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# The Next Step



Canberra Christian Fellowship  
(in the Methodist Tradition)

## 7th Multicultural Carols

This year our multicultural carols attracted a slightly smaller crowd, perhaps 270 or 280 people, however it was still a joyous time of singing and remembering God's gift to this world.

We had asked Rev. Peter Nelson to deliver a short message, but instead we were treated to a TV style game show with host Peter Nelson, hostess Miss Spelling, adjudicator Mr. Macquarie and contestants Olivia Words and Daniel Dictionary. The contestants were required to nominate either consonants or vowels and then construct the longest words they could using the letters the hostess revealed. The adjudicator was kept busy, ruling on the correctness of some answers.

One set of letters was N, E, M, A, L, E, M, U. The contestants managed shorter words but were unable to use all the available letters to achieve the best score, so the challenge was opened up to the audience. A man from right up the back of the hall won the prize by suggesting the word EMMANUEL.

EMMANUEL is a big word that means "God with us". God IS with us and wants to be God within us!

**7<sup>th</sup> Annual**

# Multicultural Carols

Sunday, 5 December 2010  
5-00 pm  
Campbell Primary School Hall  
Chauvel Street,  
Campbell

**ALL WELCOME**

*Our guests include Austral-Asian,  
Chinese, Fijian, Indonesian,  
Korean, Samoan & Tongan  
people.*

**Refreshments  
after  
the service**

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Left: Welcome (Howard)



Right: Our Musicians



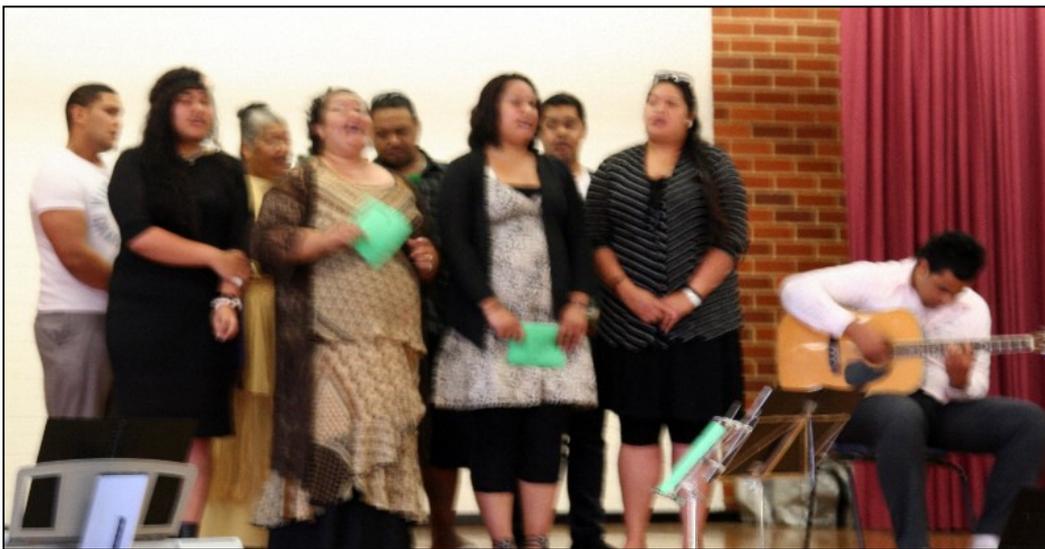
Below: Chinese Methodists



**Above: "O Come All Ye Faithful"**



**Right: Singing together**



**Above: Tongan Wesleyan Methodists**



**Above: Prayer  
(Rev. Kevin Kim)**



**Above: Indonesians**



**Above: Fijian Methodists**



**Left: Bible Reading (Paul Tabulutu)**

**Below: Reid Koreans**



**Left: "Silent Night, Holy Night"**



**Left: Austral-Asians**



**The Game Show  
L to R: Contestant 1,  
Hostess Miss Spelling,  
the props man,  
Contestant 2,  
Adjudicator Daniel Dictionary,  
Host Peter Nelson.**

