



# **CARINGBAH**

# **PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Sunday, 1 November 2020

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## **Prayer Meetings**

We hold two weekly prayer meetings on Wednesday and Saturday mornings at 7:30am. If you are interested in attending, please speak to John and Margaret Rolland.

## **Sunday Services**

As a reminder, the use of masks is recommended although it is not required. Disposable masks are available in the foyer. If we reach our maximum number of people in the church, we do have an additional overflow area down in the church hall. According to government health regulation, we are not permitted to sing during our services. Thank you for your cooperation.

## **Bible Study Groups**

Our Monday night bible study group has moved to Monday morning starting at 9:30am. For more information please speak to Steve Cochrane. We also have a Wednesday afternoon bible study group for women only. For more information, please speak to Julie Cochrane. We also have a Wednesday night bible study group starting at 7:30pm. For more information, please speak to Mike O'Sullivan.

## **Special Religious Education Fundraising**

The SEA (Shire East Area) Board, which Caringbah Presbyterian is involved in, that helps run Special Religious Education (SRE) in Woollooware, Caringbah and Cronulla High Schools is running a fundraising event on Tuesday, 10 November at Putt Planet from 6pm. \$20 for adults, \$15 for concession/students. All money raised will go to help support our Scripture teacher, Paul Bedwell, who helps to serve in these schools. For more information, please speak to John and Margaret Rolland.

## **Justin and Rachel are on Leave**

Rachel and Justin will be away until Tuesday, 10 November 2020. Laura and Lael Luxford will be visiting Caringbah Presbyterian next week. Please note that the service will not be streamed next week. If you have any urgent needs, please speak to John and Margaret Rolland.

## **Financial Information**

We are supported by the giving of our members. If you wish to give, the offering plate will be handed out during the service in the song after the sermon. However, we also welcome online giving. Our bank account details are as follows:-

Name - Caringbah PC | BSB - 062-136 | Account - 0090-0330

## Call to Worship: Psalm 23 (ESV)

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

## Song: O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing

O for a thousand tongues to sing  
My great Redeemer's praise  
The glories of my God and King  
The triumphs of His grace

My gracious Master and my God  
Assist me to proclaim  
To spread thru all the earth abroad  
The honors of Thy name

Jesus the name that charms our fears  
That bids our sorrows cease  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears  
'Tis life and health and peace

Carl Gotthelf Glaser | Charles Wesley

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## **The Apostle's Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty  
Maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;  
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
Born of the Virgin Mary,  
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
Was crucified, dead, and buried;  
He descended into Hell;  
The third day he rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
From there he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit;  
the holy universal Church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **Song: Blessed Assurance**

Blessed assurance Jesus is mine  
O what a foretaste of glory divine  
Heir of salvation purchase of God  
Born of His Spirit washed in His blood

### *Chorus*

This is my story this is my song  
Praising my Savior all the day long  
This is my story this is my song  
Praising my Savior all the day long

Perfect submission perfect delight  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight  
Angels descending bring from above  
Echoes of mercy whispers of love      *Chorus*

**Bible Reading: Ecclesiastes 6:10-7:29 (ESV), Read by David Sier**

6:10 Whatever has come to be has already been named, and it is known what man is, and that he is not able to dispute with one stronger than he. 6:11 The more words, the more vanity, and what is the advantage to man? 6:12 For who knows what is good for man while he lives the few days of his vain life, which he passes like a shadow? For who can tell man what will be after him under the sun?

7:1 A good name is better than precious ointment,  
and the day of death than the day of birth.

7:2 It is better to go to the house of mourning  
than to go to the house of feasting,  
for this is the end of all mankind,  
and the living will lay it to heart.

7:3 Sorrow is better than laughter,  
for by sadness of face the heart is made glad.

7:4 The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning,  
but the heart of fools is in the house of mirth.

7:5 It is better for a man to hear the rebuke of the wise  
than to hear the song of fools.

7:6 For as the crackling of thorns under a pot,  
so is the laughter of the fools;  
this also is vanity.

7:7 Surely oppression drives the wise into madness,  
and a bribe corrupts the heart.

7:8 Better is the end of a thing than its beginning,  
and the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit.

7:9 Be not quick in your spirit to become angry,  
for anger lodges in the heart of fools.

7:10 Say not, "Why were the former days better than these?"  
For it is not from wisdom that you ask this.

7:11 Wisdom is good with an inheritance,  
an advantage to those who see the sun.

7:12 For the protection of wisdom is like the protection of money,  
and the advantage of knowledge is that wisdom preserves the life of him who has it.

7:13 Consider the work of God:  
who can make straight what he has made crooked?

7:14 In the day of prosperity be joyful, and in the day of adversity consider: God has  
made the one as well as the other, so that man may not find out anything that will be  
after him.

7:15 In my vain life I have seen everything. There is a righteous man who perishes in  
his righteousness, and there is a wicked man who prolongs his life in his evildoing.

7:16 Be not overly righteous, and do not make yourself too wise. Why should you  
destroy yourself? 7:17 Be not overly wicked, neither be a fool. Why should you die  
before your time? 7:18 It is good that you should take hold of this, and from that  
withhold not your hand, for the one who fears God shall come out from both of  
them.

7:19 Wisdom gives strength to the wise man more than ten rulers who are in a city. 7:20  
Surely there is not a righteous man on earth who does good and never sins. 7:21 Do  
not take to heart all the things that people say, lest you hear your servant cursing  
you. 7:22 Your heart knows that many times you yourself have cursed others. 7:23 All  
this I have tested by wisdom. I said, "I will be wise," but it was far from me. 7:24 That  
which has been is far off, and deep, very deep; who can find it out?

7:25 I turned my heart to know and to search out and to seek wisdom and the  
scheme of things, and to know the wickedness of folly and the foolishness that is  
madness. 7:26 And I find something more bitter than death: the woman whose heart  
is snares and nets, and whose hands are fetters. He who pleases God escapes her,  
but the sinner is taken by her. 7:27 Behold, this is what I found, says the Preacher,  
while adding one thing to another to find the scheme of things— 7:28 which my soul  
has sought repeatedly, but I have not found. One man among a thousand I found,  
but a woman among all these I have not found. 7:29 See, this alone I found, that God  
made man upright, but they have sought out many schemes.

## **Sermon: Living with the Limitations of Life**

1. We will die...

2. We are not in control...

3. We need God...

## **Song: Rock of Ages**

Rock of Ages cleft for me  
Let me hide myself in thee  
Let the water and the blood  
From thy wounded side which flowed  
Be of sin the double cure  
Save from wrath and make me pure

Nothing in my hand I bring  
Simply to the cross I cling  
Naked come to thee for dress  
Helpless look to thee for grace  
Foul I to the fountain fly  
Wash me Savior or I die

While I draw this fleeting breath  
When mine eyes shall close in death  
When I soar to worlds unknown  
See thee on thy judgment throne  
Rock of Ages cleft for me  
Let me hide myself in thee

Augustus Montague Toplady | Thomas Hastings

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## **Church Family Prayer by David Sier**

### **Blessing: 2 Thessalonians 2:16–17 (ESV)**

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.