



MESSAGE OF THE MONTH

A civil religion?

April was a busy month for religious occasions. Easter, of course: the high (and low) point of the Christian faith. ANZAC day, the zenith of cultic nationalism. And a royal wedding (the nadir of republican fervour).

And it led me to wonder: in a post-Christian world where, nonetheless, many of the most socially significant events take place (or are at least echoed) in churches, what is the relationship between Christians and the country in which they live?

I admit to being particularly provoked by the repeated parallel drawn by preachers between the death of diggers and the sacrifice of Jesus. **Now, let's be clear: I'm not a pacifist.** (Though if I were, ought my argument to be heard differently?) My grandfather and father were senior officers in the Australian military; they both saw combat. I have a photo of them in Vietnam during the war, the only Western father/son photo in that **theatre of which I'm aware.**

But the death of diggers and the sacrifice of Christ are alike in only the most superficial manner. Soldiers die as a tragic and occasional side effect of the (sometimes) courageous use of violence to achieve ends. Every death is a failure. Avoiding the loss of soldiers is a growing priority for military leaders and technologists. The more removed humans can be from the field of combat, the better. The use of so-called 'smart' and laser-guided bombs from a flying fortress high out of harms way is an example.

But Jesus died as a direct result of his courageous refusal to employ

violence. And the death of Christ was no side-effect – it was a necessary and planned step in his defeat of death itself.

When we Australians tell the stories of our past, then, we need to tell the truth. The freedom of our country is not built on the sacrifice of the many soldiers who died. Military success is not measured by the lives lost, but the lives preserved. The independence of this nation was sustained because Australia and its allies used violence more effectively than our enemies, killing sufficient strategically important humans on the other side and damaging or threatening damage to enough of their infrastructure to bring things to a close.

But we Christians have received a different story about ourselves as Christians: our freedom was won by one who had all the power in the world at his disposal, but refused to employ it to destroy.

All this suggests to me that the stories we tell about ourselves as Australians and the stories we tell about ourselves as Christians seem to be in fairly sharp conflict.

Which brings us to the wedding. And what a wedding! The pomp and ceremony made it impossible to forget, whatever the tabloids and magazines may have said, that this was not just a celebration of a couple in love. It was also a pageant for **Great Britain's imperial past and economic present**, and a clarion call to reawaken the monarchy as the centre of British identity.

Oh, and it was in a church. An Anglican church, at that. So was it a state event, or a church event? And does it matter?

I think it does. The church acts on behalf of God – not the state – and receives

his institutions. That the Christian – and Anglican – ceremony of marriage is recognized by the state as normative for the provision of certain civil benefits is a serendipitous (providential?) product of the historical coincidence that is Western history. All the chaff around the wedding of William and Catherine, then, is just that – an attempt by the monarchy and the state to lay claim to what happened in the church, but nothing more.

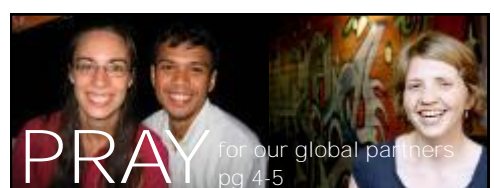
When the church is asked to celebrate and witness a marriage, it can and should do so in the story that Christians receive about marriage, not the story our world tells about marriage. These, again, are very different stories.

Why are our stories – of identity, of marriage, of meaning – so different? Because, ultimately, this is not our country. Our hopes and dreams are not found in our national success – on the battlefield or the sporting field, in romance or in business. We do not look to political or corporate leaders to save us or guarantee our happiness. We do not look to ANZAC for who we are, or royal weddings for who we long to be. We look to the cross - to Easter. As Paul says:

Our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Saviour from there, the Lord Jesus Christ. (Philippians 3:20)

We await a saviour from somewhere else. That is who we are. That is the story we have to tell. About us. About our world. We await a Saviour, Jesus Christ, from somewhere else.

- Mike Paget, Senior Minister



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Marriage Enrichment Day



29th October 2011

What a blessing it is when God gives rich life experience and wisdom to an older and wiser marriage, and channels that into a younger and blossoming one. We are looking forward to Keith and Sarah Condie sharing from the Bible, marriage research, and stories from their 29 year-old marriage. Couples will be given a safe place to listen, discuss freely, laugh, cry and look forward to bringing more God-honouring marriages to their children, church and community. In a generation when marriage is under threat, this will be a great help to marriages across the inner west.

Saturday, 29 October 2011

9:30am–3:00pm

Village Church
122 Johnston Street
Annandale, NSW 2038

<http://www.villagechurch.com.au/whats-on/to-love-cherish/>



Did you know it is possible for people to be addicted to: food, sex, drugs, alcohol, computer games, SMS texting, pornography etc?

The Addiction Workshop will enable you to grow in your understanding of addiction and what the bible says about it. The workshop will teach you how to pray with, encourage and support people with addictions who are damaging themselves, damaging others, and damaging relationships.

