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Lavender Bay

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Striving for personal maturity in Christ
Building the body of Christ
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Newsletter

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Paul of Tarsus, servant of Jesus



**Two part live-streamed lecture series
7pm Mon 20th and Mon 27th April
by Paul Barnett**

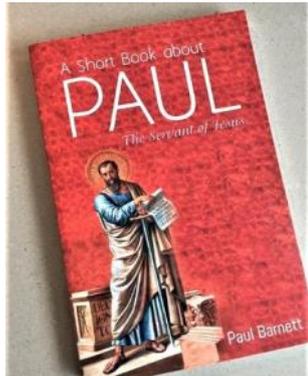
Following on from our well-attended series on **Peter** last year, Christ Church is delighted to host this next series, presented by distinguished historian and New Testament theologian **Dr Paul Barnett**.

According to Dr Barnett, apart from our Lord, the most influential and authoritative voice from classical antiquity was **Paul, the Servant of Jesus**.

Paul's thirteen letters and the Acts of the Apostles combine to provide a good narrative of his life and his thoughts. The former Pharisee and persecutor of the disciples of Jesus himself became a follower of Jesus midway through his life. For six or seven years Paul was in prison, but that didn't stop him communicating with his churches including by letter.

Paul Barnett will reveal how the Apostle Paul was an accomplished leader and strategist. His mission team was composed of forty or so men and women who shuttled between Paul and his mission churches which were distributed throughout five Roman provinces.

Over two Monday nights, you will hear how in his thirty years as a Christian, this man never wavered in his zeal to make Jesus known.



Paul's recently-published book on Paul of Tarsus

How to watch and hear on-line:

Jump onto www.cclb.org.au just before 7pm on 20 and 27 April and go to the *Live* page.

**Sermon
series
April and
May**

After Easter we will be exploring the **Apostle Paul's** letter to the Ephesians. Paul shares God's glorious plan to bring people of every nation and background together in Christ (1:10). As Christians, all are on equal terms. All are one, in Christ. All sermons will be streamed live as part of the regular Sunday services. If you miss the service, you can catch up by typing in www.cclb.org.au/live and scrolling down to "Previous Live Streams".

Rector's Easter Message



Easter this year will be like none other. The Coronavirus has impacted every area of our normal lives, including being able to gather together for church. A number of people have said to me they can't imagine not being at church for Easter. On one hand we feel our freedom has been curtailed through no fault of our own, yet on the other we know it is the best for all.

As Jesus hung on the cross I wonder if he felt hard-done-by? Unfairly accused, liberty lost, life itself would be taken away, yet he knew it was best for all, for through his death others would be healed. Perhaps there is an opportunity this Easter, like no other, to share the certain hope we have in Jesus to a world that is navigating dark and uncharted waters. Our 10am Good Friday and our 10am Easter day services will both be live-streamed. Why not invite a friend to watch the live stream with you, in their own home? You could call them on the phone during or after the service to see what they thought.

Lachlan Edwards - Rector, Christ Church, Lavender Bay

April Diary

All services will be on line. Just before 10am each Sunday go to www.cclb.org.au, click on "Click here for Church Live-stream", then press the "play" arrow.

Sat 4 Wedding of Tom Hoad & Courtney Player POSTPONED.
The Gathering POSTPONED

Sun 5 3am Daylight Savings ends.
Turn clocks back one hour
10am Communion Service STREAMED

Thur 9 Passover Meal CANCELED

Fri 10 10am Good Friday Service
LIVE STREAMED

Sun 12 10am Easter Day Communion Service. With Kids talk, LIVE STREAMED

Wed 15 7am Parish Council via ZOOM

Sun 19 10am Communion Service LIVE STREAMED
Baptism Jasper & Poppy Roy POSTPONED
Christianity Explored POSTPONED

Mon 20 7-9pm "Paul the servant of Jesus"
Talk 1 by Paul Barnett LIVE STREAMED

Sun 26 10am Morning Prayer Service LIVE STREAMED

Mon 27 7-9pm "Paul the servant of Jesus"
Talk 2 by Paul Barnett LIVE STREAMED

A prayer for all of us

Dear Father in Heaven,

In this Coronavirus pandemic, we thank you that you are in control of all things and have a plan for our salvation through Jesus.

We acknowledge our fear of the current crisis and ask that you bring us comfort and reassurance at this time.

We ask dear Lord that you protect the vulnerable in our community from the virus, and that we might be bold enough to offer assistance to those who are in need.

Lord continue to hold us together as the body of Christ, and that we might be an encouragement to each other through phone calls, emails, offers of assistance and prayer.

