

**6TH NOVEMBER 2022**  
**EXODUS 8:1-15;**  
**9:13-21; 11:1-10**  
**SID GRINDLEY**

## Welcome

### Dates for your Diary:

Mandarin Love Feast– Pot luck lunch	TODAY
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**English Service in-person &  
livestreamed at 10am:**  
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### ***Exodus: The Glory of the Lord – The Plagues***

One of the realities for us as we read the book of Exodus – and let's face it we've heard this story numerous times – is that we know how this ends. It's predictable, and it's likely lost some of its wonder, because we've heard the story so many times.

Not so for Moses & Aaron, not so for the Israelites, not so for Pharaoh and the Egyptians – they had to live this out.

Moses & Aaron had the promises of God to hang onto through faith – but there was also a level of uncertainty and unpredictability about how this was going to play out.

We do not have the pleasure of reinventing the narrative within the Exodus story – but we can try and dig deeper into what is taking place.

In regard to the plight of the Israelites in this time in their history I valued the comment made by a Jewish Theologian [Breaking Matzo] "God wants this nation to be born in an atmosphere of faith". Just like us really!

Pastor Sid

### **Catalyst Spot—Baptist World Aid**

(Excerpt from Scott Higgins How do we decide who comes to Australia?)

In December 1977 a boat carrying refugees fleeing violence in their homeland, Vietnam, sailed into Darwin harbour. They were met by 2 fishermen in a tinnie, who drew up alongside their boat and with outstretched arms shouted, "G'day mates. Welcome to Australia."

Years later Hieu Van Le remembers, "We were stunned by the warmth and good nature of this laconic welcome...My personal navigation to Australia had been a combination of dark circumstances, accidents, fear, despair but most of all hope."

Today we are among those nations that turn refugee boats away, preferring instead to welcome a select number of refugees who arrive in ways that we control and approve. This approach does not sit comfortably with the large and unpredictable flow of refugees. Think of the millions flowing out of the Ukraine today, of the images of Afghan people desperately trying to get out as US forces withdrew, or the millions fleeing Syria as it succumbed to civil war.

The international community has promised them protection but is failing to live up to its promise. Nations that border conflict zones struggle to cope with the influx.

The Old Testament prophets and Jesus railed against those who grew wealthy by ignoring the needs of the vulnerable. James 2:15-17

*Karen Read— Mission's Team Leader*



### **Ministry team**

Senior Pastor-Interim: Sid Grindley  
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# Church News

## Mandarin Love Feast/ Pot-Luck Lunch - **TODAY**

The Mandarin Congregation will be hosting a Love Feast – Pot Luck Lunch today immediately after their service.

All congregations are invited to attend – if you are able please bring something to share.



## Compliance Officer - **Thank you to Ian Read ...**

Please be aware that Ian Read has come to the end of his time as Compliance Officer at CBC. We offer Ian our sincere thanks for the work he did in this role through a challenging time in the life of the church. He will continue in his role as Church Secretary.

## 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 17 2022/23 (or 31 Oct 2022)

Average weekly - Actual = \$5,608

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.giveaway.org.au/general-offerings>



## PRAYER THEME FOR NOVEMBER - **God's Strength and Enabling**

This month our theme is around God's strength and enabling. Our prayers can recognise that God is with us when we face hardship, we are anxious and feel vulnerable. Our prayers can focus on the words from Isaiah 41:10 "so do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed; for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous hand."



You are invited to celebrate the wedding of **Angie & Brendan** **Monday 14th November at 1:30pm** followed by afternoon tea.



## Thanks and Encouragement for Brendan & Angie-

We have been and are blessed by their service in so many ways, particularly in leading in various ministries and providing technical assistance for our services over the COVID period. We would like to take this opportunity to thank, support and encourage them as they take this next step in following God's leading as a couple.

*There are some things you might like to be involved with together as a church to show our love, thanks and encouragement to them both-*

- Pray God will bless them as two become one
- Help with the afternoon tea or donate some food items. Contact Karon on [office@carlingford-baptist.org](mailto:office@carlingford-baptist.org) if you would like to do this.
- Send a greeting to them – Either **sign the card located in the foyer of the church which is in a large golden envelope** or send to the church email address a greeting and encouragement for them to be included in the card; and/or
- Make a donation – We are collecting for a gift for them on behalf of the church. If you would like to contribute to a gift place your donation in an envelope **suitably marked** in the offering box in the church foyer or give on line by depositing into the normal Church bank account making sure you add a description **Angie/ Brendan or Wedding**. The account details are below.

*We appreciate any way that you are able to support Angie and Brendan at this significant time for them.*

## CBC Roster

	6th November 2022	13h November 2022
Welcomers	<b>Sylvia Collinson &amp; Betty Moore</b>	<b>George &amp; Margaret Gourlay</b>
Prayer	Patsy Lees	Sylvia Collinson
Bible Reading	Colin Lees	David Tan
Offering Count	George Gourlay/Peter Jones	Carol Hu/David Tan
Livestream	Tim Ridley	Milton Purkiss
Sound	Kim Poon	Albert Hodgson
AV	Melody Wong	Melody Wong
Morning tea	Lily Woolley & Shiyu Yamauchi & Michelyn Daniel	TBC
Grounds	12/11 Lindsay Casey, Trevor Hayes	

## Church Family Prayer

Trevor & Margaret Hayes,  
Graham & Ruth Henderson,  
Eve Hibbard.

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