

Inside LOOK



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**HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN
CHURCH**

FEBRUARY 2009

NOTES AND NEWS

A new year is now well underway and there is much to look forward to at HTD. Already we have had our 13th Summer Bible Study series with over 170 people attending each week. The Children's Holiday Programme was well attended also. We welcome Olivia Wang, born to Jennie and Tong on January 25, the first baby for our bi-lingual congregation. We have celebrated the baptisms of Sienna and Langdon Tainsh and the wedding of Julie McGrath and Anthony Schofield.

Always the weeks of February to Easter are especially busy. There is certainly something for everyone.

Bible Study Groups

We encourage all members at HTD to be part of a Bible study group. Elsewhere in Inside LOOK you can find a full list. If you are not in a group, feel welcome to join one, speak to a group leader or staff member. This year, Young Adults groups will meet together on Thursday evenings for a meal, short talk, discussion and prayer.

Wednesdays @ 2 Service – commences February 4

From February 4, there will be a short midweek service at 2pm each week. On the second and fourth weeks of the month, it will be a communion service. On the first week of the month, from March, it will be the usual Wednesdays@ 2 programme of music, hymns, items and afternoon tea. The third and fifth Wednesdays will be hymns of praise or daily prayer. The short sermons will largely be abbreviated from the previous Sunday. The aim of the service is to cater for those unable to come on Sundays, for whatever reason, and those unable to sit through a longer and more crowded Sunday service. All are welcome.

Ordination – February 7

Ben Wong will be ordained at St Paul's Cathedral at 4pm on Saturday 7 February. All are welcome. I am delighted that Ben is being ordained.

Meet Philip Knight

Philip Knight is the Assistant Minister in

Port Hedland, our link church. Philip will be speaking at MOF (Mission Outreach Fellowship) on February 6 and preaching on Sunday February 8 in the morning services. In September, Wayne is leading our second team to visit Port Hedland. Take the opportunity to hear Philip, consider being part of the mission team, and pray for Port Hedland in an informed way.

Annual Working Bee – February 14

We have only one working bee each year on our buildings and grounds. This is on Saturday 14 February (a great Valentine's Day activity!) from 9am. Please come in your work clothes and lend a hand, inside or outside. There is a great variety of jobs to be done. Enquiries to Ian Wilson and Geoff Goodson.

Prayer Vigil – February 17-18

Our Annual 24 hours of prayer begins at 8pm on Tuesday 17 February in the church. This is the 5th year of this vigil and during the course of the 24 hours we will pray for all our HTD ministries, missionaries, matters of concern, wider issues, etc. I see little reason why virtually all of us cannot be there for even 15 minutes at some time of day or night. So please mark this in your diary and come and pray. There is no compulsion to pray out loud. Your presence is a great encouragement as we pray for God's blessings on our church life for this year. I am still needing volunteers to lead half hour slots of time so please put your name down on the list by entrance door if you can lead a time slot.

Growing Leaders – commences February 23

Our Growing Leaders Course begins in late February. The course comprises 10 sessions on Monday nights led by Wayne Schuller, Rod McArdle and me. There are application forms in the noticerack. We think this is a great course for developing Christian leaders. Please do consider it and talk to us for more information.

Church Weekend Away – February 27-March 1

Again we will be at CYC Cowes for a great weekend away. There will be a children's programme, recreation activities, and excellent meals. Richard

Trist will lead the talks on Romans 8. Andrew and Helen will also be at the camp and speak about their time in the Middle East. We encourage everyone, young and old, to come. We can provide transport if needed, and please ask if finances are difficult. If there are sufficient people, we will provide the church bus for day visitors on Saturday.

Andrew & Helen

For the week following the camp, Andrew and Helen are officially on deputation with us at HTD. They will be visiting various groups in that week, as well as speaking at MOF (Mission Outreach Fellowship) on Friday 6 March in the evening. We will produce a full programme soon but I encourage you to make the effort to be at one of these events.

Andrew and Helen come from HTD so we are their home church. We support them through CMS (Church Missionary Society) in the Middle East.

World Day of Prayer

HTD is hosting the Manningham World Day of Prayer service on Friday 6 March at 10am. Ron Kingsley, from our 10am congregation, will be preaching. All are welcome. Enquiries to Lucille Bartholomeusz.