By your mighty, sovereign will we ask that our community, nation and world will seek and turn to you. We pray that all will know the saving power of Jesus death in our place which has cured the pandemic of sin that pervades all of our lives, and that by faith in him alone we are saved for eternity.

We ask Lord that you will save us from this time of trial. Yet not our will, but yours be done.

In Jesus name, Amen.

Join in our services and bible studies on-line



Graeme and Virginia Adam viewing the on-line service

Sunday Services: Lachlan: "I am so thankful for those who assisted us in setting up live-streaming capabilities in 2019. Little did we know that this technology would be so necessary in 2020. Our live-stream services still follow the same Prayer Book format, and has enabled us to include some new elements including interviews and guest artists. Previous services can also be viewed on the website along with other material. Go to www.cclb.org.au."

To watch, just before 10am each Sunday, jump onto www.cclb.org.au, click on "Click here for Church Live-stream", then press the "play" arrow. Or listen live - call from any phone: 02 8015 6011 Meeting ID: 556 550 796 #. Participant ID: #

Bible Study groups: The larger groups, ranging between 11 and 20 in number, are now meeting on-line. All are very pleased with how the meetings are going, with lively exchanges between participants on Bible texts and with full prayer participation. As one wag said, "It's almost as good as being in the same room together!"

Also, **Paul Barnett & Lachlan** are working on an on-line video bible study series on Philippians that anybody can watch anytime.



Technology is enabling us to continue Bible studies without missing a beat: one of the Christ Church on-line Bible Study groups in action.

2020 Annual General Meeting

Due to restrictions on the number of people who could gather in one place we conducted a condensed AGM to appoint our office bearers for 2020. We will hold a Parish Meeting at a later date to present reports, receive financials and budget, conduct other business and answer questions. Meanwhile our audited financial reports have been submitted to the diocese.

Appointments for 2020

Wardens: Philippa Armfield, Ian Davidson & Rod Pearse

Parish Council: Linda Howe, Helen Wheeler, James Flynn, Jurgen Joester, Penny Morris, Chris Gilbert & Brian England

Nominators: Philippa Armfield, Richard Neal, Anita Barnett, Ann Kells & Rod Pearse.

Synod Representatives: Clarrie Stevens & Jocelyn Ibels. **Safe Ministry Rep:** Diane Joester



Familiar names, new faces on council



There are four new appointments to Parish Council. Two, **Jurgen Joester** and **Dr. Penny Morris**, are known to most, while two are recent additions to the Christ Church family. On the left is **Chris Gilbert**, a lecturer at Excelsia College and documentary film maker. Chris is married to Jo Kadlecsek. On the right is **Brian England**, our new treasurer, who is married to Pam. We also give a warm welcome to **Ian Davidson** and **Rod Pearse**, joining **Phillipa Armfield** as wardens. We give our thanks to **Richard Neal**, **Christine Rusiti**, **Anita Barnett** and **Kelvin Worthington** who are retiring from Parish Council; and **Graeme Herring**, departing treasurer.

Christianity Explored

This is a great course to secure the foundations of your faith, or if you are exploring Christianity in the first time or for a long time. It's a relaxed video based format over 7 weeks. Due to restrictions on meeting together, we have postponed the start of this course to a date yet to be determined. Call **Lachlan** for more details of course content on 0437 150 100.



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Sat 2 The Gathering POSTPONED

Sun 3 10am Communion Service LIVE STREAMED

Sun 10 10am Morning Prayer LIVE STREAMED

Sun 17 10am Communion Service LIVE STREAMED

Wed 20 7am Parish Council ZOOM

Sun 24 10am Morning Prayer Service LIVE STREAMED

Sun 31 10am Prayer, Praise & Proclamation Service LIVE STREAMED

Thank you Richard Neal

For over thirty years Richard has been a governance keel for Christ Church. As rector's warden alongside four rectors he has assisted in keeping Christ Church sailing upright through fair wind and storm. Richard has been instrumental in securing and renegotiating licences with the Montessori Preschool and our car park tenancy, both of which continue to provide an important revenue stream for the maintenance of our facilities, and with the assistance of others has maintained a balanced budget for the church finances. He has a gift of foresight and clarity that he has used generously to humbly serve the church in governance matters. We all owe a debt of gratitude to Richard and his family for serving us so willingly for so many years.



Masters degree for Lachlan

After 5½ years, 192 hours of lectures, some 10,000 pages read and 60,000 words written, our Reverend Lachlan Edwards has finally graduated with a Master of Arts, degree in Theology from Moore Theological College. Picture: Dr Glen Davies is presenting the degree certificate to Lachlan.

For help with going on-line to watch Sunday services, call Lachlan or James Flynn on 0412 060 882

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