

CBC News

Welcome

3RD JULY 2022
NEHEMIAH 5:1-19
SID GRINDLEY

Dates for your Diary:

Pre-Service Prayer 9:30-9:45am Church Office	EACH SUNDAY
Celebration Service 10am	7/8

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

Nehemiah 5:1-19. Learning and growing through conflict

Last week we discovered that external opposition may not be pleasant but a community can come together and learn how to mutually support each other when persecuted, ridiculed and oppressed by those outside the church. As we finish this short series on Nehemiah we examine the potential damage and division that internal conflict can unleash – indeed it can be a far greater threat.

In many ways the internal conflict in Nehemiah was a rich v poor issue. The walls of Jerusalem were being repaired during a famine – many of those working on the rebuild were struggling to provide food for their families; so much so that there were going into debt and mortgaging their land and crops, and even handing their children over as indentured labourers. The only one's to benefit from this were the wealthy. They were taking advantage of their poorer neighbours and burdening them with loans and the interest on loans that were unjust and against God's laws for the community.. See Levi 25:39-42; Ex 22:25-27

Nehemiah called out this injustice and ordered that these practices be redressed.

We too live in a world where there is a developing chasm between the rich and poor, the haves and have nots. Social justice is at the heart of the Gospel – where is our heart at?

In Christ,
Sid

Mission Spot – Power to Change

Nick's story is a great example of how Power to Change connects people to Jesus. He arrived on campus in 2019 with a church background but no active faith. "Academia stressed me out, the fun of parties was incredibly fleeting and I was tired all the time. Yet despite all this, I never gave God a thought. I wanted to get answers and thought I'd check out something at Uni...I got hooked into a couple of Christian groups and one of them was Power to Change. I got a text message from a guy called Geoff. I said I'd hear him out and that I'd let him tell me his 2 cents, but I'd also bring some questions of my own. I met up with Geoff for a coffee and the first thing I noticed was he was willing to answer my questions. The answers were not what I expected. The answers were intellectually satisfying, they fitted together coherently, but more important than being only logical, they were also emotionally compelling. Every week Geoff told me about a God whose image I bear and who, as the Bible says, loved me and gave Himself up for me. This Gospel, this good news, required a response." Nick has accepted Christ and has gone on to train and lead Christian outreach bringing others to Christ.



Ministry team

Senior Pastor-Interim: Sid Grindley
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Church Health Review



Thank you to all of those who attended the Health Check Report review meeting on 19 June. Tim was pleased with the questions asked & comments made. He also reminded me to let you know that should you have any more questions or comments, you are welcome to contact either Kevin or himself directly.

Their email details are as follow:

Kevin- kevin@macquariebaptist.org

Tim- tburns@nswactbaptists.org.au

Alternatively, you can also contact me.

Thanks, Ian

Notice re Special Church Meeting 26th June 2022

We confirm that the motion to remove a member from the list of members was passed last week. Let us all continue to affirm and build on the sense of community and unity here at CBC.

Sewing items needed... last chance



ATTENTION LADIES

Anything to do with sewing is needed for a sewing ministry being held at Hope St. If you are no longer using the cottons, buttons, needles, scissors, fabric pieces or Sewing machines, etc they can be well used and appreciated in Woolloomooloo. Di Daniel will deliver them to Hope St.

Average Weekly Offerings-

Here is an update on average weekly offerings:

Average weekly - Actual = \$5384

Average Weekly - Budget/Forecasted = \$5904

Prayer focus -Waiting on God



In Isaiah 40: 31 the prophet observes that those who wait upon the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not be weary, they will walk and not be faint.

As a focus for our prayer this week about waiting on the Lord we can pray for God to increase our hope and trust in Him. In praying for increasing hope and trust in God we can ask God to deepen in us all our faith, patience, humility, meekness and endurance.

Opportunities to pray

Every Sunday morning a group meet together at 9.30am in the church office for prayer. We would love to have you join us.

Worship Team Gathering

Change of date

Please note that the Worship Team Gathering is now on **July 31st**.

Anyone who is presently in the team (singers, musos, tech, sound) are welcome, plus anyone interested in joining the team.

Pastor Sid



Thanks from the Worsley Family

Thank you to all at Carlingford for your care, concern and sharing with the Worsley family in the grief and loss of Doug Worsley. Betty and the wider family have felt the love and compassion of the church in so many ways over this time.

We are so appreciative and thankful to God and to all who were a part of Doug's life over his many years at Carlingford.

CBC Offerings:

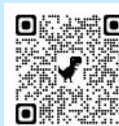
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CBC Roster

	3rd July 2022	10th July 2022
Welcomers	Clive & Dianne Copelin	Lindsay & Roslyn Casey
Prayer	David Tan	Betty Moore
Bible Reading	Margy Ridley	Wendy Hatton
Offering Count	Lindsay Casey/Peter Jones	Carol Hu/David Tan
Livestream	Milton Purkiss	Don Hunt
Sound	Tim Ridley	TBC
AV	Melody Wong	TBC
Morning tea	Art & Di Daniel	TBC

Church Family Prayer

Daniel & Courtney Patten,

Stuart & Jan Pittendrigh,

Kim, Carmen, Rachel & Chloe Poon. .

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