



A Bible Study Invitation

We will start a four to six week Bible Study beginning Sunday 5 October - prior to the Sunday Service. The suggested start time is 8.30am for an hour – so people in involved in other activities of the Sunday may be able to have time still to do those. More details next week.

Next Sunday's Readings 21 September 2008

Exodus 16:2-15
Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45
Philippians 1:21-30
Matthew 20:1-16

Next Week's Who's Who?

- Rev Dr Rufus Black
Preacher
- Greta Bird
Liturgist
- Ethel Fullerton
Music
- Lyn Fry
Duty Person
- Ian Bird
Greeters
- Ian Fry & David Shepherd
Stewards
- Fiorella Guerra Tejada
Children's Worship
- Lyn Fry
Flowers

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Sunday 14 September 2008

Today's Readings

Exodus 14:19-31
Psalm 114
Romans 14:1-12
Matthew 18:21-35

Today's Who's Who?

- Rev Dr John Evans
Preacher
- Damian Sweeney
Liturgist
- Mac Nicoll
Music
- David Johnson
Duty Person
- Fiorella and Ronaldo Guerra
Greeters
- Paul Madden
Stewards
- Fiorella Guerra Tejada
Children's Worship
- Ethel Fullerton
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Join us for communion each Wednesday at 7.45am in the Fullerton Chapel or for the Community Lunch each Monday at 11.30am.



Thanks Volunteers

Today we welcome all our volunteers who give of their time and talents in making Church of All Nations such an important place in the lives of people and of this community.

Join with us after the service for our Community Barbecue to meet with and share a meal with the volunteers and members of the local Carlton Community.



You are worshipping among friends at the Church of All Nations. As a Parish Mission of the Uniting Church in Australia we acknowledge our church to be part of the one holy, catholic and apostolic church throughout the world. We aim to be an open, questioning community of faith and we seek to live our faith at work, at home and in the community. If you are new to the area, or a visitor to this church, please participate as fully as you wish in our worship service. Make yourself known to us.

Coming Up ...

- **Community Lunch**
Monday 8 September
Join with us for our regular community lunch each Monday.
- **Special Presbytery Meeting**
Wednesday
- **Service of Recognition**
Sunday 14 September
Service of Recognition for all the volunteers who work in the Church of All Nations Community Support. This is an opportunity to say thanks and celebrate the work we do within the community of Carlton. This will be followed by our regular Community Barbecue.
- **Synod**
21-24 September
The Victoria and Tasmanian Synod meeting commences next Sunday. The meeting will run to Wednesday 24 September and the theme will be 'Engaging Community'. John and Pam Kerr will be involved. Rufus Black will be our preacher next Sunday while John is away.
- **Women of Faith as Peacemakers**
Sunday 24 September 7.30pm
International General Secretary of Pax Christi Claudette Werleigh will speak on 'Rejoice! In war-torn societies, there are people working for peace'. Please see Ian for details on this great event.

- **Church Council Meeting**
Sunday 28 September
- **Ordination of Avril Hannah-Jones** **Sunday 5 October 2.30pm**
Join us at CAN for the joyful celebration of Avril's ordination.
- **Advent Art Exhibition**
28-30 November



Education at the Edges

14th October 5pm - 8pm

This forum is part of the annual Anti-Poverty Week 2008 initiative of the Just Education Network. The forum will be hosted by the Rev Dr Wes Campbell (UCA Chaplain) and there will be a range of speakers followed by some short workshop activities. There will be a particular focus on income support (e.g. Austudy) for students, as well as creating educational alternatives. Education for prisoners, Indigenous Australians, refugees and international students will also feature. More details at www.vista.org.au



The Elders this year have decided that within the congregation we would form small groups or networks to help people feel more connected, accepted and cared for; and have their own gifts recognised and feel able to contribute to the life of the whole community.

The Elders, and some others, have been designated leaders or convenors of these networks and the members of the congregation have been provisionally allocated to a group. For example, the young adults of our congregation have been allocated to a group which Sue Clarkson as its leader. You don't have to be a part of a group, or you can move your group, but at least to begin with all have members of the congregation have been allocated to a group.

What would the groups do?

Well, it would depend on the group. However, a group may initially meet, say over a meal, keep in touch by email or phone, but may then have a

shared commitment to study, or volunteering or going to films, or even leading worship on Sundays. Certainly the hope would be that the group would offer and care and support for others within the group.

Groups, we would hope, would grow in size; but realise that if they get too large, then new groups would need to be formed.

Elders and the minster would still provide pastoral care across the whole congregation in the circumstances of particular need.

So ... stay tuned, and pray for this new venture in the life of our congregation.



It went down to the last ball of the last game . . . and Church of All Nations Drop In Centre

WON

The Inter-agency Pool competition.

Congratulations to all involved.