

**6TH FEB 2022
CELEBRATION
SERVICE
ARTHUR CHAN**

Welcome

Ministry team

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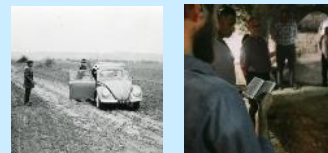
To be or not to be. Physical service or no physical service. That is the struggle we have amidst the soaring number of infections and yet there is no restriction of religious gathering from the government this time. We have to make our own call. Should we still keep our service online in order to lessen the chance of cross infections? Does that mean lack of faith on our part? On the other hand, if we restart physical services, would that put pressure on those who are more vulnerable to the virus and still prefer not to attend physically? Our faith is not defined by how we do things. Our faith is defined by for whom we do things. Romans 14:5-6 Paul reminds us that no matter how we do things, as long as we are sure that we do them for our Lord, we have faith. We look forward to the days when we are once again free to greet, to shake hands and to sing together in our worshipping hall. Until then, whether our communal worship is physical or online, our faith can still be kept strong when we know we are worshipping the same loving and mighty God, our Heavenly Father.

Blessings,
Arthur

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

| Dates for your Diary: | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|
| Church Health Check Forums—10am & 2pm | 12/2 |
| NCLS Survey | 20/2 |
| Quarterly Business Meeting | 20/2 at 3pm |

Mission Spot - Open Doors



Open Doors was founded when Brother Andrew began smuggling Bibles into Eastern Europe in 1955. The following year he began driving into the Soviet Union in his iconic blue Volkswagen beetle. His prayer "Lord you made blind eyes see. Now I pray make seeing eyes blind." A decade later his biography "God's Smuggler" became a bestselling Christian book. Since then, Open Doors has expanded to work in over 70 countries, providing discipleship, emergency relief and community development to Christians in the most dangerous places to follow Jesus.

Open Doors began monitoring persecution around the world in the 70s. You can see the World Watch List on Open Doors site. Dean and Becky Keaney moved from America to Australia to start Open Doors ministry in Australia with the purpose of taking Bibles into China. "Project Pearl" saw one million Bibles delivered to a beach in China in one night. Thousands of waiting believers gathered to receive them.

In 1999 Open Doors began working in North Korea delivering 10,000 Korean Bibles. It is one of the most dangerous places to be a Christian. Currently Afghanistan is at the top of the World Watch List as the most dangerous.

In 2020 we supported Open Doors' work in the Middle East.

Thank you for your support for the Christmas Campaign to support Baptist World Aid as they help the people of Afghanistan.

Church News

February Prayer Theme - Recommitment



Our prayers this month may focus on asking the Holy Spirit to help us recommit ourselves to God. King David expressed in Psalm 52: 10 a desire to have a new heart and for God to renew a steadfast spirit in him, after David had sinned against God. In the same Psalm he asks God to restore the joy of his salvation and to be granted a willing spirit. You might like to use those verses to shape your prayers this week in asking God to deepen your commitment to Him as His disciple.

We may also ask God to show us as in Revelation 2:4 whether we love as we first loved when we became a Christian. If God shows that we are not loving Him in that way then we can ask God's spirit to enable us to get back to that initial love.

CBC OFFICE— Closed 3rd Feb-15th Feb



The **CBC Office** is having some much need work done over the next week and **will be closed from Thursday 3rd Feb until Tuesday 15th Feb**. If possible please contact the office by email during this time.

Average Weekly Offerings-

Dear Fellow CBC members/believers,

Here is an update on average weekly offerings:
Average weekly - Actual = \$4,614
Average Weekly - Budget/Forecasted = \$5,904

Despite the easing of restrictions, we understand that many families in our communities are still experiencing some hardship. If you are not able to tithe due to current circumstances, please do not feel obliged. We encourage all church members/fellow believers to give according to their ability and not beyond their means.
 Thank you, Kim.

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 <https://carlingford-baptist-church.giveway.org.au/general-offerings>



ELDERS UPDATE

This weekend has the first of our Church forums to get your thoughts on the four themes of the church health check. The four themes are:

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
4. Reviewing how representative the church community is of the wider community, including identifying any gaps and opportunities for future engagement.

We encourage you to be involved in these forums. There will be two more forums next Saturday. Please uphold the Church Consultants, Tim Burns and Kevin Jin as they work with us.

We are looking forward to being able to meet in person in a safe way in February. Pray that God will enhance the unity and oneness that God's word encourages all believers to promote.

As the church year commences in earnest this Sunday with our first celebration service we are so thankful to God for the commitment and service of all who support God's church at Carlingford. Let's surround all the ministries of our church, our leaders and all associated with our church in prayer, asking God to help us to be true and faithful to God in 2022.

This year we will be normally providing our updates in the Bulletin every two months.

Sid, Amy, Sylvia, Jason and Alan

CHURCH HEALTH CHECK -

There are still 2 forums to go which you can still register for:

12th February
Session 3 -10am-12pm-Reflections on the Church's Vision

Session 4- 2-4pm-Reflections on the Church's Ministry Life
 Each will be facilitated by Tim Burns who is leading the Church Health Check team.



Please register online at this link -

<https://rsvp.church/r/TYBH9oOp> for each forum of choice.

If you are unable to register please contact the office and Karon will record your registration details.

CBC Roster

| | 6th February 2022 all together at 10am | 13th February 2022 |
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| Welcomers | David Tan Bible Study TBC | Colin & Patsy Lees |
| COVID Warden | Ian Read | Don Mathewson |
| Prayer | David Choi & Arthur Chan | Di Copelin |
| Bible Reading | TBC | Wendy Hatton |
| Offering Count | George Gourlay/David Arnold | Carol Hu/David Tan |
| Livestream | Brendan Ridley | TBC |
| Sound | Jeremiah Hodgson | TBC |
| AV | Melody Wong | TBC |
| Other | | |

Church Family

Prayer

Melody Wong,
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