

Christ Church  
Lavender Bay

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## "Teaching is faithful to the Bible"



Trevor and Avis Adams: 90 years young, at their home at Seaforth. Avis turned 90 last December. Trevor's is coming up in July

Three remarkable stats about our two much loved members **Trevor** and **Avis Adams**: Trevor turns 90 in July, Avis turned 90 last December. Together, they have worshipped at Lavender Bay for 27 years. "Extremely happy," is how Trevor describes their time at Christ Church since 1995. "The teaching has been faithful to the Bible. And we have loved the camaraderie with the congregation." Avis says that God has been her faithful provider all her life. "I've had a strong Christian faith in the Lord since I was 14 years of age. I went with Trevor to the Billy Graham Crusade in 1959. This experience brought home the Christian message more strongly to us both than we had experienced before."



Encourage family and friends to come and remember the supreme acts of love for us all, by the God who IS love

## Let's do Easter together !

On Good Friday at 10 am, our combined Service will be a moving account of Jesus' betrayal, trial and crucifixion. From John's gospel story, we follow Jesus' last acts of submission in scripture readings and song. Be moved again to repentance and faith in our Saviour. On Sunday at 10am and at The Gathering at 5pm, we celebrate Jesus' victory over death and the opening of the gates of Heaven to all believers. We'll need balloons and Easter eggs !



Physiotherapists treating one of the children at the CCD centre at Chainat. Christ Church is a mission partner.

## Gospel growth with CCD

God has been at work in Chainat, and CCD, the local Divine River church, and the Government have combined to open a new community health centre, CBR-C, in the old CCD centre. Covid-19 was spreading, but God used this challenge to promote public health and His kingdom, with **Chariya**, **Wasan's** wife, and CCD Project Manager **Kit** helping set up the new centre. The whole community was invited to share Christmas, and locals **Nan** and **Keng** now attend church. Praise God. The CCD Prayer Notes team at Christ Church are praying that Ice, Field Officer, and Dear, physiotherapist, will also come to faith.

## April Diary

Sun 3 10am Communion  
5pm The Gathering

Sun 10 10am Morning Prayer  
5pm The Gathering

Fri 15th 10am Good Friday  
Combined congregations service

Sun 17th 10am Easter Sunday  
Holy Communion  
5pm The Gathering

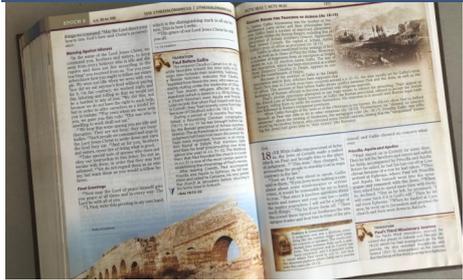
Wed 20th 7am Parish Council

Sun 24th 10am Morning Prayer  
5pm The Gathering

## Join a Bible Study Group. Contact Di Nicolios.

Monday nights (fortnightly) (Contact Keith & Anne Mason)  
Monday nights: (Contact Geoff Kells)  
Tuesday nights: (contact Philippa or James)  
Wed nights: (Jurgen and Diane Joester)  
Thursday mornings: (contact Di Nicolios)  
Thursday nights: (contact Graeme or Virginia)  
Sunday afternoons: Youth Bible Study. (contact Chris Tompkins)

## Buzz from the Bay



### Reading the Bible over two years

In February, a group comprising Rod Pearse, Mike Morris and Graeme Adam, and led by Geoff Kells, completed a two year project, reading the Chronological Bible, from Genesis to Revelation. Learned scholars have rearranged the Bible into the order in which events happened historically. There are illustrations, maps, diagrams and breakout panels. Each month they gathered at each others homes over dinner to discuss what they had studied. They recommend the program to small groups as a complement to weekly Bible study. There is a copy of a Chronological Bible in the Church Library. If you would like to borrow extra copies, call 0423741681.

## Peter's Message

Jesus said, "In the world you will have troubles." Troubles are characteristic of life as we know it to be in the here and now. It is as it is. We can expect some form of adversity, grief, heartache, misery, misfortune, and woe (hopefully not all at once). BUT Jesus said, "Take heart, I have overcome the world". He also said: "I will never leave you or forsake you."  
So whatever kinds of trouble and tribulation we may be suffering right now, it is not the end. Many of God's people testify that it is during such times they learn more about God and sometimes even about themselves.  
God is with us in the whole of life -- we can trust him not to walk away in our time of need.  
**Peter Smart- Locum Minister**

# Thank you Peter and welcome back Lachlan



Christ Church members with Peter and Elizabeth: Michael Mata, Chrissy Fulcher, Rod Pearse, Di Nicolios

We will soon farewell locum **Peter** and welcome **Lachlan** back. **Rod Pearse:** "We have all greatly enjoyed having Peter and Elizabeth back to cover for Lachlan and Bec. They have been genuinely interested in refreshing old relationships and meeting new people. They are clearly much loved and have been very positive about the progress we are making. Peter's leadership has been appreciated and his preaching well-received". **Peter & Elizabeth:** "We have so enjoyed the enormous and wonderful privilege of returning to the Christ Church family for these few short weeks. Thankyou to Lachlan and Bec for the invitation & for making everything so easy for us."



