CARLINGFORD BAPTIST CHURCH

CBC News

Baptist Churches of NSW & ACT

27TH MARCH 2022
PSALM 32;
LUKE 15:1-3, 11B-32
SYLVIA COLLINSON

Welcome

Ministry team

Senior Pastor-Interim:
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The 17th century artist, **Rembrandt,** painted what is regarded as one of the greatest paintings ever, *The Return of the Prodigal Son*. It's in The Hermitage Museum, St Petersburg, Russia. The communists had it in storage for many years, but realising its tourist attraction, they dug it out and gave it a special gallery. Of all the exhibits in the museum it is the most popular. Tour guides, doing a brief visit, go straight to it and explain in detail the meaning of this parable. The repentant, destitute son is kneeling before his father who clasps him to his warm embrace, a gentle forgiveness obvious in his face. His hands seem to suggest mothering and fathering at once; the left appears larger and more masculine, set on the son's shoulder, while the right is softer and more receptive in gesture. The older brother, hands crossed in judgement, looks with disapproval at his father's compassion for the sinful son. This week we examine this parable in its cultural context and find a fresh glimpse of the overwhelming grace of our Father God and a challenge to our lives as his sons and daughters.

In Christ,
Sylvia

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

Dates for your Diary:	
Pre-Service Prayer 9:30-9:45am Church Office	EACH SUNDAY
Tenebrae (Reflective) Service	14/4 8PM
Good Friday Service	15/4 10AM
Easter Sunday Celebration Service followed by our Easter Fun Day.	17/4 10AM

Catalyst Spot— Sydney Alliance

Sydney Alliance is a diverse coalition of community organisations. Religious organisations, unions and schools that uses the tools of community organising for the common good-to make Sydney a more just, fair and sustainable city. Parramatta team, amongst others is led by Parramatta Mission, Parramatta Climate Action Network, Northmead Uniting Church, the Catholic Diocese of Parramatta and Shelter NSW as well as community representatives from a broad range of migrant communities living in our area. *The Sydney Alliance is inviting interested people to attend an evening of round table discussions on Tuesday 29th March at 6.20 for a 6.30 start at Northmead Uniting Church at 3-7 Hammers Road, Northmead.*
The discussions are to identify the most pressing issues at the federal level in the Parramatta electorate. Already they have identified from listening two key issues of concern; social housing, and affordable and renewable power. The round table will no doubt air other key issues. We will be listening for those issues that unite and are shared across our community.
To register for this go to: https://events.humanitix.com/parramatta-alliance-roundtable-listening-march-29th?fbclid=IwAR3S-

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HopeStreet Collections

A huge thank you to CBC and friends of Hope St for your generosity to the homeless and needy in the Woolloomooloo area.

64 boxes of requested items.
10 bags/boxes for the Op shop.
30 x $25 food vouchers
13 x $20 food vouchers
Plus 16 boxes of dried/ long life food from Food Bank via Trevor & Margaret Hayes.

Together we have made a difference.

Sincerely, Di Daniel

DISASTER REFLIEF FUND

Disaster Relief Fund has enabled great work to happen across our network and is available for any church within the Baptist Association to access who is assisting people in need because of a disaster. To give go to: https://nswactbaptists.org.au/disaster-relief-fund/

Average Weekly Offerings-

Dear Fellow CBC members/believers,
Here is an update on average weekly offerings:
Average weekly - Actual = $5043
Average Weekly - Budget/Forecasted = $5904
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

March Prayer Theme - Praying through Lent – *Humility*

Christ set us the ultimate example of humility by dying on the cross for all. Philippians 2:8 refers to Christ humbling himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, death on the cross.
James also encourages us to "Humble ourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up."- James 4:10.
This week we can thank Christ for His humility as well us ask God's Spirit to help us show the fruits of the spirit, which includes humility, to our world.

CBC EASTER SERVICES-

Thursday Tenebrae (Reflective) 8pm
Good Friday Service 10am
Easter Sunday Service 10am - All Ages—
Mandarin—English—Korean

Followed by our Easter Fun Day…
Celebrating the gift of new life with food, fun & friends
Korean BBQ, Dumplings, Dessert
Games and Easter Trail

Invite your neighbours, family and friends...flyers in the foyer.

Baptist World Aid—Ukraine Crisis

Offer Hope and Help across Eastern Europe. Please give today. Go to https://baptistworldaid.org.au/appeals/standing-with-ukraine/

Morning Tea after our Sunday Service

We are once again having morning tea together after the service. If you would like to help serve please put your name on the clipboard in the small hall or email the Church Office and we will put a roster together.

CBC Roster

	27th March 2022	3rd April 2022
Welcomers	**Lindsay & Roslyn Casey**	**Clive & Dianne Copelin**
Prayer	Alan Worsley	Margaret Gourlay
Bible Reading	Edgar Voigts	Jan Pittendrigh
Offering Count	Catherine Lee/David Tan	George Gourlay/David Arnold
Livestream	Tim Ridley/Don Hunt	John Dawkins
Sound	Kim Poon	TBC
AV	Betty Moore	TBC
Morning tea	Ken & Dianne McGill	TBC

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