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Lavender Bay

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Newsletter

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Giving thanks for the past, looking to the future



Boarding our vessel at Lavender Bay wharf



Marylyn Pandit and Bianca Bruwer



Choir sings 'If ye love me' by Thomas Tallis



Lorraine and Peter Moll with James Flynn



Belinda Campbell with parents Merren & Malcolm



Lachlan with Edna Thompson, Rev Dr Julia Perry, Felicity Wilson MP and Bishop Edwards



The Three Rectors, Lachlan, Patrick and Peter



On the barbie: David, Steve and Shah

Foundation, celebration and rejuvenation

With perfect weather, God was on our side on the 25th August as we celebrated the 150th anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone for our beloved church. We "re-enacted" the voyage across the harbour by **Bishop Barker**, had a delicious breakfast, heard about North Sydney c.1870s and, just before we landed, sang "Amazing Grace". After an invigorating walk up the stairs past Wendy's garden, we had our celebration service. Lachlan interviewed **Edna Thompson**, whose family has been involved with major family events at Christ Church since 1884. (Edna was married here in 1948.) Lachlan also interviewed **Rev Dr Julia Perry**, whose grandfather was an early rector, the **Rev Canon Dr Cash**. Most importantly, the Rejuvenation Fund was officially launched by **Bishop Chris Edwards**. The morning concluded with games on the lawn and a barbecue. Huge thanks to the band of helpers who contributed their time generously to what was a joyous day. (See news over on Christ Church Rejuvenation Fund.)

October Diary

Wed 2 10.30am Morning Tea at the Owens
Sat 5 4.30pm The Gathering, with dinner

Sun 6 Daylight Saving begins
10am Church (Communion)

Sun 13 10am (Morning Prayer)

14-22 Sydney Diocesan Synod
Wed 16 Parish Council

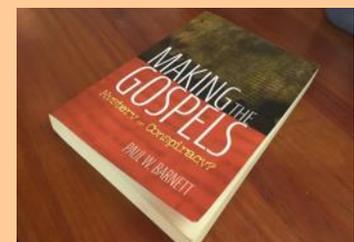
Sun 20 10am Church (Communion)
1pm Aristeia Mellos String Quartet

Sun 27 10am Church (Morning Prayer)
Baptism Saskia Coppinger

The Buzz from the Bay

Sharing our gifts for the gospel

One of our long-time members Don Flanagan works out at a local gym. For some time now, Don has enjoyed post-gym coffee and chats on matters of faith with another gym-goer, Ed Yorston, one of the ministers at Church by the Bridge. Now he and Ed have joined up with another man from gym, not a church-goer, to look at Bible passages over coffee. May God lead others of us to find similar opportunities (not necessarily at a gym!).



The Gospels - Mystery or conspiracy?

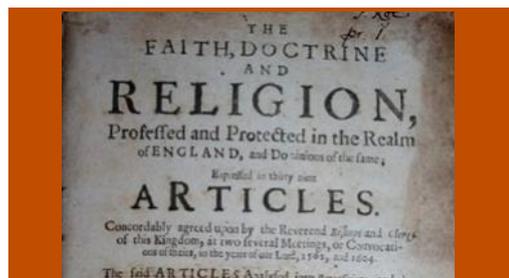
"Making The Gospels: Mystery or Conspiracy" is the title of Paul Barnett's revealing new book. Paul answers the intriguing question as to how the four Gospels came to be. Robert Yarbrough, Professor of New Testament, Covenant Theological Seminary, Missouri says: "Paul Barnett writes with the acumen of a scholar, the curiosity of a detective, and the creativity of a novelist. Add to this his internationally recognized expertise as a historian. The result is a thorough, searching and convincing study." \$34.95 at Koorong



The Christ Church contingent: Emily Edwards, Bec Edwards, Virginia Adam, Ros Wilson, Merryn Pearse and Pam England. Absent: Christine Rusiti

Learning about perseverance

According to **Pam England**, one of the seven ladies from Christ Church who participated in the "One Love" conference at Sydney Town Hall with the theme of perseverance: "It was wonderful to be amongst so many Christian women, especially the Christ Church group. They really looked after me." **Merryn Pearse** was very impressed by UK speaker **Lizzie Smallwood**. "She reminded us we are often tested for our own good, transforming us through our own suffering, quoting Hebrews Ch 12, 'Endure hardship as a discipline.'"



