

CBC News

Welcome

29TH MAY 2022
JAMES 5:1-12
NATHAN REID
BWA

Dates for your Diary:

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| Pre-Service Prayer 9:30-9:45am Church Office | EACH SUNDAY |
| Quarterly Church Business Meeting directly followed by a Special Church Meeting | 5/6 3PM |

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

The phrase "them's fightin words" seems an apt way to describe James 5:1-12. Verses 1-7 bristle with confrontation and challenge as James seems to take on the mantle of prophets like Amos or Micah, naming and confronting evil, and announcing God's verdict. But are we meant to hear these as "fightin words"? There is a substantial number of scholars that believe that we should read these as comforting words. Biblical interpreters believe that the harsh words in verses 1-6 are aimed at rich oppressors outside the Christian community who are taking advantage of the followers of Jesus. If this is the case, James's words are transformed into comforting words. We find out that God sees injustice, hears the cries of the oppressed and will act with justice.

So, some 2000 years later should we be challenged or comforted by James' words? Perhaps this should lead us to another question, "Are we perpetrators and participants in injustice or victims of it?" Perhaps the answer is all of the above both. We are both perpetrators, participants, and victims of injustice. When we find ourselves benefiting from the oppression of others we should hear the challenge to love our neighbour. Where we find ourselves our victims, we can find hope that God is just. Ultimately, however in verses 7-11 we are called to the patient and persevere in faithfully following Jesus, who longs for his people to pray and act to see his kingdom come, to see a better world.

In Christ,
Nathan Reid

May Mission Month –

This week we welcome Nathan Reid from BAPTIST WORLD AID.

Baptist World Aid Australia is a Christian aid and development organisation working with 38 local Christian partner organisations implementing 73 projects in 18 countries. Baptist World Aid helps Australians tackle the injustice of global poverty and act together in ending it. They partner with like-minded agencies overseas to empower communities as they emerge from poverty, challenge injustice and build resilience together. BWA partner with Christians and churches in Australia, particularly those from the Baptist movement, in faithful prayer, ethical consumption, generous giving, and courageous advocacy as together we follow Jesus to end poverty so all can enjoy fullness of life as God intends.

Carlingford Baptist Church have been partnering with BWA for many years to support communities, pray for a better world and tackle injustice through our:

GIVING to assist the local Christian Partners helping vulnerable communities flourish and fight poverty.

PRAYING for justice so that people everywhere can live in the fullness of life God intends.

ACTION in speaking up and acting in challenging the systems that cause injustice.



Ministry team

Senior Pastor-Interim: Sid Grindley
Korean Pastor: David Choi
Mandarin Pastor—Interim: Arthur Chan
Children's Ministry Worker: Emma Ridley
Youth & Young Adults Worker-Interim: David Chang

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Church News

Our Quarterly Church Business Meeting will be held next Sunday 5th June at 3pm in the CBC Auditorium.

This will then be directly followed by a Special Church Meeting.

Reports for the Business Meeting are available online and hard copies are available in the foyer.

NEW GROUNDS ROSTER

People still needed...

If you would like to help look after the grounds at CBC please put your name, contact details and availability on the roster on the noticeboard.

Our **Mandarin community** is celebrating the **Dragon Boat Festival with a lunch after our Church Service on the 5th June.**

All are welcome to come.

Please bring a plate of food to share.



Average Weekly Offerings-

Dear Fellow CBC members/believers,
Here is an update on average weekly offerings:
Average weekly - Actual = \$5234
Average Weekly - Budget/Forecasted = \$5904

CBC Offerings:

Direct Deposit: Account held with Baptist Financial Services
Account Name: Carlingford Baptist Church
BSB : 704-922, A/C No: 100016526 or
Giveway Link: Go to <https://carlingford-baptist-church.giveway.org.au/general-offerings>



Prayer focus for May

As well as our prayer focus about opportunities to share our faith in Christ and missions this May it is an important month also for the Pastoral Selection Committee.

If you can uphold before God the members of the Committee, Sylvia, Ken, Haur, Rachel, Courtney and Malcolm. We can thank God for the work and preparation they have undertaken so far. We can also ask God to give wisdom, discernment as well ears and eyes to respond to the Spirit of God through this process. As the advertisement for the role goes out and the committee members have conversations and take on board recommendations we can pray as well that God will guide them both individually and together as a team.



May Mission Month

This May Mission Month, CBC is collecting for Sydney Refugee Team (SRT) and Freedom to Flourish. Sydney Refugee Team seek to share the hope of Jesus with people seeking asylum and refuge living in the community in Sydney. They meet practical needs and build authentic relationships with people forcibly displaced from many different countries. Currently there is a huge need to help people recently arrived from Afghanistan. Freedom to Flourish is a ministry in partnership between SRT and other mission organisations. Freedom to Flourish supports healing and growth for people from refugee background who have experienced trauma. They offer counselling, and therapeutic craft and garden programs.

To give here are the details:

Similar to CBC's general account held with Baptist Financial Services

Account Name : Carlingford Baptist Church
BSB No.: 704-922, A/C No.: 100016526

IMPORTANT!!! Please include reference/description in deposit transaction either "SRT" or "Sydney Refugee"



CBC Roster

| | 29th May 2022 | 5th June 2022 |
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| Welcomers | George & Margaret Gourlay | TBC |
| Prayer | Alan Worsley | Margaret Gourlay |
| Bible Reading | Jan Pittendrigh | Roslyn Casey |
| Offering Count | Clive Copelin/David or Rachael Tan | George Gourlay/David Arnold |
| Livestream | Milton Purkiss/Don Hunt | Don Hunt/Tim Ridley |
| Sound | David Chang | Albert Hodgson |
| AV | Melody Wong | Betty Moore |
| Morning tea | Sophie Pang & Becky Dawkins | David Tan Bible Study |

Church Family Prayer

Craig Kayes, Lyn Kidson,
Eddie, Chevelle, Arwen &
Arthur Krumins.

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