

16TH APRIL 2023
LUKE 24:13-53
HOWARD BENNETT

Welcome

Dates for your Diary:

Monthly Prayer Meeting	TODAY 3PM
Zoom Prayer Meeting 7:30-8am	20/4
Church Working Bee 7:30am-12pm	29/4

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

APRIL PRAYER THEME - *Serving in our community*



Our prayer theme is centred around Matthew 25:35-40. The verses highlight the importance of being responsive to needs and being willing to serve. As verse 40 says 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' 1 Corinthians 12-4-6 recognises that there are different kinds of gifts given to each of us. This week we can be praying God will help us identify, grow and use the gifts He has given each of us. We can be thankful for the different gifts he has given and also ask God to show us the different kinds of working we can do for Him in our community. Our prayers this week can also thank God for our community and that in everyone in His church it is the same God who is at work through us.

Mission Spot—Voice of the Martyrs (March 2023)



This edition is called "Africa- In the Lion's Den". It includes many quite harrowing stories of the violence that Christians can expect from Muslim extremists, insurgents and even family members in Africa. Please pray for our brothers and sisters as they cling to Christ in adversity.

Hanafi as a young Muslim student wore all white or all black clothing to signify his Islamic identity and devotion, blending in with other devout Muslim students. Today he wears vibrant clothing, colourful silicon wrist bands and a large wooden cross. Now 29, he admits he is trying to attract attention as a bold, visible declaration that he is one of the few Christians in Niger.

He became a Christian after experiencing dreams he couldn't ignore and exposure to the Bible and Christian meetings by seeming accident.

His father when he learned of Hanafi's conversion responded by calling the family together to tell them "(Hanafi) is no longer part of the family." Hanafi said his father's words were very painful but not surprising. "My Pastor prepared me. He told me many people will persecute me." His Pastor also shared Matthew 10:33 with him, which says "Whoever denies me before men, I will also deny before my Father who is in heaven." "For me, persecution is part of growth," he said. "The more you are persecuted, the stronger you will be in Jesus."



Karen Read—Mission's Team Leader

Ministry team

Senior Pastor: Howard Bennett
Korean Pastor: David Choi
Mandarin Pastor—Interim: Arthur Chan
Children's Ministry Worker: Emma Ridley
Youth & Young Adults Worker-Interim: David Chang

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Church News

RESUMPTION OF OFFERING IN SERVICES

As many are aware, receiving gifts/tithes/offerings was suspended due to government restrictions imposed on churches when the COVID pandemic commenced in 2020. We have sought to follow these guidelines for the duration of the pandemic but with the ceasing of the restrictions and a greater understanding of ways to protect ourselves from contracting COVID, the leadership believe the practice of receiving offerings during church services can be resumed and this will occur on the 7th May. Online giving will continue to be encouraged and the details for this form of giving will be shown on the screen during each service for people to use that opportunity while the offering is received during the service as we continue to support the ministries of the church. **Plain, unmarked giving envelopes will be available in the foyer from 30th April for people to use each week.**

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>
or scan the QR code -



CHURCH WORKING BEE Saturday 29th April

Our working bee will start at 7:30am and conclude around 12pm. If you could help for some or all of the time it would be much appreciated.
The main tasks are trimming the hedges and the cleaning out/restructuring the Creche.
Contact Malcolm Bae for more details.

OPPORTUNITIES TO PRAY TOGETHER-

WEEKLY ZOOM PRAYER – Every Thursday Morning 7:30-8am

A small group of people meet via Zoom each Thursday at 7:30am to pray for the Church Ministries and Church family. We would love more people to join this group.

Please plan to join from your home and pray with us.
Zoom link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83062841084>
Meeting ID: 83062841084
For further details, please contact Sylvia Collinson

MONTHLY CHURCH PRAYER MEETING TODAY - 3pm at CBC



Open Invitation to all...

Steve Tibbs (a previous CBC member from 2004-2016) has recently been diagnosed with a non-operable brain cancer. Therefore, he is **planning a birthday party to catch-up with as many people as possible that may know the Tibbs family..** **He would love for as many CBC people to attend as possible.** Details are:

Saturday 20th May, 3-5:30pm

**Thornleigh Community Baptist Church
15 Duffy Ave, Thornleigh**

(Live entertainment. Great food. Speeches to enjoy. Special presentations. Short sermon. Children looked after & welcomed.)

Dress code: casual

RSVP deadline 6th May—

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CBC Roster

	16th April 2023	23rd April 2023
Welcomers	Lindsay & Roslyn Casey	Colin & Patsy Lees
Prayer	Dianne Copelin	David Tan
Bible Reading	George Gourlay	Paul Dudeney
Offering Count	Lindsay Casey/Ken McGill	Catherine Lee/David Tan
Livestream	Mark Chan	Don Hunt
Sound	Albert Hodgson	Mark Chan
AV	Milton Purkiss	Betty Moore
Morning tea	Ken & Di McGill	Joanne Xie & TBC
Grounds		26/4 William Lai & Jason Xiao

Church Family Prayer

Lucy Chua,
George & Deanne Cini,
Sylvia Collinson

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