

CBC HOLIDAY NEWS
25 DEC 22 –
15 JAN 23

Welcome

Dates for your Diary:

40 Days of Prayer 1/12/22-9/1/23	1/12/22- 9/1/23
Common Prayer time - 40 Days of Prayer	EACH TUES 8PM
Prayer Vigil for an hour	31/12 11:30PM
Pastor Howard Bennett commences	9/1
Welcome Dinner for Pastor Howard at CBC	28/1 6PM
Pastor Howard Bennett's Induction Service	29/1 10AM

The day before I got Covid I walked to Baulkham Hills shops. On the way home I needed to cross Old Northern Road which is always busy with traffic both ways. A break came, but a bus had stopped and would then head towards me. I launched from the footpath, but unexpectedly fell flat on my face on the road. I quickly crawled back to safety before the bus came, and sat on a low fence to assess any injuries. Suddenly a young man appeared and asked if I was OK. He kindly offered to drive me home, but I said I'd be fine in a few minutes. He told me that he was quite safe and it was no trouble. I thanked him, but said No. However he insisted on escorting me across the road to safety. I repeatedly thanked him and said he was an angel. Then I continued home. I didn't see where he went, nor where he came from. Was he an angel? I'll never know, but angels tend to do things like that. They protect. They bring comfort. They are messengers from God. As you celebrate the birth of Jesus, may you, like the Christmas angels, worship and thank our God who came to earth for us and our salvation.

In Christ,
Sylvia

**English Service in-person & livestreamed -
9am Christmas Day
10am each Sunday in January**
Access via our website
www.carlingford-baptist.org

Mission Spot— Christmas Appeal Baptist world Aid (Cambodia)



'As many as 828 million people go to bed hungry every night, the number of those facing acute food insecurity has soared—from 135 million to 345 million—since 2019. A total of 50 million people in 45 countries are teetering on the edge of famine'- World Food Program....And so we give. "Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so they may take hold of life that is truly life' 1 Timothy 6:17-19

Your generosity allows children to go to school, attend Child and Youth Clubs, and learn about their rights. Protect communities from the spread of disease through hand-washing awareness training. Teach agricultural and savings skills so families can grow their income. To give scan the QR code or use a giving envelope or slip which are available in the CBC Foyer.

Karen Read— Mission's Team Leader



Ministry team

Korean Pastor: David Choi
Mandarin Pastor—Interim: Arthur Chan
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Church News

Howard Bennett commences 9 January

January is a big month in the life of our community as God has lead us to appoint Howard Bennett as Senior Pastor. **Pray for Howard as he prepares to commence with us on 9 January. Pray also that God will prepare us for what He has planned under His leadership and to support and encourage Howard and the Pastoral Team.**



Welcoming Pastor Howard to our Community—Dinner 28 Jan at 6pm

Please join us at 6:00 pm in the Church Hall for a welcoming dinner with Howard, on Saturday night 28 January. All you need to do is prepare a plate of food to share, just like we do for pot luck lunches, and bring it with you. These meals are for sharing, so it would be good if you could make up a label naming the ingredients. If you are coming, please let Ian Read know – by messaging him secretary@carlingford-baptist.org.



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

CBC Office Closed and Emergency Contact Details

The CBC Office is now closed and will reopen on the 10th January. If you need to speak to someone urgently please contact **David Choi** 0424 095 025 or **Arthur Chan** 0492 958 804.

Church Family Prayer

Beth Moore, Sock Nui,
Joz, Katrina, Caitlin, Ethan
& Lachlan Ong.

Website Admin
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admin4Carlo!

Just a quick update on our weekly offerings up to week 24 2022/23 (or 21 Dec 2022)
Average weekly - Actual = \$5,489
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 THIS MONTH 40 DAYS OF PRAYER

New Year's Eve Prayer Vigil

Over the Christmas period and New Year period please considering focussing on the prayer themes for each week Each Tuesday night at 8 pm you might pause and pray at the same time as others in CBC for the theme of the week in our 40 days of prayer. Another opportunity to pray in our 40 days of prayer will be to **join with others at Church at 11.30 pm on New Year's Eve where we all can be praying together as we move into 2023.**

Week 4—25 Dec -1 Jan – God's love, provision & direction

Over Christmas we can thank God for His son, Jesus as the way we have been able to be put right with God. Thank God for guidance and direction for His Church over 2022, particularly the ministry of Sid Grindley as our Interim Senior Pastor.

For God's continued presence with us and enabling His Church for 2023, including for the leaders in the Church and wisdom in the new year as to how to use the resources He has given to us. Especially uphold the Staff Team, Church Council and Elders as they deal with pressing issues in the life of the church. Thank God for the gifts and dedication of our Church Secretary, Ian Read and our Church Treasurer, Karen Baker.

Thank God for the those on the pastoral care team, including Marg Gourlay, Loraine Purkiss Joy Arnold, Dianne Copelin and Rachael Tan and encourage them in this very important ministry.

Acknowledge and confess to God when we have failed Him in 2022 and ask for forgiveness.

Ask God to show us individually and collectively things for us to maintain, change or develop in 2023 associated with His Church at Carlingford.

Week 5—2-8 Jan – English Community

Thank God for those in our community who have been able to bring messages to our services throughout the year, including Sylvia Collinson. Courtney Patten & Karl Hochstetter, our Worship Team and those who lead the services and those provide technology support.

Pray for those who participate in our services on-line to feel better connected with us as part of our fellowship.

Thank God for people who have responded to the small group programme in 2022 and help this program to develop further in 2023 to grow us to be deeper disciples of Christ.

Thank God for the leaders – David and Rachel Tan, Jane Peng, Joy and David Arnold, Marg Gourlay, Patsy Lees, Cathie Blissett, Margy Ridley and Sylvia Collinson.

Pray for opportunities in 2023 to enhance how all the communities working together may take Christ to the world. Particularly thank God for our ESL ministry and uphold the **teachers** - Craig Kayes, Don Mathewson, Trevor & Margaret Hayes, Karen Chan, Rachael Tan and Amy Li.



CBC Roster

	25th December 2022	1st January 2023	8th January 2023	15th January 2023
Welcomers	TBC	Stuart & Jan Pittendrigh	John & Becky Dawkins	Ken & Di McGill
Prayer	Margaret Gourlay	Sylvia Collinson	Joy Arnold	Margaret Gourlay
Bible Reading	George Gourlay	Margy Ridley	Cathie Blissett	Wendy Hatton
Offering Count	David Tan	Mandarin Community	David Tan	Ken McGill
Livestream	Mark Chan	Don Hunt	Milton Purkiss	Tim Ridley
Sound	Tim Ridley	TBC	Tim Ridley	David Chang
AV	Melody Wong	Milton Purkiss	Betty Moore	Melody Wong
Morning tea	N/A	Footprint Bible Study	Ken & Di McGill	Becky Dawkins & Sophie Pang
Grounds		7th Jan: William Lai		

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