



Gathering women enjoy fellowship



One August evening, women from the Tuesday Night Bible Study Group gathered at the home of Jessie Cherian to enjoy drinks, snacks and fellowship. During the evening, the women told stories of their lives and prayed together. All agreed it was such a success that get-togethers are planned for all Gathering women in the coming months. (Interested in joining a Bible Study Group? Talk to Greg Webster or Di. Nicolios)

Photo: Sharing and praying. -left to right: Malori Tan, Sami Williams, Jen Osborn, Maggie Springett, Virginia Adam, Sophie Webster, Jessie Cherian, Jo-Ann Cordenia.



Principal of Nungalinya College, Ben van Gelderen, Rev Di Nicolios, Rev Dr Jude Long and Bishop of Northern Territory, Greg Anderson

Anniversary celebrations

50 years ago three Christian denominations got together to form the first theological college for our indigenous brothers and sisters. **Reverend Di Nicolios** was privileged to have been a guest at the celebrations at the college in Darwin while she was taking a break in the Top End. Di took the opportunity to catch up with the Bishop of NT **Rt Rev Dr Greg Anderson** as well as **Dr Jude Long**, former principal of Nungalinya. Jude visited Christ Church on multiple occasions through the period when Nungalinya was our mission associate. Coincidentally, Bishop Greg was a friend of **Rev Greg** at Moore College and the two were often mistaken, for their first names and similar appearance.

Two weekends ago, Fiji defeated the Wallabies for the first time in sixty-nine years. Crucial to their preparation was the Bible verse, 'I can do all things through him who strengthens me (Philippians 4:13). In the past it's been on the front of their jerseys.

It would be a scary verse to be confronted with as you face these massive men with their huge arms and legs pumping as they streak downfield to score try after try. 'I can do all things' - they pretty much look like they can too - I'd love to see them win the World Cup.

But is it really all about sporting success? Is it about being able to tackle harder, kick further, run faster, score more tries than the opposition? The clue is really in the verse before, 'I have learnt the secret of being content in every situation'. The strength that is spoken of here is the strength that the Lord Jesus Christ gives to be content in every situation.

It's all about being satisfied in life no matter what. So it doesn't matter if you come first or last, or don't even make selection. It's about being content with what God has given.

Greg Webster
Rector

Rector's Message

October Diary

Sun 1 10am Communion
5pm The Gathering

Sun 8 10am Morning Prayer
5pm The Gathering

Sun 15 10am Holy Communion
5pm The Gathering

Sat 21 9-11am Parish Council Meeting

Sun 22 10am Morning Prayer
5pm The Gathering

Sun 29 10am Family Service
(no Gathering)



BCA Christmas cards

Six Christmas cards for \$5, of three attractive designs, all contain a Bible verse. Traditional Christmas puddings and cakes available (500g pudding \$31; 1kg pudding \$48.50; 500gm puddings for coeliacs & diabetics \$33; 700gm large cake \$43). Wapped in country-style calico cloth. Caroline can order these items for you. Individual donations can be made online or by credit card or cheque bushchurchaid.com.au/donate or phone 9262 5017. Small change boxes still welcome. Inquiries Caroline .9955 7375 or carthornton@bigpond.com

Offertories update

By the end of August, we had budgeted to receive \$140 000 and have actually received \$140 825. We are on budget.

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A thoroughly modern congregation!



Some of the Christ Church morning congregation: traditional in format but moving with the times

The Reserve Bank estimates that in 2022 as little as 6% of all transactions were in cash. In our day to day lives, we are encouraged to transact electronically. With offertories, this has advantages over cash. It is "set and forget". A person need think about it once, make a decision, then not have to think about it again. It could be revisited at some later interval – eg annually. It also means that being absent or on holidays doesn't cause disruption. In addition, it saves time, labour and is much safer for our volunteers who need to count and bank cash offertories. If you are not already giving this way, details as follows:
Recipient: Christ Church Lavender Bay,
BSB: 633000 Account: 158400747 And please include the word "Offertories".

November Diary

Sun 5	10am Defence Sunday Holy Communion 5pm The Gathering
Sun 12	10am Morning Prayer 5pm The Gathering
Sun 19	10am Holy Communion 5pm The Gathering
Sun 26	10am Morning Prayer 5pm The Gathering

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FAMILY SERVICE



Hey kids, come on down!

In August, we had our first family service this year. And it turned out to be a big success with some 150 young and "mature" filling the pews. Student Minister **Chris Tompkins** told Bible stories. Kids from the new Lavender Bay Preschool joined our choir and Gathering Band to sing Bible songs. It was so much fun, we're doing it again on Sunday 29 October, so bring your kids or grandkids! (NB, no evening service)



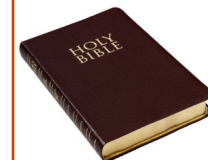
In 1965, **The Byrds** released a number one single, *Turn, Turn, Turn*. Full of 'jangly' guitar and close harmonies, it was not an original but had been written by **Pete Seeger** six years before. Of course, he borrowed the words from the ancient Hebrew text of **Ecclesiastes**. The writer of Ecclesiastes is a very rigorous thinker who asks us to face some hard questions about the meaning and significance of life. That's our preaching series to round out the year.

CONTACT DETAILS UPDATE



QR code puts you in the know

It's useful to know what's happening in your church. If we have your contact details, you will be able to receive: our newsletter, prayer notes, invitations to special events eg hospitality, and updates from **Greg**. Step 1: Click camera icon on your mobile 2. Put your finger on the text that appears. 3. Fill out the form (email is the only essential, phone number desirable) 4. Click on "submit". Too easy!



The Bible in my Life

Trevor Adams
- morning congregation

"I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: 'The righteous will live by faith.'" - Romans: 1-16

Of his favourite passage, Trevor says: "It's a verse that has stuck in my mind for a long time, a verse that means a lot to me and I suspect, to a lot of Christians."

Prayer notes handover

As he heads towards his 90th birthday, **Ross McDonald** has handed over preparation of the monthly prayer notes to the very capable **Helen Wheeler**. Appointed assistant minister in 1998, Ross has prepared the prayer notes for over 20 years. A big thank you to him for this much-appreciated contribution.



The boys go out to play

Checking out the hand-crafted ales and grabbing a bite at Flat Rock Brew Café at Willoughby: **Luke Williams**, brothers **Angus** and **Jono Webster**, **Andrew Osborn** and **Greg Webster**.

Defence Sunday

On Sunday 3rd November, we show our support for the Anglican Defence Force chaplains. **Royal Australian Navy Chaplain, Cath Wynn Jones**, will give the Defence Sunday address.



Maggie: our new Treasurer

Maggie Springett has kindly taken on the role of Honorary Treasurer. A McMahon's Point local, Maggie has been a valued member of the evening congregation for the past 3 years, totalling 8+ years at Christ Church. She has a Degree in Commerce and is also a qualified Accountant and BAS Agent, with her most recent role as a Financial Controller. **Brian England** is stepping down as Treasurer after performing this role for three years. **Leisa Davidson** is retiring as our Honorary Parish Council Secretary. The expertise and enthusiasm of all three is much appreciated.



Running mates for life

We were delighted to hear from our Student Minister **Chris Tompkins** about his engagement to fellow Moore College student and running companion **Naomi Utber**. We are thankful to God for Chris's great ministry to both of our congregations over the last almost three years. We pray for the Lord's blessing on Chris and Naomi as they study and prepare for their new life together.