

**20th June, 2010**

## **GOD'S MISSION FINDS A CHURCH**

**Week three: Matthew 28:11-20**

The statue of David was originally intended to be one of twelve Old Testament statues to serve as buttresses of the cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore in Florence. Sculptor Agostino di Duccio, was given the commission on the statue of David, but he only got as far as beginning to shape the legs and feet before abandoning the project. Artist and sculptor Antonio Rossellino was commissioned to continue the statue of David, but abandoned the project as well. The block of marble sat abandoned in the cathedral workshop for 25 years.

Though many notable artists were consulted, including the great Leonardo da Vinci, it was 26-year-old Michelangelo di Lodovico Buonarroti Simoni who received the commission on August 16, 1501. Michelangelo began his work on the statue of David on September 13, 1501.

Can you imagine the townsfolk of Florence walking past and hearing the sound of hammering and chiseling behind the doors of the cathedral workshop?

Michelangelo's completed sculpture of David was unveiled on September 8, 1504. Imagine the moment when one of the world's greatest sculptures was unveiled.

There is a master sculptor who, while all others fail, can take a shapeless, meaningless life and turn it into an object of beauty. He too chooses to use a workshop, – the church - but it isn't the workshop that brings about the changes it is the master sculptor – the resurrected Christ. The only reason to be church is to continue to fulfill the master sculptor's commission.

***Libby***

**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:** Matthew Moore  
**Song Leading:** Gaylene Hawkins  
**Preaching:** Libby Murray

**NIGHT Church - 6.00pm**  
**'Worship 4 Youth'**  
**Brian will be preaching**

**A Brief Holiday:** John and Chris are still on a short burst of annual leave over this past week and will be back on June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Offering Envelopes:**

These have been changed to commence from July 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 4<sup>th</sup>.

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).

**Special Business Meeting Sunday July 18<sup>th</sup> :  
Forward notice**

A special meeting is being called for Sunday July 18<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup>.***

**Prayer Meeting: –**

An informal time of prayer for the Church on Saturday mornings. This meeting will start next Saturday morning 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **SHAKING THE WORLD: PRAYER ACTION**

- Pray for the church leadership as they discern God's future for our Church.
- Pray for Linda and her team as they put on the final touches and gear up for the Holiday Program in a couple of week's time.
- Give thanks for the vitality, fun and faithful journey of last weekend's State Youth Games. Give thanks for the leadership and the relationships that have been built, and for the safety of the team and support crew.
- Pray for those who are experiencing significant distress and uncertainty.
- Pray for the continuation of the important Little Stars Playgroup ministry which has been established and nurtured by Wendy. Please pray for the raising up of a co-ordinator and some facilitators for Playgroup, as Wendy and Michael's moving time draws closer.
- Please pray for Wendy and Michael, and others who are working through transitions in the workplace, accommodation arrangements, and other significant changes.
- Pray for those who are recovering after significant surgery. Pray for their ongoing healing and wellbeing.
- Pray for all those who are feeling unwell with a variety of colds, flu and other seasonal illnesses.
- Uphold those in the congregation who have increasing responsibilities in the care of aging parents. Pray for wisdom and stamina.
- Pray for those who suffer with seasonal depression and who find the approach to winter difficult.
- Give thanks for the ongoing fruitful ministries of Oasis Meals, and the Worth Repeating Op Shop, who continue to create a welcoming environment and

### **A Noodle Box Led Recovery....**

End of financial year Noodle Box cascade — **First Sunday of Term 3**  
Bring your Noodle Box of loose coins.

### **Prayer at Ringwood Church of Christ**

**ELDERS Saturday Prayer** - The elders pray each Saturday morning from 8-9am. If you need particularly focused prayer please contact John Sharpe or Dave Moody to arrange a suitable time. We take prayer seriously and always welcome any request for prayer after services - or during the week.

## WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY (last week for this term)

Wednesdays 12.30-2pm Study series Term 2: Isaiah

### **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.

### **STATE YOUTH GAMES - 2010**

A massive thank you to the entire team of SYG, leaders, cooks, parents, youth and support crew.

The whole event was awesome! I'm especially proud of our youth and leaders for winning the 2010 award for the church that best encompassed the spirit of the games. We also finished 3<sup>rd</sup> overall, our best finish so far.

There is still some property from SYG that needs to be picked up so please contact the office ASAP if you need to pick up your gear.

Again thanks to all of you for making SYG the best event possible and I can't wait until next year.

Brian

### **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 20<sup>th</sup>

**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.

## Who are Global Mission Partners and what do they do?

Global Mission Partners is part of Churches of Christ in Australia, connecting churches with each other and overseas partners in mission. Linking people, churches and resources across nations.

GMP is involved in cross cultural mission through

- Evangelism
- Church Planting
- Bible Training
- Discipleship Development
- Literacy and Education
- Community Development
- Building Construction
- Supporting Medical Work
- Caring for Children in Developing Countries

## CHURCHES OF CHRIST OVERSEAS AID (The overseas arm of Global Mission Partners)

Is having their mid year appeal. There are a couple of ways you might like to donate. On the mailout table you will find **COCOA Gift Catalogues** which you might like to take and use for gift giving, or there are some **Mid year appeal brochures** which you might like to take to make an offering.

### [COCOA Mid-Year Appeal](#)

With the End of the Financial Year fast approaching you might like to take this opportunity to donate to the COCOA Mid-Year Appeal. All donations \$2 or more are tax deductible.