Book now for this workshop and become equipped to support people suffering from addictions.

Speakers

Rev Phil Singline

Marina Knox – Clinical Counsellor

Canon Christopher Allan

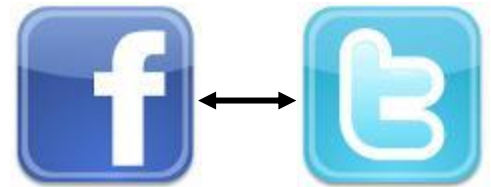
Workshop – 14 May 2011

Registration 1 pm.

Workshop 1.30 pm to 5 pm (cost \$20) at Golden Grove, 5 Forbes Street, Newtown (car parking available).

For more information or to register: phone 0407 910 238 or email brichards@sydney.anglican.asn.au

To find out more information about The Healing Ministry visit www.SydneyHeal.com



CONNECT WITH BARNEYS

As well as having a face-to-face community and a website Barneys is connected through social media.

Find up-to-date information and connect with others from Barneys through our **Facebook page:**

www.facebook.com/barneysbroadway

Follow us on Twitter to find out what is happening at Barneys:

<http://twitter.com/barneysbroadway>

Looking for a house or a housemate?

At this time of year, many people are looking for a house, or looking for housemates to join existing share houses.

If this is you, you can join forces with others on the Barneys Online Community. Sign in to barneys.ccbchurch.com; click on the "Groups" tab; search for "Looking for a house/housemate?"; click "Join group"; then review existing messages or post your own.





If you're new to Barneys, welcome! We're glad you're here. Find out all about Barneys on p7-8.

If you've got children, please collect a Family Info Pack from the Info Table in the foyer.

Barneys Community Noticeboard

The Barneys Community Noticeboard is for members of the church to post ads for share houses, jobs and other similar ads.

Want an ad in the next edition? Email office@barneys.org.au by Friday 6th May.

Needed: place to stay for June-September.

A former Barneys member, Meg Deyell, is looking for someone to board with whilst working in Sydney for two months from 11th June to 15th September. She will be working in the Rocks so a place near public transport is ideal. Only a bed/room is needed, no provision of food. If you are able to help Meg out please contact her on: 0447 520 321 or megdeyell@yahoo.com.au.

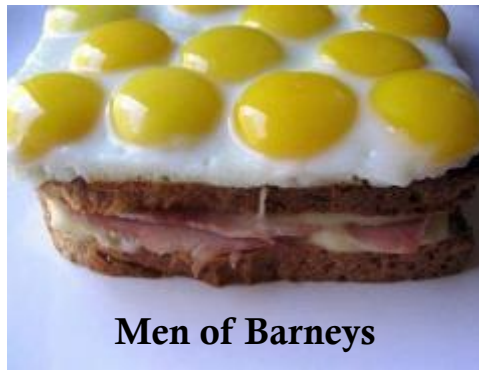


United in Prayer

Prayer Meetings will be held quarterly this year. They will be an opportunity to come together as a church and pray for the life of Barneys and the people surrounding it. Prayer Meetings will be on at 15 King St from 7:45-9pm:

- 22nd June
- 14th September
- 30th November

All are welcome to come along and pray.



Men of Barneys

Come and eat breakfast and brunch (for the gospel).

Dads make sure you bring the kids to give mum some time off!

\$5 per person, max charge \$10 for a family.

29th May at 8:30am at Moore College

25th June at 10am at the Barneys Rectory.



Serving Our City

The Barneys 'Love your Neighbour Project' is exploring our local area to learn how we can serve and contribute to our neighbourhood when we move back to the Broadway site. Contact Rozzie Hecker rosalindh@alpha.net.au to be involved or check out the "Love Your Neighbour" Group on CCB.



Connect is a group for tertiary students, or those of university age.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Prayer and Praise

7:00 – 9:00pm Friday 20th May

St Barnabas Church Rectory, 35 Arundel St, Forest Lodge (nr Sydney Uni footbridge)

BBQ and Bonfire Night

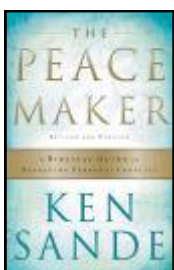
7:00pm Friday 3rd June

St Barnabas Church Rectory, 35 Arundel St, Forest Lodge (nr Sydney Uni footbridge).

Books@Barneys

June Bookstall—Books to buy and give away

In May & June, the bookstall is featuring books for you to buy and give away. These books relate to the upcoming series that will be happening at Barneys.



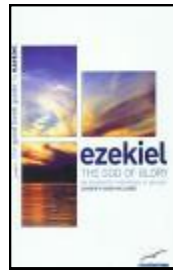
\$16.95



\$22.95



\$7.00



\$8.00



\$7.00



\$24.95

NOT FOR WEB BULLETIN

MEET SOME OF THE STAFF

We thought you might like meet the Student Ministers and Ministry Trainees who work at Barneys. We asked them 4 questions to help us to know what they do and why they here.

