

27TH NOVEMBER 22
DANIEL 3:8-18
DAVID CHOI

Welcome

Dates for your Diary:

Surveys Due	30/11
40 Days of Prayer starts 1/12/22-9/1/23	1/12
Sid & Jen's Farewell & Pot-Luck lunch	11/12
Carols & Nativity Service All Together at 10am Sid's last service	18/12
Christmas Day Service	25/12
Pastor Howard Bennett commences	9/1
Pastor Howard Bennett's Induction Service	29/1

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

Most people in Modern society live their lives influenced by our 'speedy', or rapidly changing culture. We could say the direction of life is determined by our consciousness of our culture. How should we react in a culture that changes so rapidly? Sometimes this challenge looks very difficult. However, there's one thing that doesn't change in a world where everything changes. That's the gospel-centred cultural consciousness.

Daniels' text today shows us a great challenge. It is a good opportunity to see how the people of God live with the right cultural consciousness and faith in a culture different to their own. Through today's passage, I would like to share a deep understanding of how we can live with the consciousness of the culture that God wants from us.

Yours in Christ,
David Choi

Catalyst Spot –Baptist World Aid

Many of the connect groups have recently completed the BWA study about modern slavery. The Modern Slavery Act is a beginning by our government to address fairness in supply chains including a living wage for workers and safe working conditions. This week SBS had an article "Seafood, rubber gloves, oranges: the products you buy in Australia could be linked to modern slavery."

The number of people in modern slavery has risen by more than nine million over the past five years, the report by Walk free and the UN's International Labour Organisation and International Organisation for Migration found.

Jesus calls us to care for those who are hungry and thirsty, to welcome those who are strangers in a new land and to offer help to those living on the margins (Matthew 25:35-40). Christian discipleship includes standing with the vulnerable, as Isaiah 1:17 compels us to seek justice for others.

BWA has cards that you can purchase online that fund some of their projects that you can use to send over the Christmas time at baptistworldaid.org.au. For the people you know who don't need socks or jocks maybe a chicken, a goat or safe birth kit going where it is most needed might warm their heart.

At Christmas there will be another chance to support BWA's work. Details will come later.



Karen Read– Mission's Team Leader

Ministry team

Senior Pastor-Interim: Sid Grindley
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Church News

40 Days of Prayer—Start Thursday

As a church we want to commit our future and our ministries to God, so between 1 December and 9 January we are encouraging all to be involved in our 40 days of prayer. The prayer diary is available electronically with this newsletter and also hard copies are in the church foyer. Please make an effort to join with each one of us praying for God's leadership of all we are and do as His church in Carlingford.



Survey about our on-line 10am service

Please send in your responses to the survey this week, if you have not done so. You can complete the survey online or you can complete a hard copy and place it in the box in the church foyer.

Survey link is <https://forms.gle/g9G4KHmbW7UT168A>

Christmas Craft Night Wednesday 30th November 7:30pm

15 Priory Close, Cherrybrook
\$20 Donation for Angeltree/Prison Fellowship
RSVP Margaret Gourlay



Christmas Hampers

This year we are hoping to make up a small number of Christmas Hampers for those within and without in our community. Donations can be dropped off at the office on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays at Church (in a box in the foyer) on Sundays. Items such as dried fruit, nuts, shortbread, juice/soft drinks, speciality Christmas items would be appreciated – by Sunday 12th December.



Average Weekly Offerings-

Just a quick update on our weekly offerings up to week 20 2022/23 (or 21 Nov 2022)

Average weekly - Actual = \$5,556

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
Giveaway Link: Go to <https://carlingford-baptist-church.giveway.org.au/general-offerings>



PRAYER THEME FOR NOVEMBER - GOD'S STRENGTH AND ENABLING

As we have recently been focused on Exodus it is fitting that this week we focus on what God commanded Joshua to do when taking over leadership following death of Moses. Joshua 1:9 records God telling Joshua to have courage, to be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. This week in our prayers let us pray to God for strength, let us ask for courage to do His will and to stand strong. We can pray for God to go with us to those places we are fearful, asking him to be with us in all the situations of life we are experiencing. He promised Joshua to be with him and the rest of the book of Joshua confirms that God was with Joshua. We can thank God for the promise of being with us in every situation in life we confront.



FAREWELL LUNCH FOR JEN & SID

Please join us on Sunday 11 December after the service for a pot luck lunch to farewell Sid and Jen. This will give us an opportunity to thank him for his ministry to us as the interim pastor. This will be organised by the mandarin Community – please bring some food to share on the day.

Collection for Sid

We have been blessed by the ministry of Sid and the support Jen has given to him over the last year and a half or more. We can thank God for his service and dedication. If you would like to make a tangible expression of your appreciation to Sid then you please make a donation for a farewell gift. You can do so by either making a gift through the online facility, identifying the contribution you make with some designation such as "Sid" or "Gift" or alternatively placing the money in the offering box in the foyer in an envelope identifying it as a gift for Sid. If you could organise to make your gift on or by Monday 5 December. Thanks.



Nominations are being called for the positions of Church Delegate.

These nominated folk will attend The Assembly and The Gathering and will have voting rights, thus be our Church Representatives. It is essential for these people to be members of our Church at CBC. If you have nominees who you think may be appropriate for this role, please forward their name to the Office, by email. Please note nominations will close on December 31, 2022. If you have any questions about this role please contact Ian Read or Sylvia Collinson.

FREE CHRISTIAN BOOKS....In the foyer there are some brand new Christian Books. Please feel free to take any that you would like.

CBC Roster

	27th November 2022	4th December 2022
Welcomers	Footprint Bible Study	John & Becky Dawkins
Prayer	Margy Ridley	Margaret Gourlay
Bible Reading	Samuel Yang	Roslyn Casey
Offering Count	Catherine Lee/David Tan	George Gourlay/Peter Jones
Livestream	Tim Ridley	Mark Chan
Sound	Haur Gik	Kim Poon
AV	Betty Moore	Milton Purkiss
Morning tea	George & Deanne Cini	TBC
Grounds	3/12 Malcolm Bae/Korean Community	

Church Family Prayer

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