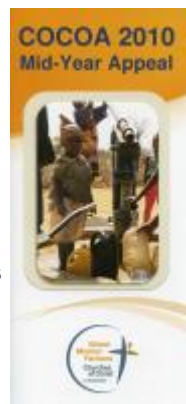
Our online donation facility has recently been upgraded to securely accept credit card donations. You might like to check it out! Go to: <http://www.inpartnership.org.au/>

The generosity of people in giving to COCOA is something we do not take for granted. When we share the news of your giving with your partners we receive warm and humbling feedback. This what some of them have said...

*"You have saved many lives! May the Lord bless you and those we do not know,"* (on receiving food relief in Zimbabwe).

*"Goodbye to water-borne diseases!"* (on seeing fresh water erupt after drilling a well in Zimbabwe).

*"Khayelihle Children's Village (KCV) gratefully acknowledges all its valued COCOA donors/ sponsors for the profound help towards the upkeep of the children. Your gifts have been greatly appreciated enabling us to give KCV children a good diet. The cow project has provided milk to the children and is generating income with the surplus being sold to one of the city's dairy markets. We are also so thankful for the success of the broiler poultry project. Our children love eating chicken. Here in Zimbabwe it is regarded as a special meat eaten on special occasions. It is a good diet for the children especially those who are HIV positive. Thank you very much for making this project a success."* Jabulani Xaba, Zimbabwe.



## **Grow Groups:**

2010 is fully alive and well underway with all of its hope and possibility. If you are new, or reasonably new and haven't thought about joining a grow group, please know that Grow groups are a vital part of Ringwood Church of Christ. They provide a sense of belonging, pastoral care, input, practical service and just plain 'fun'.

Grow groups can meet during the day or night, be developed around families or particular hobbies or interest, run weekly, fortnightly or monthly. You could form your own 'youth' grow group, gardening group, movie appreciation group or book club. There is no limit to the possibilities...we are challenged only by the capacity of our imaginations.

Be part of a Grow Group - sign up today if you are not already part of a group. We are really keen to develop Grow Group leaders - providing support, materials and mentoring. If you would like to host a group or be part of Grow Group leadership please indicate your interest to the office or talk to Libby Murray 9870 8169.

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## **ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS: RAHAB'S ROOM FUNDRAISER**

Once again this year I have Entertainment Books to sell. They cost \$65.00 but if used regularly can save you hundreds. If you would like to see a book before buying that is no problem. I will have some at the church office. Thank you for everyone in the past who has purchased a book from me. It makes for a very easy fundraiser for Rahab's Room, the money made helping to pay for activities.

Please contact Nicole White 9870 3448 or you can buy one from the church office.



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## **Well there's good news and then there's a challenge!**

You will have heard by now that Michael and Wendy Kavanagh have been able to buy a home in ... 'Ballarat' and will be moving in late July/ early August.

You will know that the challenge is of course the enormous hole that Wendy's departure will make to the 'Little Stars' Play Group Ministry. We are really keen to talk to people who sense a calling to coordinate this ministry area. It is an honoured - not salaried area of ministry at present, and there are some helpful areas of support available.

We are hoping that we might discover in God's gifted people resources of the church one, two, or three people who might form an active coordinating presence. Currently there are 3 sessions over the week - each session runs for 2 hours (with obviously more time needed for setting up the activities, etc). Talk to either of us ASAP and pray!

**John Sharpe and Linda Mill**

# Ladies' Night

**Thursday**  
**June 24,**  
**7:30pm**

Pat Greig...

*'Understanding  
Depression  
and Anxiety'*

**\$5, includes supper!**

**RSVP to Rosemary Davies:**  
**9876 4767**  
**or the Church Office:**  
**9870 8169**





## ***Birthday Greetings - June***

Monday	21st	Sue Carter, Aden Brown
Tuesday	22nd	Emily Salmon, Claire Salmon, Merlin Sykes, Belle Wilkey, Louise Coleman, Sandra Timbrell
Wednesday	23rd	Christine Spencer, Nathan Reid, Phil Joyce
Thursday	24th	Felicity Graham-Prowse
Sunday	27th	Lauren Devenish

## ***Next Week - 27th June, 2010***

### **GOD'S MISSION FINDS A CHURCH - WEEK 4**

**ACTS 8:26-40**

Speaker:	Noel Morley
Worship/communion:	Morley Group
Song Leader:	Ken Morton
Bible Reading:	Gill Wright
Communion Helpers:	Barbara Steen, Christine & Laurie Prentice, Joel Smith, Joe Kutka, John Newnham, John Sonsie
Band:	Darren Evans, Dan Graham-Prowse, BRASS, Sue Green, Craig Broadbent, Marie Town
Singers:	Julie Waterhouse, Natalie Caubo, Kathy Alsop
Audio:	Tanya & Stewart Drummond
Projection:	Julie Drummond
Morning Tea:	Kathy & Peter Alsop
Communion Preparation:	Marg Nettelbeck
Flowers:	Gwen Moore
Welcome :	Ray Town, Wendy Twining, Laurie & Christine Prentice
Creche:	Thomas, Coleman
Offering Counters:	Ron Thomas, Glenda Allred
<b>NIGHT CHURCH:</b>	<b>CAFÉ NINEVEH - Leng Te - Visiting Artist</b> <b>Leader: Brian Holden</b>

**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**
- **Furniture for sale — see general noticeboard.**

#### **SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES**

**8.30am Communion/Study**

**10.00am Worship**

**4.00pm Rahab's Room**

**6.00pm Evening**