1. How long have you been at Barneys?
2. What do you do when not at Barneys?
3. What do you do when at Barneys?
4. What do you want to do when you grow up?



Student Minister

Name: Andrew David Robinson

1. 2 1/3 years.
2. Studying at Moore College.
3. Hang out with Connect student network.
4. I used to want to be an astronaut. Then I found out you had to be American. Or Russian. Or Chinese.

Name: Scott Brendan Mackay

1. 15 months
2. Studying at Moore College
3. I enjoy co-leading a Growth Group with students at SUV, and have just started with **Network our ministry to 'workers'**.
4. Learn how to cook properly.



Student Minister



Student Minister

Name: Andrew John Milton Goddard

1. 8.5 years
2. I'm a student at Moore college, husband to Erin and dad to cute little Sophie.
3. I help out with the Growth Group team, help run Simply Christianity, and help out where I can.
4. I want to be able to look back and say, 'Wow, I'd never have thought God would use me for THAT!'

Name: Rebecca Jehanne Solomon

1. Since January 2006, just before it burnt down.
2. MTS with Barneys, working with students within the Markets faculty of Credo at UTS
3. University ministry - among the residential colleges.
4. I'd love to be missionary (potentially teaching) somewhere in the developing world.



Ministry Trainee



Student Minister

Name: Mark Wormell

1. 22 years
2. Studying a Bachelor of Divinity at Moore College
3. Morning congregation leadership team, Christian Education, BOCC, Terraces Council, Parish Council, Building Team.
4. Teach the Bible in developing countries.

Name: Myles Thomas Elton

1. 3 years
2. Study at Moore College and work as a checkout chap.
3. Teach little kids about Jesus and teach youth about Jesus
4. Be a father, husband and follower of Christ.



Student Minister



Ministry Trainee

Name: James Alexander Piggott

1. I started in 2008, had a six month gap at the end of 2010 when I went overseas but started coming again when I returned to Australia in 2011
2. I work part-time for the EU and read the Bible with students who live near the University of Sydney
3. I am part of the awesome CONNECT TEAM!
4. Be the Primate of the Anglican Church of Australia.

Name: Jason Chung Yin Au

1. 2 and something years.
2. For fun, 4th year student at Moore Theological College. For even more fun, a lot of team sports (Go the Flames!) and various non-computer gaming pursuits.
3. I help Di Morgan think and plan stuff for the Christian Education portfolio, which includes the Wednesday workshops earlier in the year and administrating the bookstall (have a look sometime!)
4. In the longer term, I'd like to go into theological education (i.e. lecturing and all that).



Student Minister



Student Minister

Name: Danny Au Yeung

1. 3 months.
2. Study 4th year at Moore College.
3. Barneys Overseas Chinese Church ministry
4. I want to help those from overseas background to know Christ while they are in Sydney.

Name: Kate Michelle Ramshaw

1. Since January 2010
2. Study at Moore College
3. Youth Ministry
4. When I was little I wanted to be a ballerina when I grew up. Now that I'm 27 I want to be a godly woman as I grow up.



Student Minister

Please support our cross-cultural partners:

Barneys has gospel partners all over the world. We partner with them by praying for them, caring for them and supporting their work financially. We encourage each individual and growth group at Barneys to choose at least one cross-cultural partner to support.

Get regular prayer points to help you pray:

- Each of our cross-cultural partners has a supporters' group on the Barneys Online Community (CCB). Log on, search for a partners' group by name, then join the group.
- Fill in a communication slip with your name, email, and the name of the partners you'd like to support.

Giving financially in addition to your regular Barneys giving:

- Email caroline.evenden@barneys.org.au for information about supporting any of our cross-cultural partners.
- To give a regular or one-off donation, put a clearly marked donation in the Barneys offertory bag or make a clearly marked transfer into the Barneys bank account (details page 12).

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Kath & Kimsoeun Seat

Kath and Kimsoeun are serving in Cambodia. Kimsoeun is a lecturer at Phnom Penh Bible College. Kath teaches English and is learning Khmer language.

The Seats' update and prayer points:

- Thank God we can be in Australia and have somewhere to live and food to eat!
- Pray for Soeun to balance his family responsibilities in Cambodia with his life here. Currently there are problems developing that could potentially have a negative, long lasting impact on his family. Pray for wisdom to know if there is something he can do to prevent this.
- Pray we can get to know people in the Bible college community where we live (SMBC).
- Pray for us both to grow in our love and knowledge of God.
- Pray for international students at UTS to grow in their understanding of what Jesus has done for us. Please **especially pray for "H" from SE Asia, "J" and "W" from China**. They all know a lot about the Bible but are unclear about where they stand.

Our partner churches in Manila, the Philippines

Pray for Calvary Christian Church, Pasig City.

