

13th June, 2010

**QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND
GOD'S MISSION FINDS A CHURCH**

Week two: Acts 2:14-24

Luke has a remarkable vision and grasp of the mission of God. Throughout his Gospel and the book of Acts (which should be read as a continuous work together) there are magnificent themes of God's grace, largeness of heart, and hope for the world in reaching a new understanding of humanity through Christ. The whole notion of being 'reborn' is to find a sense of regeneration into a new perspective, new motivations and a new love of the lost, broken and disenfranchised.

From the birth narrative with its emphasis on the marginalized, to the abundance of purposeful women central in the explosion of the Kingdom of God around Christ, to the radicalization of discovering the Kingdom of God even in your most hated 'neighbour' (The Good Samaritan), to the earnest heart of the Father who rejoices over the lost (Luke 15), the gospel tumbles forward into the new hope of a whole community that can rise above culture, race, language and history to become a living breathing holistic witness to the mercy, grace and kindness of God.

Pentecost celebrates
the unmistakable
dynamite
power of
God

to speak to the whole world through tongues that make sense to all the different kinds of ears, and our reading today finds us in the midst of controversy, and a gathered crowd, a witness that is crystalline and unequivocal in nature and focused wholly on the resurrection and hope of Jesus.

It is a proclamation from the lips of a man reborn and it is a message that is more than just an assent to accepting Jesus as saviour and receiving eternal life ... it is a call to fully accept the mission of God to place justice as a central aspect of worship, equality, and equity as a sign of the Kingdom and moving out into all cultures, all places with a living message of confession, reconciliation, forgiveness and grace as the key to appreciating the actual heart of God.

The out flowing of action from Pentecost is the evidence that God's mission of salvation, in all of its multistorey complexity, has indeed found a 'church'- a Spiritual Community willing and able to make a confronting and often dangerous journey into a self satisfied, proud and temptation shaped world. Every generation of believers is faced with a similar complexity. It takes Holy Spirit integrity and power to not lose sight of the goal, purpose and calling.

Gathered in worship.... Scattered to serve.

John Sharpe

Welcome to Ringwood. We are an ordinary group of people motivated and inspired by an extraordinary God. We work with people as they are – not as we would like them to be and ... we celebrate our multigenerational community and recognize the wisdom that comes from every age group. We are in this together.

WORSHIP THIS MORNING

Worship Leading: Jenny Willets
Song Leading: Jenny Willets
Preaching: Glen Coleman

NIGHT Church - 6.00pm
Queen's Birthday Movie Night
'FLY AWAY HOME'



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Fly Away Home (PG)
Tonight at 6pm

Bring your blankets and pillows.
Popcorn and drinks available.

A Brief Holiday: John and Chris are on a short burst of annual leave over the next week and will be back on June 22nd.

A clarification: Celebrating the community witness of the Body of Christ.

It was wonderful to have Andrew Menzies (principal of CCTC) and his family with us last Sunday. As part of practical encouragement in his sermon Andrew mentioned the wonderful appreciation of 'Ringwood Church of Christ', named by the principal while visiting a local school. We realize that the school is actually blessed by the 'Ringwood Community Church' (formally the Tamar St Gospel Chapel). I assured Andrew that if he and Kim had visited Eastwood they would have heard a similar story of a church deeply invested in the life and health of a local school.

It's great to know that in this region many churches are actively serving in primary schools and secondary schools and finding very practical and caring ways to live out the Gospel. So give thanks for the wider Body of Christ we belong to.

Current Financial Position **May, 2010**

Income	\$62,388.92
Expenses	\$40,704.77
Surplus	\$21,684.15

Please note: This does not include any Celebration Sunday Offerings.

Special Business Meeting Sunday July 18th : Forward notice

A special meeting is being called for Sunday July 18th following the 10am service. This will be an opportunity to consider the forward estimates and ramifications of the budget. More information will be provided next week.

Nominations are also called for the positions of **Secretary** and **Treasurer**. Nominations forms are available on request from the Church office. Nominees and nominators must be church members. Voting will be conducted over two weeks prior to the Special meeting. ***Nominations will close on June 27th***.

YOUNG ADULTS Short Film Festival 2010

Theme: 'The Journey'...

Conditions: Your film should be short (surprise surprise!) around 5 minutes max (shorter is ok too). Each film should feature some sort of street signage somewhere in the footage. Feel free to film on anything you have – video camera, digital camera or even your phone. Also feel free to invite your mates to put an entry in.

Prizes: Some fun ones, but if we get a good response this year, we will look at making it bigger and better for next year!!

Closing date: July 20th

Screening date: TBA

So get thinking creatively and start filming...if you have any questions please talk to Glen Coleman.

YOUTH NEWS Thursday Night at 7.00pm

Youth Band - The band is open to all youth wanting to express their gifts of music. The plan is to meet every week during school term.

Offering Envelopes:

These have been changed to commence from July 1st, 2010 instead of October. For those who have been using them this year, could you dispose of your remaining envelopes from this year and commence using the new ones from July 4th.

For those people who have numbered envelopes and those who have requested dated envelopes, there is a new set which has been set aside for you in your mailbox.

For those who would like to use dated envelopes there is a small supply set aside for you to take, on the mailout table (on the Bedford road side of the foyer).

GARAGE FOR FREE - Do you want a 7 meter by 5.4 meter steel garage with tilt door for free? See Max Moody.



