

2ND OCTOBER 22
EXODUS 4:1-17
SID GRINDLEY

Welcome

Dates for your Diary:

Pre-Service Prayer 9:30-9:45am Church Office	EACH SUNDAY
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**English Service in-person &
livestreamed at 10am:**
Access via our website
www.carlingford-baptist.org

Exodus: Moses equipped to serve

As any person follows Jesus there will be times when we are called to step outside our comfort zone.

Often it will be by way of a gentle nudge of the Spirit - the realisation that God has equipped us in some way to serve Him, to serve his church.

We could hardly call Moses' call a gentle nudge of the Spirit - his calling was confrontational. It was truly out of his comfort zone, and really was extraordinary in it's scope and purpose.

We see Moses coming up with all sorts of reasons that would, at least from his perspective, discount himself.

Yet God's call was pressing and consistent - no excuse was sufficient.

We will likely not be ever faced with such an momentous calling, but in the Spirit's call on our life are we at least open to the possibility of God using us in some way.

Sid

Mission Spot – Sydney Refugee Team/WEC/ Freedom to Flourish



Freedom to Flourish was able to host a Master Gardener course run by Community Greening which greatly enhanced the Restoring Garden. There is a regular committed group meeting Tuesdays and Fridays that are really building community and a shared sense of purpose and belonging. This term the creatives have been making decoupage coasters, decorated pots with paint, and macrame pot hangers. These will add beauty and welcome people as they enter the garden along the recently constructed path.

Everyone enjoys the time we gather over a cuppa and share reflections of the day. Caroline has introduced movement exercises that integrate what people have been doing and builds connection without language. Crafting Connections has restarted on alternative fortnights to the South Sudanese Proactive Woman Group. There have been some challenges to meeting and the desire to include recently arrived Afghan women and children was hampered by their enrolment in English courses.

Karen Read– Mission's Team Leader



Ministry team

Senior Pastor-Interim: Sid Grindley
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Church News

CBC NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

Thankyou to everyone who has been opting in!

If you would like to be included please make sure you opt-in. Please use the link below or QR Code (around the Church) to fill in the form. One person can opt-in for their household (with permission).

<https://carlingfordbaptistchurch.breezechms.com/form/9538b1>

PRISON FELLOWSHIP—ANGEL TREE

Prison Fellowship is a ministry our church has supported for many years through ANGEL TREE and raising money to send children of prisoners to a Christian Camp where they hear the message about Jesus.

The camp is being held THIS WEEK at Springwood. Please pray that these children will respond to Jesus and the Holy Spirit will continue to work in their lives as they return home. I would love to hear from anyone who is interested in supporting Angel Tree this year or knowing more about this ministry.
Margaret Gourlay.



Dear CBC Member,

There have been numerous discussions within the Association over the past few years around what it means for Ministers and Churches to be "affiliated" within the Baptist Association. As you can imagine these discussions cannot be adequately summarised in a paragraph or so.

These discussions came to a head in February 2021 when motions were presented, and passed, at a Special Assembly – these motions were specifically framed around the Associations views on marriage.

After further input at an informal Baptist Association gathering on Saturday September 3rd, (go to the **CBC Website admin section** then **Other Procedures & Papers** to access the 17 page Draft Recommendations & Explanations from Assembly Council presented for discussion) - the Assembly Council is now finalising motions to be presented at the Assembly on 12th November, 2022.

At first glance it may appear to be a simple decision, however for many it raises questions around the autonomy of the local church, the "liberty of conscience", and our capacity to remain affiliated despite some differences outside core Statements of faith.

We entrust our delegates who attend Assembly on our behalf to listen carefully on the day to discussions held, to be open to the move of the Spirit, and to vote according their conscience. *If you would like further information or to discuss this please contact Sid.*



PRAYER THEME - Thanks to God

This week we encourage you to think about thanking God for someone or a group that are part of a church. Paul in a number of his letters sets out his thanks for people and churches, for example Paul when he writes in Colossians he thanks God for the faith and love of the Church. (Colossians 1:3). In Philippians 1 Paul thanks God every time he remembers the church for the partnership they have together. In 2 Thessalonians 1 Paul thanks God for the people at the church, their growing faith and their increasing love for one another. God has called us together as his Church so let's thank Him for the people associated with CBC that God lays on our heart this week, to thank Him for their gifts and involvement in being part of His church at Carlingford.



Newsflash from the Lawrences's....

Rog and I wanted to write to you to share our plans to leave CBC. As I'm sure you can imagine, this has not been an easy decision to make, and we have reflected on and considered this over the last several months. We both agree that it is the right decision and time. We need to be open to where God is leading us at this new juncture in our lives. **Our last service will be on Sunday 9th October and will be followed by a morning tea to say farewell.**

We joined CBC in July '99 and were invited to join the worship team that September. Over the last 23 years we have become close to many people, as we have experienced highs and lows personally, in our family, and in CBC. It is an understatement to say we value your friendship very highly. Thank you for your constant love and support.

As to the future, we honestly have no idea right now. We plan to attend some local churches to explore God's leading, and of course, that means we won't be involved in a worship team any time soon. That will be strange for us, as you probably know that Rog and I met at worship practice, and serving in worship has formed a large part of our relationship, as well as all of our girls. We value your prayers and support for us as we take this next step.

With love, Lucy (and Roger)

Average Weekly Offerings-

Just a quick update on our weekly offerings up to week 12 2022/23 (or 26 Sept 2022)

Average weekly - Actual = \$5,938

Average Weekly - Budget/Forecasted = \$6,000

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>



CBC Roster

	2nd October 2022	9th October 2022
Welcomers	John & Becky Dawkins	Ken & Diane McGill
Prayer	Margaret Gourlay	Alan Worsley
Bible Reading	Wendy Hatton	George Gourlay
Offering Count	George Gourlay/Peter Jones	Carol Hu/David Tan
Livestream	Don Hunt	TBC
Sound	Tim Ridley	TBC
AV	Melody Wong	TBC
Morning tea	Art & Dianne Daniel	Rosalind Soon, Noorie Ng, Lucy Chua
Grounds	8/10 William Lai	

Church Family Prayer

Sylvia Collinson,
Lily Comendador,
Clive & Dianne Copelin

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