



Pleased as punch: Lachlan and Bec Edwards with some of the eager members of The Gathering

Cute mobile kitchen served up. Enjoyment, convenience, fellowship and food on the menu

The Ministry of Food is important to us all. It was time to upgrade our kitchen, and to reinstate the northern entry door to the church. In November, we celebrated the commissioning of a cute, new mobile kitchen that enables us to safely serve morning tea, supper and, periodic congregational meals from the courtyard, and in a well ventilated space. A new concrete pathway has also been installed.

What could well be a first amongst local churches was well-received by members, from whom there has been a call to give the mobile kitchen a name. So, give your suggestions to Lachlan. Others have commented on the ecclesiastical lines, describing it as "neo-Romanesque".

The kitchen is connected to power and plumbing. Amenities include storage, water heating and refrigeration. Thanks to Lachlan's carpentry skills, there are steps and a platform.

The morning congregation celebrated the launch of the kitchen with a morning tea on the 7th November.

There is a wonderful opportunity for households or friends to team up, to provide, prepare and serve the occasional meal.

This was done on the 14th November at the 5pm Gathering by two members of the evening congregation. It went so well that several more members have offered to do it again over the coming months.

Credit must go to the Rejuvenation Committee for conceiving and giving birth to this innovative solution. The mobile kitchen was donated by a family at CCLB. The Rejuvenation Fund paid for the concreting and services, as well as a new kitchenette in the vestry.



Morning teas are back along with happy times

December Diary

Sun 5 10am Communion & Farewell to
5pm The Gathering
Baptism of Leo and Charlie Parris

Sat 11 Dec Albert Tong Memorial Service

Sun 12 10am Morning Prayer
5pm The Gathering

Wed 15 7am Parish Council

Sat 18 7pm Carols in the Garden

Sun 19 10am Family Christmas Service
5pm The Gathering

Fri 24 11pm Carols and Readings

Sat 25 9am Christmas Day (note the time)
Combined Service (no 5pm service)

Sun 26 10am Combined Service
(No 5pm service)

**Start the New Year well:
Join a Bible Study Group!
Contact Lachlan**

Monday nights (fortnightly) Bible Study Group (Contact Keith & Anne Mason)

Monday nights: Bible Study Group (Contact Geoff Kells)

Tuesday nights: Bible Study (contact Lachlan)

Wednesday nights: Bible Study Group (contact Jurgen and Diane Joester)

Thursday mornings: Rectory Bible Study Group (contact Ann Kells)

Thursday nights: Bible Study Group (contact Graeme/Virginia or Conrad)

Sunday afternoons: Youth Bible Study. (contact Emily)

Buzz from the Bay



Double birthdays with a "0" on the end

In October, Lachlan and Bec had two big celebratory occasions, Lachlan turning 50 and Bec likewise. On the second, they were able to be joined by son Tim and wife Petra and daughter Emily and fiancée Ben Smith.

Christmas Hope

Through lockdown we learnt that "Zoom" wasn't just for sports cars, "pivot" was something we all need to learn (not just a 60's dance move), and hearing "you're on mute" was an ongoing embarrassment.

Yet underneath the monotony and uncertainty of lockdown there was hope for a different tomorrow. Lockdown caused us to reassess life priorities and gave time to consider the transcendental more deeply than before.

Christmas is a time of real hope. A hope beyond the temporary nature of our temporal world. A hope from beyond that entered our present. 1 Peter 1:3 says that "In his great mercy [God] has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead".

It is this hope that we and the world so desperately need this Christmas.

Lachlan Edwards - Senior Minister

Christmas Hope

Sat 18 Dec 7pm
Carols in the Garden

Sun 19 Dec 10am
Family Christmas Service

Fri 24 Dec 11pm
Carols and Readings

Sat 25 Dec 9am
Combined Christmas Service

Christ Church Lavender Bay
www.cclb.org.au
Walker and Lavender Streets

*O holy night! The stars are brightly shining,
It is the night of our dear Saviour's birth.
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
Till he appear'd and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices...*

Perhaps like never before as a weary world comes out of lockdown we need to be singing of the hope with have in Jesus. This Christmas we are going to proclaim this hope loud and strong at our Carols in the Garden, Family Service, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services. This is a great opportunity to lift our eyes heavenward and invite others to lift hearts and voices to praise our Lord Jesus.