Birthday Greetings - June

Monday	14th	Emma Hall, Peter Thomas, Jonathan Fraser, Peter Easdown
Wednesday	16th	Marg Goddard, Mary Mates, Gary White, Ashton Scott
Friday	18th	Ashleigh Newnham
Saturday	19th	John Nathan, Brianna Cowie, Phoebe Henry
Sunday	20th	Nigel Carter

Next Week - 20th June, 2010

GOD'S MISSION FINDS A CHURCH - WEEK 3

LUKE 10:1-20

Speaker:	Libby Murray
Worship/communion:	Matthew Moore
Song Leader:	Gaylene Hawkins
Bible Reading:	Jonathan Higbed
Communion Helpers:	Cathy Glover, Perla Fookes, Dorothy & Graeme Wigney, Jenny Crozier, Barbara Harrison, Geoff Clarke, Joel Smith
Band:	Dave Wilkins, Jacob Hill, Mitchell Salmon, Michael Meng, Sandra Punithan
Singers:	Christine Prentice, Jon Fraser, Rachel Broadbent
Audio:	Neal Glover
Projection:	Penny Galbraith
Morning Tea:	Belinda & Brian Tanfield
Communion Preparation:	Cathy Glover
Flowers:	
Welcome :	Cheryl Mullens, Belinda & Brian Tanfield, Lillian Burns, Zita McKay
Creche:	White, Whitby
Offering Counters:	Pauline & Chris Lomman
NIGHT CHURCH:	'Worship 4 Youth'
	Leaders: Beth & Brian Holden

Op Shop: **Wednesday/Thursday
(10.00am - 3.00pm)**

Oasis Meals: - **Thursday
(12.00 midday)**

NOTICEBOARDS:

- **Outer Eastern Prayer Breakfast, June 25th**
- **Car Boot Sale - Great Ryrie Street Primary School**

SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES

8.30am Communion/Study

10.00am Worship

4.00pm Rahab's Room

6.00pm Evening

SHAKING THE WORLD: PRAYER ACTION

- Continue to pray for a permanent solution to the massive oil leak in the Gulf of Mexico. This is an ecological disaster of unknown proportions, particularly with vast plumes of oil still under the surface of the ocean.
- Pray for nations confronted with the ongoing fall out from economic risk and the pain that comes with the need to significantly cut expenditure and reduce deficits. Pray for the families, neighbourhoods and regions that will be particularly affected by new levels of austerity.
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- Give thanks for John Nathan's return home following surgery on his elbow. Pray for ongoing restoration and healing.
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- Pray for Mal Stych (past participant at Oasis Meals and attender at Ringwood) on the recent death of his mother, Joyce (95 yrs) . Mal had cared for his mum at home until hospitalization was required. Pray for Mal particularly for the funeral next Tuesday.
- Pray for the huge crew away at State Youth Games this long weekend. Pray for safety as they travel backwards and forwards from matches, for a sense of friendship with the community of other churches and for spiritual breakthroughs in the lives of participants.
- Give thanks for the first 'Rocky's Plaice' training session last Sunday. Pray for the health and wellbeing of the team as the holidays approach and for God's preparation of each leader in grasping His plans and purposes for each child as the program unfolds.
- Pray for those who are currently unwell with seasonal colds and flu and gastro which seem to be prevalent at the moment.
- Give thanks and pray for those who faithfully seek to worship lead and contribute in many ways in preparing services in honour of God and leading us all into a holy space where God can work new things into our lives.
- Pray for the work being done on the new roster ... for the themes that are being considered and prayed over ... for a sense of the prophetic as God continues to call and shape us all for His good purposes.
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A Noodle Box Lead Recovery....
End of financial year Noodle Box cascade—
First Sunday of Term 3
Bring your Noodle Box of loose coins.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY (not meeting this week)

. Wednesdays 12.30-2pm Study series Term 2: Isaiah **Last session June 23rd.**

PAPERMATES

The next **Papermates** session will be held on **Saturday, 19th June, at 2.00pm.**
For further information please contact Marion Evans 9722-1707 or 0400 123 600.

SENIOR'S DAY

Friday 18th June

An African Journey

Come along for an armchair visual journey to a
Namibian Wedding
and enjoy a delicious African style lunch.

Enjoy each other's company while we chat, journey and eat!

10.00am -1.30pm, at the church

Cost: \$10.00

Please RSVP by Tuesday 15th May on the sign up sheet in the church foyer or by phoning the church office. 9870 8169



LADIES NIGHT

Thursday, 24th June at 7.30pm

Pat Greig will be speaking on

“Understanding Depression and Anxiety”

Cost: \$5.00 A yummy supper will be served.

Please RSVP to Rosemary Davies on 9876-4767 or call the Church Office.

SUNDAY ROAST

The next Sunday Roast will be on **Sunday, 27th June** immediately following the morning service. This is for any of our **seniors** or **singles** who may live alone and rarely cook a roast dinner for themselves. **Please note the cost is now \$10.00.**

Please put your name on the Response Sheet on the Noticeboard.

Prayer Meeting: – An informal time of prayer for the Church on Saturday mornings. This meeting will start next Saturday morning 12th June, between 7.00am – 9.00am in the Chapel. Please come and go as you are able. For more information, please be in touch with John Sonsie. Phone 8802-0636.

Letter to the Ringwoodians.

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