

**10TH OCT 2021
JEREMIAH 6:16-23
SID GRINDLEY**

Welcome

Ministry team

Senior Pastor-Interim:

Sid Grindley

Korean Pastor:

David Choi

Mandarin Pastor—Interim:

Arthur Chan

Children's Ministry Worker:

Emma Ridley

Youth & Young Adult Worker—Interim:

David Chang

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New series: Wisdom in the Ancient Paths: this week Jeremiah.

What do we learn from events like the Covid pandemic? Each Nation, and each individual, would have a story to tell of the impacts and toll on them over the past 20 months. We can be grateful that we had some wise voices that guided us through (Gladys, Kerry, Norman) this season – sometimes warning us, sometimes encouraging, at other times giving us hope that this will settle down. Where is God in such events?

Jeremiah also lived in a time of great upheaval and uncertainty – he spoke God's Word out to a nation that for most part didn't want to hear what he had to say. He was called to speak out God's voice of warning and judgement to a people that didn't want to hear. Yet among the words of the "weeping prophet" were words of hope pointing to the coming of the King who was to come. This what the Lord says: "Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls" Jer 6:23. Matt 11:28

Blessings,
Sid

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

Mission Spot

Global Interaction- Muana and Villy

Last month Muana and Villy were deeply encouraged by an interaction with Mick and Pa Ooan. They had almost an hour of dialogue in scripture teaching, Q&A and comparative religious practices. Mick's knowledge and experiences with his strong faith in Jesus has been a wonderful resource person in helping new believers or seekers have an understanding of the Gospel from their worldview. Pa Ooan found it very insightful to her progressive faith in Jesus. Mick felt inspired and amazed by the Holy Spirit. Please pray for his continual development in becoming God's instrument to reach his people. Please pray for discernment for Muana who can start his ministry visits from mid - October but the fear of the corona virus by rural communities requires them meeting heightened levels of precautions. Muana and Villy are grateful to have received their second vaccination. They were not sure when that would be possible and this will allow Villy to travel abroad to see her Dad. He has been diagnosed with Mesenteric Lymphoma (abdominal mass) and is awaiting results of whether he needs further treatment. He is 92 years old but still looks healthy by God's grace. Please also pray for reconciliation and healing for 3 leaders (Paul, Tong and Oo) of our Faith Communities who have stopped participating with their wider group.



Dates for your Diary:	
Nominations close for Pastoral Search team	20/10
Survey closes for CBC Health Check	23/10
Annual Church Meeting <i>NEW Date & in-person</i>	7/11 at 3pm

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



The return to in- person Services

We have received some very helpful information and recommendations from the Baptist Association over the past week which helps us plan the return to in-person services over the next month. The recommendation is "continuing with online services only until the 80% threshold is reached". This puts us in a situation where we can possibly look forward to meeting together later in October as long as there are no further amendments to NSW Gov requirements. Even at the 80% level there will be significant restrictions we need to abide by. December 1 looks like being a markedly more relaxed environment in regard to services. Please pray for staff and leaders as they navigate this season.

Pastor Sid

Elders Update—October

A big thankyou to all who contributed in so many ways to the last week's Celebration service.

It is a busy time for our church with the next phase in the church health check commencing. A survey developed by the Church Consultants, Tim Burns and Kevin Jin has been circulated for us to complete. Please see the details about the survey elsewhere in the newsletter and on the church website. If you have any questions about the survey then contact Ian Read, the elders or Sid. Your prayers about the survey are important as we ask God to use this as a tool to show us the future for His church at Carlingford.

We welcome David Chang our new worker who has been appointed for 2 days a week. We pray God will use David's gifts among the Youth and Young Adults. Like all recent appointments this is an interim one.

With the changes to lockdown the Church leadership is looking forward to being able to meet together in the building. As we get further details from the Government and the Association about how we can physically meet the leaders will update you. We are grateful to God for the vaccines that are available and are encouraged by the increasing vaccination rates in our surrounding local government areas and what that will mean for us meeting in the future. Even though we are not physically together please continue to uphold each other in prayer.

Patsy, Amy, Sid, Jason, Alan

FAREWELL TO DAVID & RHONA STEWART

Over the weekend David & Rhona moved to Canberra to be closer to family. They will both be missed. We thank them both for their contribution to community life here at CBC over many years. They would value our prayers: To find a church community in which to serve & to find their place/niche in Canberra. May God bless and guide them both in this new season. We will be expressing our thanks to them over coming weeks through a small gift.



CBC 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

October Prayer Theme Our God – Waiting on God



The prayer theme for this month is about waiting on God and how to pray through that time. In Romans 8:25-27 Paul observes if we look forward to something we don't yet have, we must wait patiently and confidently. The Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don't know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words. And the Father who knows all hearts knows what the Spirit is saying, for the Spirit pleads for us believers in harmony with God's own will. The Holy Spirit can help us through the 'waiting season'. When circumstances or pain leave us without words to pray, we have the Holy Spirit with us. He is our advocate. When we want to pray but we can't even put into words what is on our heart, the Holy Spirit can be our advocate. He knows our hearts and the situations that we are in.

HOPESTREET COLLECTIONS



Once again we have the privilege of giving to those in need. Collections will be for the month of October. Items can be dropped at the Church Office during working hours Tues or Thurs. Otherwise, Di Daniel will pick up from your home, or do the shopping for you. Requested items: Instant Coffee, Long Life Milk, Cereals, Tuna, Noodle Cups, Miscellaneous groceries also appreciated. **Contact Di Daniel**

Update - Church Health Check

Church Health Check Surveys are still available & need to be lodged by 23/10.

To complete the survey please go to-

<https://forms.office.com/r/aWA52w5vYP>

Paper copies of both the survey & objectives are available by request from the Church Office. The letter of Introduction & Objectives is also available in the admin section of the CBC website.



Our ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will now be held on Sunday 7th November at 3pm in-person.

We will be voting on our **new Elder nomination**—
Sylvia Collinson

(We would also like to say a BIG THANK YOU to Patsy Lees for her service in the role of Elder.)

We will also be voting on a **Pastoral Search Team.**

Nominations are now open. You can nominate up to 3 people. Please consider nominating people who are: Spiritually mature, have the welfare of CBC at heart & who are implicitly trustworthy. Email your nominations to the Church Office by 20th October.

THANK YOU I wish to sincerely thank those people within the CBC fellowship that supported me in their thoughts and prayers during my 4 week stay in hospital whilst my foot wound healed and my mobility restored. Blessings to all, *Stuart Pittendrigh.*

Church Family Prayer

Peter Jones, Craig Kayes, Lyn Kidson.

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