus and the disciples "Let us also go, that we may die with him". Most Christians have occasions in their journey of faith when they display devotion and courage, but on other occasions, fear and doubt. Thomas' doubt recorded in John 20 did not define his life – he went on to take the Gospel to the sub-continent and died a martyr in India. Do not allow your doubts and past weaknesses to define your life – embrace every opportunity to step out in belief and trust.

Blessings,  
Sid

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

Dates for your Diary:	
Monthly Church Prayer Meeting by ZOOM	TODAY 3pm
Annual Church Meeting	TBC

**Mission Spot -**

**Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF)**



Every 5 minutes a MAF plane is taking off and landing. In this week's service and in this bulletin you will see how the planes can be fuelled through your generosity to continue their valuable work in some of the harshest and isolated environments, for some of the world's most vulnerable. Mostly the stories in their newsletter relate to medical emergencies but that is not all the service and care they provide.

In their most recent newsletter (which is available on the MAF site) they reported; that each flight you fuel across PNG each day includes a box of locally translated Bibles. In Bardia (Northern Chad), MAF recently carried Bibles translated into Chadian Arabic a language spoken by 50% of Chadians. These were the whole Bible, finished in 2019 after a 25 year effort of translation. Their involvement in helping survey the devastation of the flooding in April this year in Timor Leste, informing agencies to know where best to direct aid. The story relating to training of the first Yonglu pilot, Yingiya Guyala. He is now also a senior leader and elder from the Liya-dhalinyirr Djambarrpuynu clan in Arnhem land. In Northern Uganda children who have experienced trauma from war are able to receive assistance in healing from partner organisation Tutapona's Heroes Refugee Program.

## Church News

### After the Service Zoom Morning Tea

A Zoom meeting morning tea has once again been organised for after our online service. Link is <https://zoom.us/j/92222845221>  
Meeting ID: 92222845221



### Monthly Church Prayer Meeting TODAY 3pm by ZOOM

Link is <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82051673804>  
Meeting ID: 820 5167 3804



### Australian Baptists Movement-Wide Prayer Gathering to Pray for the COVID crisis

Tuesday 31st August, 7:45-8:30pm

To register go to: <https://www.bit.ly/ABMprayforcovid>



### CONNECT GROUPS

are a great way to connect during lockdown. Our small groups meet regularly online (weekly or fortnightly) to chat, read the Bible, pray and encourage one another. Groups meet on Wednesday and Friday nights, Saturday afternoon, and at other times. If you are thinking about joining a group or would like more information, call Margy or the church office - [office@carlingford-baptist.org](mailto:office@carlingford-baptist.org)



### AEF International 60 years Anniversary Zoom Meeting

You are invited to join in for an hour & 15 mins of praise, reports, reflections & a message from God's word from Guest Speaker Rev Edmund Chan—an international speaker & seasoned Bible expositor. Saturday 11th September  
Time: 4:30pm EST Zoom ID: 81123074911  
Passcode: 522160



### REMINDER—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>



Di Daniels has received good news from her coronary angiography, with no blockages evident, so was discharged Thursday. Thank you from Di & Art for your prayers.

### Church Family Prayer

Michelyn, Ashley, Eliana & John Hunter, John & Becky Dawkins, Emma Donaldson

### 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)

### Prayer theme for August – Our Church



As we come to end of our 21 days of prayer let's continue to keep God's church at Carlingford our prayer focus this month. This week you might consider praying for the following 6 Ps when thinking about our church family  
**Purpose** - ask God to help us fulfill His great Commission to go into the world and make disciples  
**People** – for all associated with the church family, particularly as we deal with COVID and the wider community that we are salt and light to them  
**Purity** – Help us all to be pure and devoted to serving God-  
**Passion** – make us filled with God's spirit to serve Him as faithful and dedicated disciples  
**Perseverance** – to help us run the race God has called us to & **Praise** – Thank God for our church and each person He has called together to worship and serve Him & recognise Him as Father, Son & spirit - the centre of our church family.

### Celebration (Combined) Services

Prior to this lockdown the staff had lengthy discussions, some of which included the Elders and Council, regarding the future shape of these Celebration Services. In essence, because they came around so quickly, once a month, there was not sufficient time to invest creative input and energy into these services to make them a time of celebration that embraced our three congregations. Consequently we have decided to hold these "Celebrations Services" on a quarterly basis from now on, although unfortunately because of the present lockdown the service planned for October 3 is in doubt. However, we do look forward to that time when we can all be together celebrated our unity in Christ, and worshipping our God together.

### Church Office

As we would all be aware the church office is under strict Covid lockdown restrictions until further notice. Please be aware that any visits to the office can only occur once prior arrangements with Karon have been made. The Staff are presently meeting by Zoom each week but we are all missing the opportunity to meet in person – and certainly missing the opportunities for coffee and cake together. **As an aside to this let me encourage us all to be diligent in getting our Covid vaccinations as soon as possible.** Let us do all that we can to keep each other safe during this season. Our all powerful, Almighty God is still in control – I was encouraged by this verse this week "I form the light and create darkness, I bring calamity and create disaster, I, the Lord, do all these things" Isa 45:7 Blessings, Sid.

**MAF FUEL FOR FATHER'S DAY**  
Every 20 litre jerrycan gifted puts MAF in the air for about 20 minutes - enough time to save a life! 20 Litre \$50, 10 Litre \$25 & kids colouring card \$10  
Cards can be purchased online at - <https://gifts.maf.org.au/pages/fathersday> or by prior arrangement from the Church Office Tuesdays or Thursdays.

Contact Everest Consulting Pty Ltd  
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