- As Calvary Christian School prepares for the new school year over the next few weeks please pray that the enrolments reach at least 150 students.
- Pray that the many new teachers will be able to prepare well and those who are new Christians will grow in their faith.
- Pray that Nelson will be able to adapt their new marriage counselling course to the Filipino people he is pastoring.
- Pray that the leadership training in Calvary Christian Fellowship will produce strong leaders with a love for Christ who will be able to train others in the future.
- Pray that through the new livelihood programs planned for the Floodway relocation area of Calauan, Nelson and Elaine are able help the community establish long term employment so people do not need to live separately to their families to find work.
- The Floodway area in Pasig City is currently preparing for the wet season. Pray that in particular the church members who live in this area will be able to maintain their homes and family lives through this time and that they will be protected from the difficult weather they face over the coming months



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John & Janelle Menear

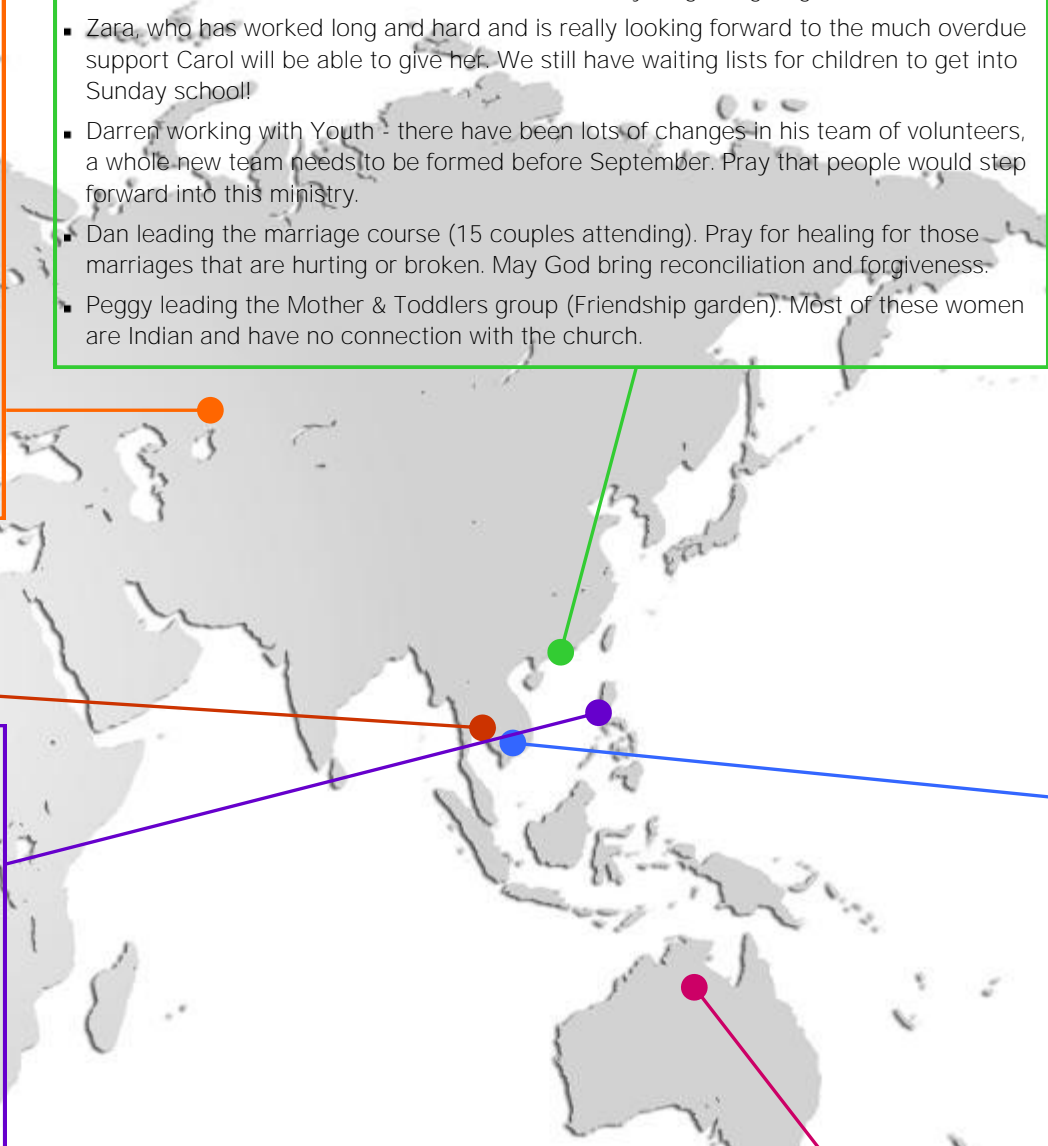
John is Rector of St Andrew's Church Kowloon, a church with a wide variety of ministries, located in the heart of the commercial area of Hong Kong. Janelle pastors many of the women.



