

inside LOOK



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CHURCH

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From Paul Barker

Building Project

We have completed six explanatory meetings for our proposed building project. In this issue of Inside LOOK you will find a sketch diagram plus some notes. This summarises what was presented at the meetings.

The building committee is chaired by Hong Young Tsao and also includes Ross Walker, Doug Norman, Geoff Goodson, Eric Smith, Ralph Woodward and John Deng.

Tax deductible donations are welcome at any time, payable to the 'Holy Trinity Doncaster School Building Fund'.

GAFCON

In the last issue of Inside LOOK, we included the statement from the group called GAFCON (Global Anglican Future Conference) and invited any responses. As a result the Vestry has agreed to sign Holy Trinity as a participating parish.

Incumbency Committee

Please continue to pray for Eric Smith, Judy Savage and Andrew Moody, the Incumbency Committee, as they continue the search for a new Vicar.

New Regional Bishop

Bishop Barbara Darling is now the Acting Bishop of the Eastern Region and will officially begin in that role on July 22. There is a Regional Welcome Service to her on Wednesday 29 July at 8pm at All Souls' Rowville to which all members of the Eastern Region are welcome.

Confirmation

Our next confirmation service will be at 6pm on Sunday 11 October. Bishop Barbara Darling will preach and officiate. Anyone interested in being either confirmed or received into the Anglican Church is invited to take an application form from the noticerack and return it to a staff member. Feel welcome to speak with Paul, Wayne, Jonathan or Chris about this if you have queries.

Big Night In

You will see an advert in this issue of Inside LOOK for the Big Night In Trivia Night on Saturday July 25. This is our annual fundraising event for Missions. It is a fun social night, ideal to invite friends to. Make up a table or join with others. BYO nibbles. Come and support our Missions.

Matt Stevens – thanks and best wishes

We express our thanks to Matt Stevens for his ministry as Children's Minister the last 2½ years on June 21. Matt will be married to Rachael on June 27 and they will continue coming to HTD in the evening service. Matt has worked hard and faithfully for our children and we have much for which we give him thanks.

Farewell – Andrew and Helen, Jacqui and Alyssa

A valedictory service for Andrew, Helen and family will be held at HTD on Saturday 4 July at 10.30am. Please come and support them as they return with CMS to the Middle East. If you want to receive their prayer news, please take a prayer card from the shelves in the Pickering Room and send it completed to CMS. Our HTD links for them are Heather and Paul Taylor.

Farewell – Timothy and Theresa Lau

On July 5 we will bid farewell to Timothy and Theresa, Lydia and Jedidiah Lau. Timothy and Theresa are taking up teaching positions at a Chinese language theological seminary in Barcelona, Spain, training Chinese people for ministry throughout Europe. This is a strategic ministry and our loss is their gain. HTD will keep Timothy and Theresa as Associate Missionaries for prayer support, as they are fully funded by the college. If you wish to receive any news or prayer letters, please tell Beng Sim who is our HTD link for them.

Open Church Week

July 13-19 is designated 'Open Church Week' in the diocese. So we have a number of events planned for that week

as an added stimulus to reaching out to friends and the community with the gospel. Please take note of the advert in Inside LOOK. In particular, let me commend two events at which John Chapman is speaking on July 16. John is one of Australia's great evangelists, a wonderful speaker. On that afternoon at 3pm, he is speaking for retired people on the theme 'Make the Most of the Rest of Your Life'. This is an IDEAL opportunity to invite friends, Probus colleagues, spouses and neighbours. In the evening, he will speak evangelistically for anyone who wants to come at 7.30. Take an invitation card or more and pass them on.

Teaching

I am teaching for two weeks at MEGST in Yangon, beginning June 22, and preaching in several churches plus a little teaching at Holy Cross Anglican Theological College on a couple of days. After that I go to Beijing to lecture again at Renmin University for a week, including a day teaching at Yanjing Seminary in Beijing. On the way from Myanmar to China I will spend a day at the Malaysian Theological Seminary where I will be based after Christmas.