Sermons on The 39 Articles

The 39 Articles define what it is to be Anglican. Each year we investigate a few more of the 39. In October we will explore Articles 10-14 which address such things as Free Will, Justification and Good Works. Because these are biblical doctrines, they are as relevant today as they were in 1563 when they were written.

UK cathedral choristers



In August, two of our choir, **Anne Cooke** and **Penny Morris** had the privilege of singing the services in two of the magnificent Cathedrals in England, Lichfield and Winchester. Anne: "We were part of Sydney's Mater Chorale that sang the services for a week in each Cathedral.. We sang many settings of the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis, anthems and psalms. It was a tiring but truly wonderful experience."

November Diary

Sat 2nd
2pm Wedding - Hillary Mawad and Connor Stewart (Di)
5.30pm The Gathering (with dinner)

Sun 3rd 10am Church (Communion)

Sun 10th Defence Force Sunday
10am Church Morning Prayer
Baptism Huxley Van Laar, Isabella Eden

Sun 17th 10am Church (Communion)

Wed 20th Parish Council
Sat 23rd 2.30pm Phoenix Collective

Sun 24 10am Church Morning Prayer

Fri 29th 7pm Cello Quartet - Caroline Hobbs
Sat 30th Toys and Tucker Collection begins



The Word from the Bay

Vale Nance Kimber

It is with sorrow and thankfulness that Nance Kimber passed away at around 10pm on 17th September, aged 104. Nance had been praying for some time that she would go home to be with Jesus. Praise be to God for this wonderful, faithful, joyous lady.



Phoenix Collective debuts

Sydney's exciting new group are performing "Ye Old England" program on the 23rd November at 2.30pm, making its first appearance at Christ Church Lavender Bay. Phoenix is a premier string quartet which started up in 2018. To buy tickets, Google: Phoenix Collective.

Defence Sunday November 10

To mark Defence Sunday, Chaplain Angela Stanfield of the Australian Defence Force Anglican Chaplaincy will preach at our service.

Great start to Rejuvenation Fund



We are so thankful for 150 years of ministry to the Lower North Shore, and for those who saw fit to build our magnificent facilities. We now look forward to the next 150 years of ministry, and want to ensure that the facilities remain fit for ministry for generations to come. We praise God for the generosity of those who have already given to our Rejuvenation Fund. Nearly \$90,000 has already been received, and many have pledged to continue to give each month. We are over halfway to affording stage one of our roof repairs. Can you help us get over the line? Go to www.cclb.org.au/rejuvenation-fund for details on how to give.

Newcomers' Rectory Lunch



On Sunday 15th September, the Edwards hosted a lunch for our newcomers. From left: Annette Hodgkinson (standing), Jennifer & Gary Rothwell, Lorna & Gareth Baard, Brian & Pam England, Bec Edwards, Jennifer, David, Charlie & Art Lankford, Conrad Gordon, Ed & Dimity O'Leary, Bianca Bruwer. Standing at rear: Lachlan, Emily and Tim Edwards. Lachlan Edwards reflects: "What a blessing to have God consistently draw new people to our church."

Rector's Message

There is nothing that is impossible for God. When we face a humanly impossible task and then kneel before God in humble dependence on him, we have the blessing of seeing him do his best work... *in us*. Through prayer we increase our faith that our unseen God, through his invisible hand, does impossible things in this world. Through prayer God has prompted generous giving to our Rejuvenation Fund; has directed newcomers to our church each week; and is meeting our financial budget. It is also through prayer that I believe we will see God's hand with Evonne as she battles brain cancer; that our Gathering service will gain momentum; that wedding, baptism and funeral families will see the love of Christ in and through us. May we be a church that continually increases our prayerful dependence on Him. **Reverend Lachlan Edwards, Rector, Christ Church, Lavender Bay**