The Menears' update and prayer points:

Please pray for:

- Carol, who will be the director of Children's ministry, beginning August.
- Zara, who has worked long and hard and is really looking forward to the much overdue support Carol will be able to give her. We still have waiting lists for children to get into Sunday school!
- Darren working with Youth - there have been lots of changes in his team of volunteers, a whole new team needs to be formed before September. Pray that people would step forward into this ministry.
- Dan leading the marriage course (15 couples attending). Pray for healing for those marriages that are hurting or broken. May God bring reconciliation and forgiveness.
- Peggy leading the Mother & Toddlers group (Friendship garden). Most of these women are Indian and have no connection with the church.



Ruth Brigden

Ruth is working amongst youth in the south east Arnhem Land community of Numbulwar. She is continuing to learn the Kriol language.

Ruth's update and prayer points:

Please pray for:

- Give thanks for Ruth's very positive and encouraging time with Barneys and her other link churches over the four months she was in Sydney, and for a safe return to Numbulwar.
- Praise God for the Katherine Christian Convention (30 April to 2 May) and Ruth's involvement in the Youth Program. Pray that God will keep speaking powerfully to Indigenous youth through what they heard.
- Krysti, the daughter-in-law of Steve & Narelle Etherington (Ruth's CMS colleagues in Darwin), died on 10 April. She was in her early 30s, with two young boys. Please pray for all those who knew and loved her.



PARISH COUNCIL

Summary of April 2011 meeting

The monthly Parish Council meeting was held on 11 April 2011.

At the meeting:

- Mike Paget gave a ministry update, **including in relation to the "Abundance"** series and the successful KYCK youth conference and 6.30 congregational weekend away.
- The wardens gave an overview of the status of the redevelopment and the project finances, and there was a general discussion as to opportunities to use the new building once it is built.
- A fundraising report was tabled, noting that we were still awaiting the outcome of several grant applications to government and community donors. There have also been fundraising staff changes, with Priscilla Scott no longer working as Donor Services manager.
- The church treasurer Grant Parish tabled the March church accounts, noting that offertories were behind budget in March (approximately \$58,000 received / \$62,500 budget). It was noted that the current rate of offertories will not cover the \$107,000 budgeted deficit for this year.
- Parish Council discussed and followed-up on a resolution at our last meeting to **request that the Anglican Diocese's** South Sydney Regional Council reinstate the suburb of Pyrmont as part of the parish.
- Marilyn Pidgeon resigned from Parish Council on 28 March, and following the April meeting Natania Chue was elected as a new member of Parish Council to fill the vacant position.

Please pray for the continuing progress of the building and the fundraising, and for wisdom for the new Parish Council as it makes decisions in the year ahead.

CHURCH ADMINISTRATION

Wardens

e. wardens@barneys.org.au
David Britton & Iain Hespe (10am)
Grant Parish (6:30pm)

Parish Council

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Jess Blake, Ernest Chunge, Michael Condie,
Jonno Donnelly, Geoff Miles, Phil Ng (from
6:30pm)

Natania Chue, Marian Dunbar, Angus Mansfield,
Jeff Morton, Peter Stone, Mark Wormell (from
10am)

BUILDING REPORT

Over the last month we have had two short weeks over Easter and some wet weather delays. Nonetheless ground floor concrete was poured and the forms for the first floor (which will hold the worship space) are largely complete. In all of this we have had our first million dollar month (construction costs).

Over May much of the major concrete works will be completed. In June the steel for the roof and wall frame will start to be delivered. The builders are expecting over 1200 crane lifts to put the Meccano set together.

Please keep site safety and quality of workmanship in your prayers through the very busy times on site with lots of trades interacting with each other. Also as activity speeds up so does the cashflow – please pray for the fundraising.

If you want to see for yourselves what is happening why not book in for one of the fortnightly Saturday morning tours – contact Kiri in the office for details.

Iain Hespe for the Wardens

David Britton on the Barneys site.



FINANCIAL REPORT

Barney's Finances

1 Jan – 31 April 2011

Offertories

YTD Received:	\$237,755
YTD Budget:	\$250,000
2011 Budget:	\$755,000

Other Income

YTD Received:	\$105,983
YTD Budget:	\$77,200
2011 Budget:	\$95,500

Total Income

YTD Total Income:	\$343,738
YTD Total Budget:	\$283,000
2011 Total Budget:	\$850,500

Total Operating Expenses

YTD Expenses:	\$292,193*
YTD Budget:	\$285,847
2011 Budget:	\$918,664

(*excluding fundraising costs)

School Building Fund

YTD Income:	\$205,893
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FUNDRAISING

Fundraising Update

This past month in fundraising we have generated a residential appeal, and this will be delivered by Australia Post from the week of May 6th. Please pray for the community to engage with the building project and for many to respond with their hearts and in generosity.

We are currently in liaison with our State Member Clover Moore who has been representing us with an application for funding with the State Government. We have been blessed that the application is tracking quickly and we pray for a positive outcome.

We ask everyone to pray for the event for former members who live in and around Sydney on 18 June at Moore College - please pray that lots of people will come. If you are a current Barneys members who could help on the night please email Rosie Pidgeon at rosie.pidgeon@barneys.org.au Please pray for Michelle and Rosie at this time, they are working tirelessly to meet important deadlines.