Myanmar Mission team

Please be praying for Ben Wong, Andrew Ruan, Jan Budin, Eileen Yang, Mei Ting Liu, John Deng and Katie Zhang as they spend ten days in Myanmar, concurrent with my teaching there, as a short term mission team. They will see some orphanages, spend time at MEGST, the theological college which we support, as well as some local churches and other ministry. They are in Myanmar June 26 – July 6.

Finally...

Thank you for many words and notes of support after my resignation. I have been greatly encouraged. Do keep in your diary November 8 for my farewell service at 1.30p.m.

Paul Barker

Vicar



Youth Camp Sponsorship

Do you know someone who is in high school and needs to hear the good news? Do you know someone in high school who is interested in Jesus but thinks church is a waste of time? If this is your grandchild or next door neighbour or your own child then they need to be on our HTD Youth Camp this year!

Forms are available in the church notice rack. Please take one for more info.

Don't forget there is also still a chance for you to partner with us by sponsoring the youth camp.

It costs \$100 for each person to attend.

Could you sponsor someone?

Chris Bowditch,
Youth Minister

Gospel and Community

That's the theme for this year's young adults Crave Camp. What does it mean?

These quotes from the book *Total Church* sum it up:

Two core principles that should shape the life and mission of the local church: gospel and community. The content of our ministry is the gospel. It's a word: 'gospel' means good news. So being gospel-centered means being word-centered. And it's a word to be proclaimed. So being gospel-centered means being mission-centered. That's the content of ministry. The context is always the Christian community. Ministry is not an event, still less a performance. It takes place in and through the shared life of the Christian community.

So whether it's evangelism or social involvement or children's work or apologetics or pastoral care or training, these two principles shape what we do:

GOSPEL & COMMUNITY.

Camp Crave 2009 runs from July 31st - August 2nd at CYC The Island campsite in Cowes, Phillip Island.

Jono Smith will be giving three talks on Gospel Community, and we'll be exploring together what it should look like for us to live together according to these two core principles.

Additionally, we'll be looking to you to further shape the CRAVE Community to be more in-line with these convictions.

Registration forms are available in the information rack at Holy Trinity, or upon request.

For more information, please contact Jono Smith on 0402 848 184, or email: jono@jonosmith.com

CRAVE is the mission and ministry of the young adult community at Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Doncaster, Melbourne. Our vision is: "To see Revival and Redemption in our Community as we Follow Jesus, Proclaim Jesus, and Impact the World for Jesus."

Jonathan Smith, Assistant Minister

Marcus

by Marcus Yong*

Hello brothers and sisters! My name is Marcus, and I'm a 5th year Engineering/Commerce student (wait I mean Science / and more Science student). Admittedly I only started going to CU Public Meetings last year, and before that I was too scared to come along. I would always read the chalkings and think that it was a meeting for extremists and bigots. Then I went to a public meeting and realized that I was very wrong. Since then I've only met awesome, God-devoted people, and I wish that I had come to CU earlier!

Fear is what stops us from obeying God. It was only the week before Easter that I finally got baptized at Holy Trinity in Doncaster, and that event was 4 years in the making. In 2005 I was introduced to Jesus by a high school friend, and I've been walking with Jesus ever since. But it took me 4 years to overcome my fear and publicly declare my faith in Christ as Lord and Savior.

My biggest fear was causing my family to turn away from God, and maybe even disown me for committing my life to Jesus. I felt like I was walking a tight-rope – I wanted to be obedient to God and grow in spiritual-maturity, but I wanted to find the right time to be baptized such that my family would come to church and be saved. I kept waiting for the perfect time, but it never seemed to come. For many years I prayed over it, and then I started to understand when Jesus says "no one who has left home or wife or brothers or parents or children for the sake of the kingdom of God will fail to receive many times as much in this age and, in the age to come, eternal life." (Luke 18:29-30). My family might not support me, but my Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ would always love me and I would always have my new family with many brothers and sisters in Christ. So I made a decision this year to do so, and I sat down my family members one at a time and told them of my decision to be baptized. Of course they had major concerns, but in God's massive grace my entire family came to my baptism and I was able to testify about Jesus. Not only this but I was able to tell them the message that I would always be there to minister to them, that they would know Jesus and love Him too! I continue to pray for my family, and through God's grace I know I'll still have plenty of chances to introduce them to Jesus.

