

**12TH SEPT 2021**  
**ACTS 9:1-19**  
**COURTNEY PATTEN**

## Welcome

### Ministry team

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Paul – what a powerhouse! It's probably no surprise to you that we would engage with Paul in our 'Encounters with the King' series. Paul is a well-known Christian figure who is considered to be responsible for the composition of 13 or 14 of the 27 books (in his case, letters) in the New Testament. Paul spent most of his Christian life travelling extensively, spreading the gospel, and establishing churches. He was a missionary to the Gentiles, and also to the Jews, who he met in foreign lands and eventually, tradition states, that he was martyred in Rome for his faith. His incredible contribution to the Christian faith is very well known, however it seems to me that sometimes we pass over Paul's pre-conversion and conversion story a little too swiftly and in doing so lose some of the power of his testimony and the remarkable transformation that took place after his encounter with the resurrected Jesus. Paul's conversion demonstrates for us a variety of truths about the gospel and who our God is, but none more than this: no one is beyond the saving grace of Jesus (even a man like Paul) – the gospel is for everyone!

Blessings,  
Courtney

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

Dates for your Diary:	
Combined Celebration Service	3/10 at 10am
Annual Church Meeting <i>SAVE THE DATE</i>	31/10 at 3pm

### Mission Spot—

Ministry in lockdown is challenging and many of our refugee friends find they have little work, extra challengers studying online, and feel the isolation deeply. SRT has continued to deliver food to over 30 families fortnightly (with regular requests for help). We need to assess new Covid restrictions weekly for impact on our Food parcel service. We have segregated our deliveries to be delivered by those who live in the LGA as much as possible. We can only drop the food at people's door, but sadly cannot stay to connect (as would be our normal practice). This is truly heartbreaking for us as we find that it is in the relationships that we are able to share the love and hope of Jesus. It is the time spent together in friendship that normally energises us to continue in this challenging ministry. We are endeavouring to find more creative ways to give encouragement eg. Cards and care packages.

*Excerpt from SRT's latest newsletter.*

*Also attached with the bulletin today is a letter regarding the Afghanistan situation and the need to support those refugees here distressed by what is happening and to prepare for those arriving after fleeing from immediate danger.*



## 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



### Surviving Covid Lockdown

I think we are all aware that these are understandably challenging times which can stretch us in so many ways. Let me encourage you to -

**stay connected with God (LOOK UP), stay aware of your own mental and spiritual health (LOOK IN), and**

**stay connected with those around you** – family, friends and your neighbours in the broadest sense (**LOOK OUT**).  
“Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own” Matthew 6:34

“Because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. The Lord is my portion, therefore I will wait for him” Lamentations 3:22-24



### Celebration Service

Our next Celebration Service will be held on-line on **October 3rd** – all 3 congregations will be making contributions. It will be a good time to celebrate God’s goodness to us and our unity in Christ. Please note that in the future these Celebration Services will be held once a quarter rather than once a month. This gives the opportunity to put creative energy & input into the gatherings, Ideally, once Covid restrictions have eased, they will also include sharing food together.  
*Pastor Sid*

### Kids Church Zoom Catch Up

Sunday 12th Sept at 2-3pm

A chance for kids, parents and leaders to connect, play a game and pray together. Bring an item (or photo) for show & tell - something you've been doing during lockdown. See you there!



[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86239982498?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86239982498?pwd=TWpubmlGSERFOVo1aTE5Y1VzcGZMQT09)  
pwd=TWpubmlGSERFOVo1aTE5Y1VzcGZMQT09  
**Meeting ID: 862 3998 2498**  
**Passcode: 226621**

### Church Family Prayer

Wendy Hatton, Trevor & Margaret Hayes,  
Graham & Ruth Henderson.

### 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](http://bit.ly/CBCgiveway)

### Prayer theme for September– OUR GOD – All Knowing, All Powerful, All Present



In September our prayer theme is God – who knows all, is with us all the time and who can do all. In Psalm 92 verses 4-6 we focus on the power of God. We are encouraged to sing for joy for what God’s hands have done and we are to marvel at how great His works are. You could focus on the power and might of our as you pray this week  
As 2 Samuel 22-23 notes God is our solid rock. God is our fortress. This character of God is something that we can rely on – our God is all powerful all of the time, even when we feel inadequate, alone or abandoned God is with us as our rock and fortress.

### An opportunity to serve is available to anyone with technical/creative gifts and skills



We are looking for anyone with technical/creative gifts to share in the team who puts our weekly on-line services together – presently Brendan and Roger are tag-teaming this. (They both do an amazing job) If you are interested in finding out what is involved please contact Roger Lawrence.

### SIGN THE CALL— Christians united for Afghanistan

The situation in Afghanistan is devastating and needs our prayers and action. Many Christians have been asking what more they can do. Today, we are asking you to join Christians across Australia and sign the Christians United for Afghanistan Call.  
The call is simple: **We, the Australian Church, are calling on the Federal Government to welcome a special intake of an additional 20,000 Afghan refugees, and support the ongoing well-being of all Afghan refugees & their families.**

Together we can make a difference...

To sign the call go to:  
<https://www.unitedforafghanistan.com> For more information go to Micah Australia  
<http://www.micahaustralia.org>



### Passing of David Watson

Sadly, we have been notified of the passing of David Watson, a former long time member of our church, aged 91 He supported his late wife, Wilmar, in the many adult and youth musical presentations and choirs over a considerable time and will be remembered as a quiet and dignified member of our church community.

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