Kindest Regards,

Michelle Hillman

Business & Community Development
Manager

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WELCOME!

Welcome to Barneys!

Barneys is a diverse and international church. You'll find people of all ages, nations, cultures and backgrounds here. But the good news of Jesus Christ makes us all one family.

Some people at Barneys are exploring Jesus' claims for the first time; others have been following him for decades. It doesn't matter who you are—we'd love to help you in the next stage of your journey. So please introduce yourself, and let us know how we can care for you while you're here.



Mike Paget, Senior Minister



欢迎!

欢迎来到Barneys!

Barneys是一个具有国际性且多样化的教会。在这里,你会结识来自各个年龄段以及不同国家,有着不同文化和背景的人。耶稣基督的福音使我们成为一家人。

有的人在Barneys第一次聆听到耶稣的教诲,也有的人已经追随他几十年。不论你是谁,我们都愿意在你接下来的道路上帮助你。请来Barneys介绍你



NEW TO BARNEYS? WHAT TO EXPECT

At our Sunday services, we spend time together in the service and also informally afterwards.

In the service there will be times of singing together, praying to God, and listening to the **Bible read, explained and applied**. We'll also meet each other, and hear about events happening in our life together.

After the service please come downstairs for tea, coffee, cold drinks and snacks prepared by our morning tea and supper volunteers, served in the Foyer and Glass Room.

Once each month we share in the Lord's Supper (Communion). This special time is to celebrate the death of Jesus Christ and for all believers to be reminded of his saving love. All who trust in Jesus are welcome to partake.

Please bring a Bible. We encourage you to bring a Bible to the service each week. You can pick up a free paperback Bible or buy a Bible at the Info Table (in the foyer after the service).

Children and breastfeeding are more than welcome in the service. We love children. Children make noise. Both are welcome!

SUNDAY SERVICES

These are our main meetings, and everyone is welcome to attend.

10am Service

- Sundays 10am in the Lecture Theatre.
- Mix of families with children, international members and people of all ages.
- Service runs for around 80 minutes, followed by morning tea.

Barneys Overseas Chinese Church 圣巴拿巴华人教会

- Sundays 4:30pm at 2-20 Carillon Ave, Newtown.
- For students and workers from China.
- Email: bocc@barneys.org.au

6:30pm Service

- Sundays 6:30pm in the Lecture Theatre.
- Mix of workers, tertiary students and high school students.
- Service runs for around 90 minutes, followed by supper.



BARNEYS 4 KIDS

All Barneys4Kids programmes run during the 10am Service.

6mths-2yrs

Crèche: Crèche is for babies. There's a special program called Pippies for the 2-year-olds. Pippies share morning tea (parents bring a snack). Crèche is in the Upper Lecture Room.

Preschool

Barniccles: We enjoy Bible stories, games, craft and free play, and share morning tea together (parents bring a snack). Barniccles is in the Glass Room.

K-2

Swordfish: We learn about Jesus, have small group activities and craft, and play games. We share morning tea with the adults after the service. Swordfish starts in the Glass Room then moves to the Lower Lecture Room.

3-6

Barney Army: Together, we study God's word, play games and share community. We have morning tea with the adults after the service. Barney Army starts in the Glass Room then moves to Lecture Room C.



MAIN COMMUNITIES

Growth Groups (for everyone)

- Growth Group registration for 2011 will be starting in February and March.
- Email growthgroups@barneys.org.au.

Friday Morning Group (for mums with young children)

- A group for mothers of preschoolers with a kids' program so that mums can meet, chat and learn.
- Fridays 10am-12pm (during school terms) at Annandale Village Church (122 Johnston St, Annandale).

Connect (for tertiary students @ 6:30pm)

- Connect events for 2011 planned for 4, 10, 17, 24 & 31 March. Details TBA.
- Email connect@barneys.org.au.

Network (for workers @ 6:30pm)

- Network news is coming soon.
- Email network@barneys.org.au.

OCF (for international students @ 10am)

- Overseas Christian Fellowship: a ministry for students mainly from south-east Asia.
- We meet to learn, pray and eat together.
- Fridays 5:45-8:30pm, Upper Lecture Room.
- Email ocf.sydney@gmail.com.
- Phone: 0433646627



BARNEYS YOUTH

- For high school students.
- Fridays 7-9:30pm in the Glass Room at 15 King St.
- Sundays 5-6:30pm in the Glass Room, for smaller discipleship groups with dinner.

ASSOCIATED RESIDENTIAL MINISTRIES

St Barnabas Terraces

The Terraces have six houses in Glebe with accommodation for undergraduate students.

Contact: Jacqueline & Greg Collins
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Arundel House

Arundel House is a small residential college in Forest Lodge for young women.

