

25TH SEPTEMBER 22
EXODUS 3:1-22
COURTNEY PATTEN

Welcome

Dates for your Diary:

Pre-Service Prayer 9:30-9:45am Church Of-	EACH SUNDAY
Kids & Youth Families Picnic—12pm	TODAY

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

In Exodus chapter 3, we find a definitive answer to the question (raised in chapters 1 and 2), of God's care for his enslaved people. In a continuation of the life story of Moses, whom Yahweh had been preparing for his purposes since infancy, we find 'Moses the outlaw' shepherding sheep in the wilderness. Unlike the young, impetuous version of himself, time seems to have both tempered and humbled 'Moses the Shepherd', priming him for Yahweh's spectacular entrance via the burning bush. Indeed, one ordinary day, this ordinary man came into contact with an extraordinary God and a miraculous event was put in motion. Yahweh, the eternal 'I Am', aligns himself with this lowly (albeit, highly qualified) shepherd for the sake of his people. Yahweh – the God who see, hears, and knows about the suffering of his people – chooses to act in his perfect timing on their behalf. However, as with any good story, a series of obstacles arise for our primary protagonist (Yahweh). 'Moses the Mouthpiece' apparently has some reservations, but this is Yahweh's story, and he will not be thwarted. Exodus 3 reveals the 'name' or character of this God to whom Israel is bound in covenant – the character of the same God whom we Christians worship to this day.

In Christ,
Courtney

Mission Spot – Baptist World Aid

Many of the 50 million garment workers who make our clothes-particularly women in Bangladesh, China, India and South-east Asia – work in unsafe conditions without basic rights like maternity leave or sick leave. As fashion brands vie for the cheapest source of labour, in the capital city of Bangladesh, Dhaka's 4.5 million garment workers barely earn enough to survive. In the factory Sahima* works the machines never sleep, with shifts of workers constantly meeting orders from fashion brands. If cotton gets stuck or thread is torn, the workers must fix the problem while the machines run at high speed. "A few days ago, a girl's wrist got sucked inside the machine", Sahima* said. "She was about 14 years old. My daughter's age". There is no compensation for injuries, and fear of being reprimanded if they speak up.

The 2021 Ethical Fashion Report found 15% of companies could demonstrate paying living wages in some final stage factories, but only 4% in all final stage factories (2022 figures will be released in October). See bwaa.co/fashion-guide

Deuteronomy 24:14 commands, "Do not take advantage of a hired worker who is poor."

James 5:4 condemns exploitive employers, "The wages you failed to pay the workers who mowed your fields are crying out against you."



Ministry team

Senior Pastor-Interim: Sid Grindley
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Church News

HopeStreet Collections—

Thank you for your very generous donations! Together we have donated 29 boxes for the pantry, 2 boxes/ bags for the Op shop, 1 box for sewing ministry, 8 x \$25 food vouchers, 15 x \$20 food vouchers.



CBC NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

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>

Kids & Youth Families Picnic & BBQ TODAY, 12pm West Epping Park

Dent Street, Epping
There will be BBQ food, salad & fruit provided. **Meet at Church if wet weather**



Combined Mandarin & English Congregations this Sunday

This week is significant in that from now on the Mandarin Congregation will be joining with the English congregation on the last Sunday of each month to join with us in worship as it is led by the youth worship team. This is an exciting development highlighting the unity of the CBC community despite our diversity. Let me encourage you come along and encourage the youth team.

Sid on Annual Leave—

Sid will be taking one week's leave from Thursday 22nd – Wednesday 28th September. He'll be preaching at our service on Oct 2nd.

Average Weekly Offerings-

Just a quick update on our weekly offerings up to week 11 2022/23 (or 19 Sept 2022)
Average weekly - Actual = \$5,861
Average Weekly - Budget/Forecasted = \$6,000

PRAYER THEME FOR SEPTEMBER

- Thanking God

1 Thessalonians 5:18 encourages us to give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

This week we recognise that all circumstances includes the mundane and the ordinary. We can thank God for His love and desire to be with us in all things. We can express our appreciation to God for his presence with us in the routines of the day and His help with the normal and ordinary aspects of life both individually and together as His church.



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.** Roger and I will be leading the worship that Sunday morning on guitar and piano, and we would be delighted if you would join us on the team, so if you are available, please let us know and we will try to accommodate those who wish to participate. The service will be followed by a morning tea to say farewell, and whether you can play with us or not, we hope you can make the service and tea.

We joined CBC in July '99 and were invited to join the worship team that September. Over the last 23 years we have become so close to each of you, 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. It has been a blessing to be part of a team of such faithful Christians and committed musicians. Thank you. We hope that we can remain friends and stay in touch. 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 most of you know that Roger and I met at worship practice, and serving in worship has formed a large part of our relationship, as well as all of our daughters. We value your prayers and support for us as we take this next step.

With love, Lucy (and Roger)

CBC Offerings: Direct Deposit: Account held with Baptist Financial Services

Account Name: Carlingford Baptist Church
BSB : 704-922,A/C No: 100016526 or
Giveaway Link: Go to <https://carlingford-baptist-church.giveaway.org.au/general-offerings>



CBC Roster

	25th September 2022	2nd October 2022
Welcomers	Footprint Bible Study	John & Becky Dawkins
Prayer	Margy Ridley	Alan Worsley
Bible Reading	N/A	Wendy Hatton
Offering Count	Catherine Lee/David Tan	George Gourlay/Peter Jones
Livestream	Milton Purkiss	TBC
Sound	David Chang	TBC
AV	Betty Moore	TBC
Morning tea	Footprint Bible Study	Art & Dianne Daniel
Grounds		8/10 William Lai

Church Family Prayer

Vincent & Swee Fan Chong,
Lucy Chua,
George & Deanne Cini.

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