Lachlan for long-service leave

After 16 years of service, **Lachlan** is taking well-deserved long service leave from 17th January to 17th April. Ordained in 2005, starting in Broome WA, Lachlan has served four parishes with distinction, before coming with **Bec** to Christ Church in 2017.

Rev. Peter Smart, our rector from 1997 to 2006, will be our locum. Peter with **Elizabeth** has done locums in WA, Tasmania, Middle East, USA, and at Christ Church. Peter is on the roster at Mt Kembla Anglican. Elizabeth is busy at Figtree Anglican. Lachlan: "I am thankful that Peter and Elizabeth are willing to serve us again. I know the church will be in great hands."

The National Church Life Survey is designed to listen to the views of the leadership, attenders, and broader community to provide a picture of each church's health and vitality. We will be conducting the survey through December. It only takes 20 minute per household. The results will help us identify our strengths and provide processes to help us evaluate, make decisions and connect effectively with our community. It gives each of us a voice that will help in our mission to "know God's love, grow God's love and show God's love" To complete an on-line survey, please go to attendersurvey.ncls.org.au Our church code is ANS21101



Help us in our mission



Emily's Godly work was made possible by two benefactor families at Christ Church

Thank you and farewell, Emily

Emily Edwards, our Youth and Children's Minister for the last 18 months, will bid us farewell at the Family Service December 19th. Emily earlier initiated the Kid's spot video at the 10am service, then developed a youth bible study group, the youth band, and identified and engaged various co-leaders. In addition, she worked with toddlers to 18 year olds, reading the bible and praying. Reflecting on her role, Emily said: "I have loved seeing our small and young people grow in their knowledge and love of Jesus through the support of Christ Church over the past few years." We are so thankful for Emily's many gifts and wish her a bright future in her Christian life.

January Diary

Sun 2 10am Holy Communion
5pm The Gathering

Sun 9 10am Morning Prayer
5pm The Gathering
AGM nominations close

Wed 12 7pm Annual General Meeting

Sun 16 10am Holy Communion
5pm The Gathering

Sun 23 10am Morning Prayer
5pm The Gathering

Sun 30 10am Morning Prayer
5pm The Gathering

Buzz from the Bay

Annual General Meeting

This coming year our AGM will be in two parts. Part 1 (6pm, Wednesday 12 January 2022) will be electing office bearers; receiving ministry reports, budgets and unaudited accounts. Part 2 (6pm, Wednesday 9 March 2022) will be receiving the audited accounts. Whilst it would be best to be present in person, you may also attend via Zoom (link on Website). Nomination forms can be found at www.cclb.org.au/AGM



Left to right: Penny Morris with Margie Springgett, Beckie Pearson and Gill Melling

Baby Shower and fellowship

A Baby Shower for **Beckie Pearson** was hosted in November by **Penny Morris**. Beckie and her husband **Chris** have been serving as sound and vision operators at church. Both have also served in the choir. The event was the latest of four ladies' get-togethers around the lower north shore, getting together in homes and coffee shops to get to know each other better, to share aspects of their Christian faith and to celebrate big events. Not to be outdone, there is talk of some of the local men doing likewise!

News from THE GATHERING



Gatherers celebrated return to live services in November with a simple but delicious DIY dinner for eighteen of the evening congregation. Meals were prepared at the home of two volunteers, placed in slow cookers and were kept hot in the new mobile kitchen while the service was on. Notwithstanding unexpected thunderstorms, we hope to eat outdoors for future Gathering dinners. These occasions are also a great opportunity to invite friends who are not members, to join us. In other news, **Ben** and **Anna Eden**, have shared with us the good news of a second child, Andrew.

Contacts

Senior Minister:
Rev Lachlan Edwards
9923 2052, 0437 150 100,
rectorlavenderbay@gmail.com
Minister for Seniors: Di Nicolios,
0488161630, dnicolios@bigpond.com
Children Youth Minister:
Emily Edwards (until 31 Dec '21)
emily.frances.edwards@gmail.com
Office - Alice Hung 9929 7723,
alice@cclb.org.au
Newsletter: Graeme Adam
graemeadam1@bigpond.com