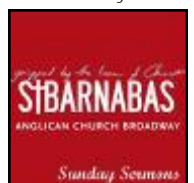
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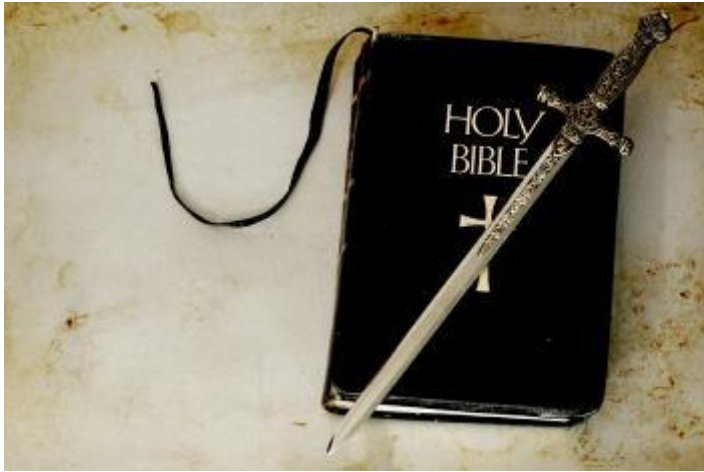
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You can download individual sermons from our 10 year archive at www.barneys.org.au/sermons.



A People's Bible



May 2, 2011 marked the 400th anniversary of the publication of the King James Version Bible. The impact of this new translation was immediate and permanent, and its influence resounds down the years to this day. "Its influence stirs through every strong word we speak, through every shaped word we write". (Peter Craven, Weekend Australian Review, 5-6 March, 2011)

But more importantly, with the availability of the King James Bible, in God's good time and purpose an English translation had arrived that provided new access for the masses to God's Word - "a people's Bible".

Today, we have many English versions of the bible to choose from, and there is the on-going work of bible translation in many different parts of the world where there is no 'people's bible'. For example, our own cross-cultural partners, Matt and Donna Toulmin have been part of the painstaking work of translating small portions of the New Testament for a small people group in India so that they can hold it in their hands and read it for themselves.

The bible was and is never translated in order to be a literary work to join the many books on people's shelves. It has the words of life, it brings wisdom and hope and joy, its influence is to 'stir through every strong word we speak' and shape our very lives. As the Hebrews writer says, "The word of God is alive and active! Sharper than any double-edged sword it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart" (Hebrews 4:12).

For a book that promises us so much, it can be hard to read, can't it? How often do we hear ourselves and others say, "I'm struggling to read the bible". For all the readily accessible translations, there is still the discipline and work required to read it and allow it to do its work in us. Therefore, in each of our Barneys monthly bulletins for this year, we are going to look at ways in which we can encourage each other to read our bibles - to keep persevering in letting this book do its transforming work in us. As the Psalmist cries out, "Turn my eyes away from worthless things; preserve my life according to your word" (Psalm 119:37)

Create your Own Bible Reading Plan

There are a variety of ways you can read your bible. You can use bible reading guides which provide information about the text you are reading, and questions to answer or practical application suggestions. There are online resources and tools. We will review these in future bulletins.

But a simple way to just get yourself reading the bible is to create a reading plan. This year, I came across an undated bible reading plan that gave me selected readings from the Old Testament, New Testament and Psalms (there are copies on the bookstall if you want to take one or email me di.morgan@barneys.org.au). I've enjoyed both the variety of readings and the structure that this plan provides.

It may seem obvious, but having a plan as to what to read and when can help set up a discipline and give some direction in your bible reading.

But which plan? How much do you read at a time, and do you read Old Testament or New Testament, or both. Do you read the bible through in a year or in 3 years?

There are so many different variations of how you can read your bible and there are now web sites that give you the opportunity to craft your bible reading plan. So check these out and create a plan - for 3 months, 6 months or for a year.

<http://www.bibleplan.org/>

<http://www.biblegateway.com/resources/readingplans/>

<http://www.jesusallaboutlife.com.au/resources/bible-reading-plans.html>

S.O.A.P

If you decide to use a bible reading plan, it is sometimes helpful to also have a structure that you can use as you read your set portion of scripture. I dip in and out of using S.O.A.P. (don't ask me why soap, unless its some reference to being cleaned by God's word??). See the details of this structure below, and grab yourself an exercise book and a pen!

Let's Share Our Bible Reading Approaches

Please email me (di.morgan@barneys.org.au) with resources and aids that you have found helpful in your bible reading and we will publish them in the coming bulletins. Let's help each other to read God's Word and pray that God will do as the Psalmist prays: "open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your word" (v.18)

Next Bulletin: Bible Reading Guides & Online Resources to Help you Read God's Word (so send me things you have discovered).

SOAP Bible Study Plan

Scripture

Take today's Bible reading, pray over it and then read through slowly. God will direct your attention to certain verses or sections. Write these down in your exercise book and focus your study there.

Observe

What is God showing you in this passage? Jot down in your exercise book any words or events that stand out. Are there any truths God wants you to learn? Warnings? Commands? Guiding principles? Record these. Now what is the overall message God has for you in this passage?