Peter Thein Nyunt

On the weekend on March 7-8, we will be hosting from Myanmar Peter Thein Nyunt. Peter is a former Buddhist monk, who converted to Christianity and is now completing his Ph D on the topic of Mission to Buddhists in Burma. He is an impressive person. He will speak at the Men's Breakfast on Saturday 7 March and preach on Sunday 8 March in the evening service. Be inspired!

Electronic Giving

We encourage everyone to consider using electronic giving for your offerings to HTD and mission support. There are forms in the noticerack from the ADF (fee free) for this. Electronic giving helps us plan to give, give regularly, covers the time we miss a Sunday and helps the church plan better. It also lessens the risk of lots of cash being on site after a Sunday. Please consider!



Paul Barker, Senior Minister

Bible Study Groups 2009



Leaders	Richard Scales (9874 4330)	Leader:	Don Metcalf (9842 1642)
Meeting Details:	Monthly, Saturdays, 8.00pm Templestowe	Meeting Details:	Fortnightly, Fridays, 7.30pm, East Doncaster
Membership:	Anyone welcome, mainly 50+ age group	Membership:	Men's Bible Study Group
Leaders:	Paul & Sue Collier (9842 5596)	Leaders:	Kerry Allen (9846 8848), Kathy Ferre (9812 0287)
Meeting Details:	Weekly, Fridays, 7.30pm, Mitcham	Meeting Details:	Weekly, Fridays, 9.00am, church
Membership:	Mainly people in 30s to 50s	Membership:	Mums without babies & toddlers
Leaders:	David & Shirley Juler (9894 2235) Dorothy & Peter Sim (9878 8025)	Leader:	Jenny Moody (9808 9971)
Meeting Details:	Weekly, Mondays, 7.30pm, at church	Meeting Details:	Weekly, Fridays, 10.00am, church
Membership:	Mixture of ages, anyone welcome	Membership:	Mums with toddlers, babies
Leader:	Mel Bartholomeusz (9891 7601)	Leader:	Andrew Moody (9808 0303)
Meeting Details:	Fortnightly, Wednesdays, 5.30- 7.30pm	Meeting Details:	Weekly, Thursdays, 7.00am, church
Membership:	Mainly retired people	Membership:	Young Dads Breakfast Group
Leader:	Faith Sherman (9873 7833)	Leaders:	Marj & Menno Heyblom (9893 4980)
Meeting Details:	Fortnightly, Tuesdays, 7.30pm, Lwr Templestowe	Meeting Details:	Fortnightly, Wednesdays, 8.00pm
Membership:	For women of any age	Membership:	Any age group welcome, especially new Christians
Leaders:	John & Lucille Bartholomeusz (9848 4470)	Leaders:	Jonathan Smith (0402 848184)
Meeting Details:	Fortnightly, Mondays, 1.30pm, East Doncaster	Meeting Details:	Weekly, Thursdays 7.00pm, Church
Membership:	Anyone welcome	Membership:	Young Adults: meal, Bible study, prayer
Leader:	Doug Norman (0421 998 905)	Leaders:	Matthew Connolly (9800 4307)
Meeting Details:	Weekly, Mondays, 7.30pm, Donvale	Meeting Details:	8.30 – 9.45am Sunday mornings at church
Membership:	Open to any age group	Membership:	Parents and couples (crèche pro vided)
Leaders:	Alyson & Eric Smith (9848 6448)	Leader:	Beng Sim (9819 9508)
Meeting Details:	Fortnightly, Wednesdays, 8.00pm, Doncaster	Meeting Details:	Monthly, last Friday evenings, 7.45pm Doncaster
Membership:	Anyone welcome	Membership:	Open to any
Leaders:	Harry Reynolds (9840 2676), Vernon Kelly (9848 9649)	There are also Bible study groups for Senior & Junior High School age on Friday evenings as part of Youth Group. See Chris Bowditch (0405 588365) for details.	
Meeting Details:	Fortnightly, Fridays, 7.00pm	Bible Study groups for Mandarin speakers are on Friday nights. See David & Esther Ruan (989848 4724) for details. Bilingual Man- darin/English Youth & Young Adult Bible study groups meet on Wednesday & Friday evenings. See Ben & Ivy Wong (0433 904112).	
Membership:	Mainly retired age group		
Leader:	Dorothy Metcalf (9842 1642)		
Meeting Details:	Monthly, Tuesdays, 10.00am		
Membership:	Share & Care: Women's Group		
Leader:	Dorothy Metcalf (9842 1642)		
Meeting Details:	Monthly, Fridays, 10.00am, church		
Membership:	Golden Oldies: Women's Group		



Why join a Bible Study Group?