A "Meet Chris" afternoon tea : Adam Roy with Jasper, Chris Tompkins, Victoria Roy with Poppy, Chris Pearson with Myla, Beckie Pearson, Virginia Adam

## Explaining God to children

Our Children and Youth Minister, **Chris Tompkins**, has had some seven years experience in reaching out to children with the Gospel. "It is one of life's great joys" says Chris, "to share God's grace and love to our children and grandchildren. When you do, one of the most helpful things is to make sure that you only have one main point that you're trying to communicate, and that when you do, repeat the idea a few times to make sure that it sinks in. Big brains as well as small, struggle to take in a lot of ideas at the same time, particularly when they're not expecting to learn! If you have the time to think about it before you speak, maybe think of an illustration or action to go with your idea."



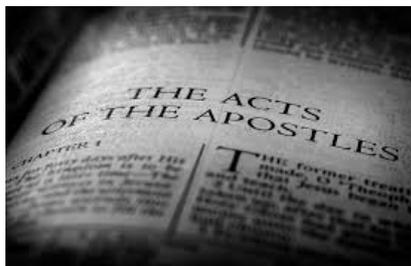
Angaza library to be shipped to Kenya. Inset: Elizabeth Smart. The books are donated by Figtree and wider community, even some from Lavender Bay members

## God's world in a container

The Angaza "library in a container" started in 2016 at Figtree Anglican, **Peter and Elizabeth Smart's** church, where a visiting mission partner from Nairobi (Kenya) challenged the congregation with the need for books in English for school children in Nairobi's slums. According to team leader Elizabeth, the idea for libraries in containers came from **Lachlan & Bec Edwards**. "These libraries are encouraging students not only to improve their English but more importantly to catch a glimpse of God's amazing world and to stimulate possibilities for them", says Elizabeth. "The library team are currently working on our seventh library." (Angaza means "illumination" in Swahili.)

## Sermon Series on Acts

To whet your appetite for the next sermon series, have a quick read of Acts chapters 6 to 12. The fast moving, fascinating story of the beginnings of the Christian church. It's a story of conflict with outsiders and between insiders! There's horrific murder, miraculous healing, sorcery, dramatic conversions AND the astonishing revelation that God's plan of salvation is not for Jews alone but for us. We can get into the Act(s)!



## News from The Gathering

Below: James Flynn being interviewed by Jo Kadleck



\*Following the recording of interviews with morning members, The Gathering has been doing the same but live. Some dozen members have shared their lives and their faith journey with the congregation.  
 \*From March, the Gathering has been trialling Mission Plate dinners from time to time. Each brings a meal to share. The \$20 that otherwise would be spent at the Anchor is donated to our mission partners  
 \* The Gathering has thrown away the training wheels, now has its own planning team and, while grateful for their wisdom and support, is forging ahead, with just five of the morning congregation regularly attending and assisting the evening service.

## May Diary

Sun 1 10am Holy Communion  
5pm The Gathering

Sun 8 10am Morning Prayer  
5pm The Gathering

Sun 15 10am Holy Communion  
5pm The Gathering

Wed 18 7am Parish Council

Sat 21 2pm Wedding Tom Hoad & Courtney Player (Lachlan officiating)

Sun 22 10am Morning Prayer  
5pm The Gathering

Sun 29 10am Prayer and Praise  
5pm The Gathering

## Buzz from the Bay



Building God's Kingdom with BCA

BCA is grateful to those who've continued to support its ministry across Australia, both in prayer and financially. Some of these people live in isolated rural communities, in mining towns or on one of Australia's many islands. Now is the time for BCA Box opening. If you have a Box with coins, please give it to Caroline Thornton. For many, the use of coins is almost a thing of the past. You can donate to BCA online or by credit card [bushchurchaid.com.au/donate](http://bushchurchaid.com.au/donate) or phone 9262 5017). Alternatively, you could set up a regular deposit. The BCA account details: BSB 032 008, Account 000706. Cheques can be forwarded to BCA, Box 5389, Sydney, NSW, 2001. Inquiries to Caroline (9955 7375).

## The preaching Presbyter



Our mission partner at Stanhope Gardens Church, Rev Edwin Thambyayah, was ordained as presbyter at St Andrews Cathedral 15th March. We are honoured to have Edwin preaching at church on the 10th April, morning and evening services.

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