

23RD APRIL 2023
ACTS 2
HOWARD BENNETT

Welcome

This coming week-

Zoom Prayer Meeting 7:30-8am	27/4
Church Working Bee 7:30am-12pm	29/4
Combined Service (Mandarin & English) & Pot-Luck lunch	30/4

**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.' In Acts 20:35 it is recorded that Paul in everything he did, he showed by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' The verse from Acts encourages us to look out for others and to sacrificially give to those in need.

Mission Spot—FEBC

(Far East Broadcasting Co.)

Weeks, months, and now a year on in Ukraine, the broadcasts never stopped. Neither has the war. Prayer intensified; Inna led more prayer on social media daily. "We pray and people accept Jesus as Lord and Saviour." Inna's own brother came to faith through listening to her. The ministry expanded to the streets. Despite risks, Pastor Sergey distributed food, ministering God's love and promises to the traumatised. Igor waited at train stations, sharing hope to thousands fleeing to shelter and safety. 50,000 prayer books were distributed to the public. Audio Bibles (with flashlight) were given to soldiers, many of them listening from the trenches. Counselling increased; the team received 4 times the number of calls they would normally do-4,000 received Christian counselling per month.

3 new stations were birthed! Before the war, most Ukrainians were cultural Christians who didn't know about the Bible. Now, through FM radio, social media, and on ground ministry, 1 in 4 Ukrainians has heard the Good News of Jesus Christ through FEBC.

"We are tired, but at the same time we can see millions of people who receive Jesus as their Saviour...We do not have electricity and light, but we have the light of Jesus Christ, and we should be shining more and more in these dark times", Igor shares.

"Everyone on the team has lost somebody," Director Eduard shares. Himself and Pastor Sergey are still separated from their children and wives, who are in safe locations.

Excerpt from Skywaves January/February 2023



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

Church Secretary: Ian Read
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Church News

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Receiving offerings during church services will be resumed on Sunday 7th May and plain, unmarked giving envelopes will be available in the foyer from next Sunday (30th) for those who wish to use them for their offering/tithe/gift. Online giving will continue to be encouraged and the details for this will be shown on the screen during each service for people to use that opportunity while the offering is received during the service.

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 -



Mandarin Love Feast/ Potluck Lunch - NEXT SUNDAY

The Mandarin Congregation will be hosting a Love Feast – Potluck Lunch NEXT SUNDAY immediately after our service. All congregations are invited to attend – please bring some food to share.



Congratulations...

To Pieter Gruel on the safe arrival of his grandson Maverick Pieter Zammitt, born on Tuesday 18th April (3.1kg) to Cassie and Aaron.

THANK YOU...

Stan and Merrilyn Jaques would like to thank the Church members for their care and concern during Stan's recent 3 month hospitalization, your prayers and telephone calls have been very much appreciated.

REMINDER -



CHURCH WORKING BEE



Saturday 29th April

A Church Working Bee will be held next Saturday (29th) commencing at 7:30am-12pm. Come when you can, go when you must - all help will be appreciated. The main tasks are trimming the hedges and the cleaning out and restructuring the Creche.

Please contact Malcolm Bae for more details.

Please be in prayer for the following meetings to be held in the coming weeks as we plan for the future ministry at CBC:

Elders Meeting

Monday 24th April 7:30pm

Combined Service (Mandarin and English) and Pot Luck Mandarin Love Feast

Sunday 30th April 11:45am (following the morning service)

Church Council

Monday 1st May 7:30pm

Church Prayer Meeting

Sunday 21st May 3pm

Combined Church Service (Mandarin, Korean & English)

Sunday 28th May 10am

Church Quarterly Meeting

Sunday 28th May following the Church Service and Morning Tea (approximately 11:30am)

Sunday 4th June

10 am - Morling College Deputation (Speaker Rev Dr Andrew Sloane)

11:45am - Mandarin Love Feast (Pot Luck)

1pm Church Seminar "How Christians should approach diverse social issues and views within the church" - Seminar led by Rev Dr Andrew Sloane

CBC Roster

	23rd April 2023	30th April 2023
Welcomers	Colin & Patsy Lees	Footprint Bible Study
Prayer	David Tan	Margaret Gourlay
Bible Reading	Paul Dudeney	Don Mathewson
Offering Count	Catherine Lee/David Tan	Clive Copelin & David Tan
Livestream	Don Hunt	Milton Purkiss
Sound	Mark Chan	Brendan Ridley
AV	Betty Moore	Melody Wong
Morning tea	Joanne Xie & Lulu Wng	George & Deanne Cini
Grounds	26/4 William Lai & Jason Xiao	

Church Family Prayer

Lily Comendador,
Jan Conway,
Clive & Dianne Copelin

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