Not only...

a great chance to discuss what God is teaching us in the Bible

a wonderful forum for asking questions about the Christian faith

a helpful opportunity to learn from a variety of people

But also...

a way in which you can serve others by caring and praying for them

a way to get to know a few people at HTD

Great for...

sharing with others the ups and downs of life as a Christian

growing in fellowship with a small group of people

having people pray for you and support you

How do I join a Group?

It is easy. Just...

ask Paul Barker, Wayne Schuller or Jonathan Smith which group might best suit you

or contact the leader directly

note that some groups may be full

Any other questions, please contact Paul Barker (9840 2577).

A CHRISTIAN RESPONSE TO CLIMATE CHANGE

The climate of the Earth is changing due to human activity. As one working professionally in the field of weather and climate research I can assure the reader that this is supported overwhelmingly in the scientific literature, and there is an increasing body of evidence that we are already witnessing its effects*. Humankind now wields an extraordinary influence over God's creation, which prompts the question 'what should a Christian response be to this issue?'

The notion of human induced climate change has drawn a varied response from the church ranging from strong affirmation to quite vocal skepticism, the latter often attributable to the conservative evangelical church which is somewhat alarming. All politics aside, I believe that turning to the scriptures can give Christians a unique perspective about certain aspects of the climate problem and inform a response centered upon God's word.

The scriptures abound with descriptions of God's glory being revealed in His creation, and exalting Him in praise and thankfulness. 'Bless the LORD, O my soul...' (Ps 104), the great Psalm of creation describing God's authority and majesty revealed in all that He has made, and its purpose: 'Let everything that has breath praise the LORD...' (Ps 150). David praises God: 'Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice, let them say among the nations "the LORD is king!", let the sea roar and all that fills it, let the field exult and everything in it...for He comes to judge the earth' (1 Chr 16:31-33) declaring God's faithfulness to all His people and his judgment in righteousness. Is this also our attitude to the wonder of God's creation? As people constantly surrounded by the artifice of the city it is often easy to lose sight of God's glory in what he has made. Let us delight in the Psalms of praise and be humbled before the God who is sovereign over all.

As we worship God and are called to serve Him, we are also called to be stewards of His creation. From Genesis 1:26 we read that on the sixth day of creation: 'God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth..."' and 'God saw everything that He had made, and indeed, it was very good' (Gen 1:31). We see that as part of God's perfect creation is the blessing from God to Adam of 'dominion' over the earth and all that is in it. Furthermore, we read in Proverbs 3:19-20: 'The LORD by wisdom founded the earth; by understanding he established the heavens; by his knowledge the deeps broke open, and the clouds drop down the dew.' Let us consider these verses for a moment. Firstly, as stewards of God's creation there

is a great responsibility being placed upon man towards a very precious gift. We are called to show a degree of care and nurture for what we have been given as God cares for and nurtures us by the blessing of the Holy Spirit through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Secondly, in wisdom God laid the foundations of the earth, therefore it should be that in caring for God's creation we too seek godly wisdom, beginning with the fear of the Lord (Prov 1:7). Let us be like the wise woman of Proverbs 14:1: 'The wise woman builds her house, but the foolish tears it down with her own hands.'

A key issue of climate change is that there will be an horrendous disparity in the effects of climate change between rich and poor. In general, rich nations such as Australia are finding ways of coping with changes in water availability, enhanced storm intensity and so on. However, the effects are global and are impacting the poor and developing nations who never actually contributed to the problem in the first place. It is here that the Christian church is placed to make a difference. As a mission-minded global community, we are perfectly positioned to contribute to the needs of those particularly sensitive to changes in the environment, be it financially or practically, near or far. To serve and to nurture people, for they are the most precious part of God's creation let us not forget. Let us not continue to sit on the sidelines in confusion and endless debate whilst we watch the events of climate change unfold.

