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Welcome

Ministry team

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Knockdowns & rebuilds, additions and new houses are going up everywhere. There's plenty of work for builders in our city. We, too, are builders. Paul warns us "each one should be careful how they build." We build God's temple. Let's make sure Jesus is our foundation, otherwise everything else will be unstable. Next we need quality building materials – gold, silver & costly stones, not wood, hay & straw, because there will be an inspection one Day. Our workmanship will be under scrutiny. Will it stand? We don't just build our own lives, but together as a church we build God's temple, a place for him to dwell. By using the spiritual gifts he gives, we build one another up. During Covid some have made costly contributions to building up God's temple. Some have rested in readiness for further effort. But maybe a few have stood back, not getting involved. When some of the workers don't play their part the building suffers. We all need to be building up God's temple, to make a place worthy of him. Let's find our special contribution, the unique gifts, talents and abilities he has given us, and use them to build up the church of God, his temple.

Blessings,
Sylvia

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

Dates for your Diary:	
Carols in the Park Boronia Park, Epping	12/12
Carols & Nativity Service	19/12 10am
Christmas Day Service	25/12 9am

Mission Spot -

Baptist World Aid – Afghanistan Appeal

Decades of a refugee crisis have resulted in nearly six million Afghans forcibly displaced from their homes. The Taliban's recent takeover of the government has severely compounded the crisis, forcing hundreds of thousands to flee from their homes and tens of thousands in need of urgent humanitarian assistance. Baptist World Aids response is to meet the immediate needs of displaced families in Afghanistan and Pakistan. Our local Christian partners are poised to provide critically needed emergency supplies including monthly food aid, blankets, mattresses and plastic sheets for winter protection.

390.000+ people displaced since May 2021

80% are women and children – the majority of those fleeing are the most vulnerable and at risk.

Covid 19 has compounded the crisis by overwhelming the already fragile health system.

Starting this Sunday Carlingford Baptist Church is beginning a Christmas appeal for BWA for the situation in Afghanistan that will run until the end of January. Please prayerfully consider what you might be able to give to help this crucial work. To give please Scan this QR code for our Giveway account or go to:

<https://carlingford-baptist-church.giveway.org.au/baptist-world-aid-christmas-appeal-hope-for->



Church News

Elders Update

December is looking a very busy month for our Church. Most importantly, let us prepare our hearts and minds to celebrate the birth of our Saviour, God's son who came to earth that each of us could be put right with God. The Church Health Check moves to the next phase this month.

There are four general areas that the health check is looking at:
 1. The church's vision
 2. The structures that the church uses to organise and engage in its ministries, to determine their health and vitality for the next 10 years,
 3. The church's ministry life, to determine its relevance for today and the next 10 years, including:
 4. Reviewing how representative the church community is of the wider community, including identifying any gaps and opportunities for future engagement.

The members of the Church Council, Pastoral Team and the elders during December will be meeting across four focus groups, one group for each of the areas of the health check that is outlined above. The church consultants, Tim Burns and Kevin Jin, will also be involved in one-on-one interviews with all members of the Pastoral Team.

As we near the end of the year can we also warmly thank all those who in so many ways have used their gifts, time and abilities to support the ministry of God's church at Carlingford, especially in the very difficult circumstances as a result of COVID. We thank God for every part of the body of Christ at Carlingford and pray that all involved with our church may find time over the next few weeks to draw closer to God as we concentrate on the miracle gift of Jesus.

Sid, Amy, Sylvia, Jason and Alan

It would be fair to say that we have mixed emotions as we **farewell Amanzi & Steven**. A genuine sadness and sense of loss; a recognition that they have brought so much to this community, but it's more than that - it's not just what they bring and contribute, but who they are. That is particularly true for their friends and family at CBC who share life with them. That being said, we are genuinely excited for them as they embark on the journey that God has prepared for them. *May they know God's protection, presence, and peace as they head off on this great adventure. You'll be missed.* Prov 3:5-6
Pastor Sid



CBC Offerings:

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



December Prayer Theme - God is with us



In Luke 2: 10-11 we read that the angel reassured them 'Don't be afraid!' he said. 'I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. The Saviour – yes, the Messiah, the Lord – has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David!' Christmas reminds us that we are recipients of grace ourselves and we should extend that same grace to others. God is with us in all the experiences of life. His Son coming to earth experienced the things that we encounter in our lives.

As we prepare this month for Christmas our prayer can focus on the grace we have received and asking God's spirit to help extend that same grace to others. Pray that we would love all people – especially the "least of these". God gave his gift of His son to everyone.

CAROLS IN THE PARK 2021

Sunday 12th December

Food stalls from 5pm, Carols at 7:15pm
 Fireworks at 9pm. For the Carols Song book and more details go to:

<https://carolsinthepark.mystrikingly.com/>



CAN YOU HELP?

Sydney Refugee Team are hosting a Christmas Party

on **11 December** for about **200 people** of refugee background. **We would appreciate your help to bake about 250 pieces of biscuits/slice for the event.** The only requirement is that they do not contain any nuts. If you can help, can you please let Karen Read know and get them to her before the day.

Thanks, Karl & Caroline Hochstetter



Want to share the good news of Jesus with local kids?

We'd love to train some new SRE teachers & helpers. Contact Emma for more info.



Congratulations to Marion White who celebrated a special Big O birthday last week. We wish her well and give thanks for many answered prayers for her health.

Church Family Prayer

Simon, Sophie & Kevin Pang, Janette Paterson, Daniel & Courtney Patten.

CBC Roster

	5th December 2021	12th December 2021
Welcomers	Joy & David Arnold	Joy & David Arnold
COVID Warden	Di Daniel	Don Mathewson
Prayer	Margaret Gourlay	Betty Moore
Bible Reading	George Gourlay	Wendy Hatton
Offering Count	George Gourlay/David Arnold	Carol Hu/David Tan
Livestream	Brendan Ridley	TBC
Sound	Jeremiah Hodgson	Kim Poon
AV	Melody Wong	Milton Purkiss
Other	Flowers: Margaret Gourlay Morning Tea: Colin & Patsy Lees	

Church Health Check

Please note a *List of Focus Group Objectives & Team Members and Health Check Prayer Points* was sent out as a separate attachment with the CBC News. This is also available in the ADMIN section of the CBC Website.

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