



Monday, 21 September 2009

St Barnabas celebrates 150 years with big plans for the future

St Barnabas Anglican Church Broadway, locally known as Barneys, will host a unique event to celebrate its 150th anniversary on Sunday 27 September 2009.

"If you have enjoyed any contact with Barneys in the past, then we are delighted to invite you to join us. Whether you are now or have ever been a member of Barneys, or even if you simply enjoyed reading the duelling signs on your bus ride into the CBD – you will be welcome. We expect the Celebration to attract over 1200 people", said Mike Paget, Executive Pastor at St Barnabas.

The Celebration event will also serve as the official launch of the fundraising campaign to "Raise the Roof!" on the new Barneys building. Following the fire which destroyed the old building in May 2006, and the ensuing process of consultation, Barneys received development approval from the City of Sydney in May of this year for the construction of a new church building on the Mountain Street site.

Event details:

St Barnabas Church Broadway 150th anniversary celebration

2pm-4pm - Sunday, 27 September 2009

City Recital Hall, Angel Place Sydney

The new buildings will include a worship space/auditorium which will seat up to 600 people, and can be used by other groups for large meetings and conventions. This will be complemented by several smaller meeting rooms, some office space, catering facilities and underground parking.

St Barnabas Broadway has a rich history which began in 1859 when the church opened its doors for the first time to the poor and destitute of Sydney's inner suburbs. For a time it was the spiritual home of the famed Arthur Stace who wrote the word "eternity" across the streets of Sydney and has been known as 'the church with the signs' following its friendly duel with the pub across the street. It is now home to a diverse congregation and a thriving student ministry associated with the University of Sydney and UTS.

"Our regular Barneys members embody a broad cross-section of the people of the city fringe and inner west, and our doors will always be open to those who would either make purposeful use of its facilities or experience the warmth of its community".

"Thanks to the generosity of our members and friends, along with the insurance monies and corporate support, we have already secured nearly \$10 million. We need to raise an additional \$5 million dollars to bring the project to completion. We are confident we can do it with your help!" added Mr Paget.

Barneys is an iconic part of Sydney's history and any support for this project would be appreciated. For donation or fundraising enquiries contact: Michelle Hillman on 02 9211 3496 or donate on our website www.barneys.org.au

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