

**19TH SEPT 2021**  
**MATT 27.55-61 &**  
**28.1-10**  
**SYLVIA COLLINSON**

## Welcome

### Ministry team

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We are all feeling the difficulties of COVID restrictions and whatever our age we are all missing friends, family – people! (Thank heavens for phones and Zoom!!). Humans, are herd animals. We need others. We were made for community. Solitary confinement is a terrible punishment, which in convict times sent many insane. God said, "It is not good for man to be alone." So he put us in families. However no family, can fulfil all our needs. God has made a greater provision for humans – his family, the church. All who believe, are born into his family as full members to be welcomed, accepted and loved. Here at Carlingford, diversity makes our church community an interesting, but complicated challenge, as we all are in process of becoming like our Father. We have different ages, life experiences, educational backgrounds and family situations. We have different spiritual gifts and financial resources to contribute to the upbuilding of the whole. If you love Jesus, you belong to our Carlingford family. Don't sit on the sidelines. Feel welcome as a valued member, with your own unique, significant contribution to our (church) family life, not just after COVID restrictions, but now.

Blessings,  
Sylvia

**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 via Zoom	TODAY 3-4pm
Combined Celebration Service	3/10 at 10am
Annual Church Meeting <i>SAVE THE DATE</i>	31/10 at 3pm

### **Mission Spot—Open Doors**

#### **May Mission Month Project 2020— Hope for the Middle East**



A few recent statistics from the project:

#### **Iraq**

Open Doors has funded the rebuilding of 1400 houses that had been destroyed by war.

10 young Christians in Iraq completed a one-year advocacy training program to speak up about the issues they face.

65% of all churches (about 125 congregations) have been transformed into Centres of Hope.

#### **Syria**

20% of churches (about 110 congregations) have been transformed into Centres of Hope.

Centres of Hope are places which provide training and services for those who remain in their country amidst persecution. They distribute food, run youth and children's activities, teach English, disciple new believers, provide business loans and run marriage and parenting courses among other things.

## 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 it's own” Matthew 6:34*



### 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.

CBC'S COMMUNITY VIDEO THEME

## OLIVER & MEI

Get Creative

1. Make something inspired by Oliver and Mei. A puppet show, a drawing, a construction etc.
2. Take a photo or 10-15 second video.
3. Send it to Emma by 20th Sept.

### CBC Offerings:

Dear fellow CBC members/believers, quick update on CBC's current finances. Based on last two months of offerings, our average weekly offering has dropped to around \$4.8k as compared to budgeted of \$5.7k. We shall continue to pray for those who are experiencing financial hardship during this lockdown period due to the pandemic, that the Lord will provide all their needs. We encourage all fellow believers especially those who are not affected by the current situation to give according to their ability and not beyond their means. 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 Giveaway Link: Go to bit.ly/CBCgiveaway

### Prayer theme for

### September–

**OUR GOD – All Knowing, All Powerful, All Present**



This week we might in our prayers recognise and thank God for His for knowing all things. Psalm 147:5 says that great is our Lord and abundant in strength, His understanding is infinite. We are also reminded in Matthew 10:30 that the very hairs of our head are numbered by God. Another verse to consider in your prayers, Hebrews 4:13 - no creature is hidden from His sight. God is with us, knowing us.

A useful quote from RC Sproul to think about when praying to our all knowing God – To know that God knows everything about me and yet loves me is indeed my ultimate consolation.

**Our MONTHLY CHURCH PRAYER MEETING is on this afternoon from 3-4pm by ZOOM. Details are**

ZOOM Meeting ID: 821 3952 3788

Passcode: 425514

**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 at rog42@rog42.net

**Our ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held on Sunday 31st October at 3pm by ZOOM. More details to follow.**

### Church Family Prayer

Eve Hibbard,

Karl, Caroline Ella, Joel & Lauren Hochstetter.

**Doug Scott** passed away peacefully last Wednesday after developing pneumonia. We will let you know when we hear details of his funeral. Our prayers are with Carolyn and her siblings Geoffrey, Andrea and Craig.

**Paul Johnston** is gravely ill and not expected to live more than a few weeks. **Paul is the son of Dennis Johnston who was a pastor of our church in the 1960's and early 70's.** Your prayers for Paul and his wife Debbie and her family would be appreciated. Paul's son Mathew, who grew up in our church, has requested our prayer support.

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