A Christian response to climate change must be grounded in God's word. God is revealed and glorified in what he has made and we are called to be responsible and wise as we care for it and for one another. The church is in a position to inspire great compassion and leadership as the effects of climate change are felt over the coming years. Let us seek Christ whilst he may be found and be ever alert to the needs of the poor and vulnerable, and that through this that God's name will be glorified.

◆ Interested readers are referred to the IPCC 4th Assessment Report summaries for policy makers (2007) freely available at <http://www.ipcc.ch>

Vaughan Barras



WEDNESDAYS AT 2PM

A NEW WEEKLY SERVICE

- ◆ Short sermon
- ◆ Traditional style
- ◆ All welcome
- ◆ Helpers needed for driving, ushers, etc

COMMENCES: FEBRUARY 4

HCJB Kununurra

That all may hear The Word

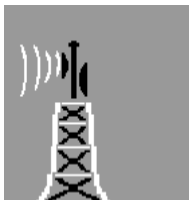
In May 2008, six years after Beverly and I first heard about HCJB in Kununurra, we arrived there with our caravan having taken 9 days from Melbourne, 4,107km.

I had some idea of what work I would be doing, building and raising radio transmission towers, but Beverly was not really sure. However, God had planned it all in advance and shortly after our arrival Beverly was introduced to two very large transmitters that each day broadcast the Gospel and other related programs to Asia and the Pacific. After a week of training Beverly was on the roster, there are 3 shifts every day, 6pm to midnight was her favourite and the most complex as both transmitters are operating at once. Monitoring the broadcasts is a very important function in being a volunteer with HCJB, as it is the end product of all the other volunteer roles at Kununurra.

My work was a lot different, under the guidance of an experienced engineer from Quito in Ecuador (HCJB first broadcast from Quito on 25 December 1931) and with 10 other volunteers, we built 6 new towers, at ground level, ranging in height from 432 meters to 96 meters and then raised them into position, so that in a few years time when antennas have been attached, and the new transmitter building completed, the signal will be stronger and reach more than 60% of the world's population, most of whom have never heard about Our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Working and living with other Christian volunteers and permanent staff was both challenging and a blessing. Each day we had devotions at morning tea and prayer time. Prayer is an essential component of life with HCJB. We talked with God a lot, bringing all our needs, our praise, and our concerns to Him. We felt that we were always in His presence and the property in Kununurra was on Holy ground. The interaction between the 50 or so people on the site was noticeably different from the secular world, love, care and concern were always prominent and any minor disagreements were put before God and resolved quickly. It was a privilege for both of us to be a small part of this amazing project, so much so, that God willing, we plan to return in 2009. Praise the Lord.

Ian Wilson



Children's Activities at Holy Trinity in 2009

Primary Age Girls Group and Boys Group meet on Wednesday evenings at 7pm to 8.30pm during school term. They enjoy fun activities, social interaction, and spiritual input. **Senior Boys Group** meets on Tuesday nights at 7.30pm.

Playgroups meet on Monday morning or afternoons at the church.

Parenting forums are run throughout the year. High school age **Youth Group** runs on Friday nights during school term.

Key Dates

Feb.

- 1 All Age Service (Commissioning Sunday)
- 14 Working Bee (morning)
- 19 Bible Study Leaders' Meeting
- 23 Growing Leaders Course begins (monthly)

27-1 Mar.

Church camp

Mar.

- 7 Men's Breakfast
- 16 Ladies' Coffee & Dessert
- 22 Hospitality Sunday

Apr.

- 9 Family Passover Celebration(6pm)
- 10 Good Friday Services 8am, 10am
Good Friday Youth Service 8pm
- 11 Mandarin 10th Anniversary Party (6pm)
- 12 Easter Day
Mandarin Baptism & 10th Anniversary Service
- 22 Introducing God Course begins (7 weeks)

May

- 1 Autumn Fair (Friday evening only)
- 16 Men's Breakfast
- 18 Ladies' Coffee & Dessert evening

Holy Trinity Church Weekend Away 2009

*Renewable Energy
- Romans 8*



Friday February 27—Sunday March 1

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