It's amazing how God blesses us when we obey and overcome our fears. Remember that "He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak" (Isaiah 40:29), so don't be scared to testify about Jesus (even to your most sceptical science-friend at uni). If you're thinking about being baptised, it's awesome and a great way to testify about Jesus to your loved ones. Sometimes you can't wait for the perfect opportunity, but by God's grace He can make it one

*This testimony from Marcus Yong first appeared in Melbourne Uni Christian Union newsletter. Marcus was baptized in the 6pm service on April 5.

Open Church Week 13th-19th July 2009

Open Church week is an exciting week designed to promote and explain the Christian faith as well as connect people to the Christian community at Holy Trinity Doncaster. This is a great week to invite friends, meet new people, hear engaging talks and be involved in Jesus' mission in our community!

Co-ordinator: Matt Scheffer

Monday 13th- Friday 17th

9am-2:30pm

Living History: Historic archives display plus video interviews of Holy Trinity members, their faith and their involvement in the life of the parish. Display is open for all ages.

Wednesday 15th

7pm- 8:30pm

Primary age boys and girls group with a supper for parents followed by a talk on: *"Growing successful children in the Modern world"*

Thursday 16th

3pm

Afternoon tea for seniors and retired folk. Special guest: renowned Aussie Christian speaker and author, John Chapman: *"Making the most of the rest of your life"*.

Thursday 16th

7:30-9pm

An evening of tea and coffee, lively discussion plus guest speaker John Chapman: *"Is it easy to believe?"*. An evening open to all ages.

Friday 17th - combined Youth

6pm-9

Youth are coming together for a fun night of making new friends, learning about Jesus and doing some crazy and unexpected things...*be there!*

Sunday Worship services at Holy Trinity:

8am & 10 am

All ages Morning worship.

Speaker: Paul Barker: *"Fatal attraction, enduring love"*

1:30pm

Mandarin/ Bi-lingual services

"Abundant Life"

6pm

Sunday Alive- contemporary service

Speaker: Matt Scheffer: *"Free?..."*

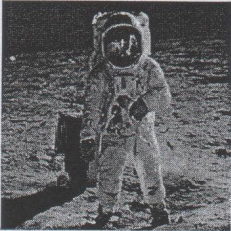
(5pm fish n chips dinner. Come along!)



“TRIVIA NIGHT”

Big Night In presents: 60 Years of Trivia

All proceeds go to missions support



When / Where: Saturday, 25 July, 7:30pm - 10pm, Pickering Room
Bring: BYO basket supper and soft drink, tea /coffee provided

Donations: \$20 (\$15 concession)
Come and support our mission

Link Missionaries:

Youngs (Pioneers), Mitchells (CMS), Reids (CMS), Andy eaux (AFES)



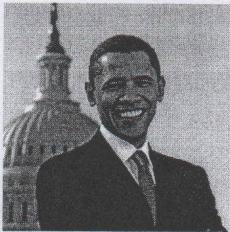
Associate Link Missionaries:

Peter & Gwyneth Michalke (HCJB),
 Suze Ireland (OM Australia)

Other organisations: Port Hedland,
 Myanmar Evangelical Graduate School of Theology, Ridley
 Melbourne, TEAR



“Big Night In? Sounds great
 See you there!”



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MISSIONARY OUTREACH FELLOWSHIP

MOF = Missionary

Outreach Fellowship. This is a monthly meeting, open to anyone, to hear about and pray for our missionaries. It now meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm in the Pickering Room. Forthcoming meetings are:

July 7 – Timothy & Theresa Lau

August 4 – Myanmar Mission Team, Paul Barker, China

September 1 – Peter and Elspeth Young

October 6 – Paul Barker: future ministry with CMS plus Port Hedland

All Welcome

Key Dates

- July**
- 25 Big Night In
- 31-2
- Aug** Young Adults' Camp
- Aug**
- 9 Mandarin Baptism Service
- 15 Men's Breakfast
- 17 Ladies' Coffee & Dessert
- Sept**
- 4-6 Youth Camp
- 6 All Age Service
- 18-21 Mandarin Youth Camp
- 19-27 Mission team to Port Hedland