Apply

Now it's time to get personal. How does this affect your life? Does God have instruction for you today? Encouragement? Correction? Write down God's personal message to you.

Pray

Prayer is a two-way conversation with God. You may find that as you pray over what God has shown you, He will reveal even more of what He is wanting to do. Be listening and write down your prayers!

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Out of our abundance there is "some left over"

This is what the Lord Almighty says: 'Administer true justice; show mercy and compassion to one another.' Zechariah 7:9

"Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart." 2 Corinthians 4:1



Let me tell you about a small initiative that is raising money out of our abundance for **the International Justice Mission (IJM)**. The 10am congregation have lunch together a few times each year. These are wonderful opportunities for us to gather, be fed delicious food and hang out together as a congregation. Rozzie Hecker organises these lunches splendidly. We all pay a small amount – which pays for the costs of the food with "some left over". The "some left over" from the two lunches we have had this year was \$700 and Rozzie has organised for this money to go the IJM.

I have been making cards to sell and sending the money raised to the IJM. At our first lunch this year, I raised \$200 and sent this money to support their work. We intend to continue this initiative – what a wonderful way to give from our abundance to those who are in desperate need for justice, mercy and compassion.

Both initiatives are small, but cumulatively, have the potential to raise money for a worthy cause. The **International Justice Mission** is a Christian human rights agency that secures justice for victims of slavery, sexual exploitation and other forms of violent oppression. IJM lawyers, investigators and aftercare professionals work with local officials to ensure immediate victim rescue and aftercare, to prosecute perpetrators and to promote functioning public justice systems. If you want to know more about their work, you can visit their website www.ijm.org which has excellent information. You can be added to their weekly prayer email and pray for their work.

A former congregational member Amber Hawkes spent time in India working with IJM and is presently in the US with her husband Pete. They will return to Sydney next year and Amber will be working with IJM to open an Australian affiliated office here. (Please contact me if you would like more information about this initiative.)

If you like sending snail mail and would like to buy some cards, I have a ready collection for purchase. They cost \$3 or 2 for \$5. Shirley Ray is about to go on a Kairos mission team to Emu Plains Correctional Centre and bought 20 cards for the participants in the program. I wanted to give them to her, but she wanted to support the IJM and those cards will be appreciated by the women who receive them. What a lovely partnership!

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COMING SOON AT BARNEYS

SERMONS

May 15 Acts - Pentecost

The King Is The Issue

May 22 Concerning Reconciliation

May 29 Marriage and Divorce

June 5 Wealth & the Kingdom

June 12 Servant Leadership

June 19 Prophet, Priest, and King

July Bulletin

July issue due out:

Sunday 12th June

Deadline for submissions (emailed to

office@barneys.org.au):

Friday 3rd June

UPCOMING EVENTS

May

13-15 10am Weekend Away

Fri 20 Connect—Prayer & Praise night

Sun 29 **Men's Breakfast**

June

Fri 3 Connect—BBQ & Bonfire night

Sat 18 Raise The Roof—Sydney
Diaspora event

Sun 19 **Women's Lunch**

Wed 22 Prayer Meeting

Sat 25 **Men's Breakfast**



Saturday 17th September 2011

GIVING AT BARNEYS

With the move to Offertory boxes, we thought you might want to take this opportunity to move to electronic banking. Here are our details for giving at Barneys.

GIVING TO BARNEYS

There are several ways that members can give financially to support the ministries of the church. More information is available at www.barneys.org.au/giving.

1. Direct credit (our preferred option)
Transfer money directly into the bank account.

Acc. name: St Barnabas Church Broadway
BSB: 032 249

Account number: 21 3323

Reference line: Your congregation

2. BERCS (Barneys Easy Regular Contribution Scheme)

Automatic giving through your credit card or bank account can be arranged.

Download a BERCS form at

www.barneys.org.au/giving.

3. Website

Give with your credit card through our website.

4. Cash or cheque

Put your offering in the collection box before or after the service. Make cheques payable to "St Barnabas Church Broadway".

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GIVING TO THE BUILDING

There are several ways that members can give financially to support the building of the church. More information is available at www.barneys.org.au/raisetherooft

St Barnabas Church Building Fund
(not tax deductible)

1. Give online with your credit card

Make a donation through our secure website with your credit card. Go to <https://secure.barneys.org.au/donations.cfm> and make sure that you select the St Barnabas Church Building Fund as the recipient of your gift.

2. Give by direct credit

You can give by transferring money directly into our bank account.

Account name: St Barnabas Church Broadway

BSB: 032-249

Account number: 21 3323

Reference line: "CBF your name"

Email donate@barneys.org.au with your contact details after you have made a transfer.

3. Give by cheque

Make cheques payable to "St Barnabas Church Building Fund" and mail to PO Box 64, Broadway NSW 2007.

You can also give to the St Barnabas School Building Fund which is tax-deductible, see website for details.

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