**EMMANUEL - A big word meaning "God with us".**





Top left: "Hark the herald angels sing"  
 Top right: Samoan lady assisted by the Fijians  
 Above left: Thank yous (Ian)  
 Above centre: Blessing (Rev. Abraham Tang)  
 Above right: Musicians  
 Left: Refreshments  
 Right: Thanks again to the musicians



### **Tuesday Bible Study Breakup Afternoon Tea**

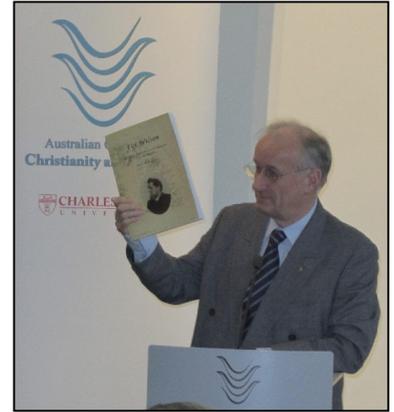
Several of the dedicated Tuesday Bible Study members were able to get together and end the year with afternoon tea organised by Joyce. Bible Studies will resume after the holiday season.

### **Sunday 28th November at 5pm – Mr. Peter Bentley**

Using Acts 5: 17-40 for his text, Peter Bentley of the Assembly of Confessing Congregations within the Uniting Church visited us from Sydney and preached on 'Confessing Christ'.



**Book Launch - Fiji Wilson: Wesleyan Missionary and Minister Fiji and Britain**



Left: Annette, Howard, Ruth, James Haire.  
 Above: Marie and Ann.  
 Above Right: Rev. Prof. James Haire launching the book.



Ruth with Kevin Kim.



Kevin with Rodney.



Rosemary and Ray Hughes.

It can be quite encouraging to read the stories of men and women of faith and learn of how they served their God.

Ruth Bradbury has chronicled the life of Rev. William Wilson who served as a missionary in 19th century Fiji and then back in England.

Her book had its national launch on Tuesday, 30th November at the Australian Centre of Christianity and Culture in Barton. Rev. Prof. James Haire, in launching the book, gave us an idea of the society William Wilson grew up in and the task he undertook.

**Indonesians at our service**



Back in early November the Indonesians joined us for our service. We have just received photos from that occasion from Wanda Beeby of their community.



## Natasha and Paul



Natasha with Fanny after sharing her big news.

I was chatting to Natasha after church, and asked her what interesting things she'd been up to lately. Well she did have something very interesting to say. Her wedding is fast approaching!

Paul and Natasha have made up a friendly young couple when we've seen them at our services, however we knew Paul was away in Korea at the moment due to the passing of his mother.

As he was in Korea, he took the opportunity to visit Natasha's parents and ask their permission to marry their daughter.

Natasha is naturally excitedly looking forward to the 12th of February and we were able to share in that excitement as she shared her news.

She explained we would all be invited to share in that special occasion, so mark it in your diaries now. ID

## Indonesian Carols



Over the last few years we have had the welcome opportunity of getting to know the people of the Indonesian Christian Community in Canberra. They have joined us for several services and participated in our Multicultural Carols. We in turn have joined them for their carols. This year we were again invited to their carols and so we enjoyed a wonderful time of fellowship, christmas joy and food with them.



Their children's ukulele band played, several groups sang, the sunday school children performed a play and we all sang carols together. Rev. Prof. James Haire, a former missionary to Indonesia, delivered the message in both Indonesian and English. Afterwards we were treated to a sumptuous meal and had the chance to chat.

## Campbell High School Chaplaincy – Rev. Steve Lindner

December sees the end of the school year and students off on holidays to hopefully return in the new year refreshed and ready for a year's study.

We pray Steve will also be refreshed during the holidays and that God will prepare him for the school year to come.





Howard Bradbury was in our pulpit this Sunday and spoke on "Assurance".

**Racecourse Chaplaincy – RacingCare Report Dec. 2010 – Rev. Bob Prior**



Since my last letter I have continued to visit the courses in the mornings and occasional afternoons as time allows and all the race meetings in this area. It amazes me that I am still meeting new people every week. There is a large turnover in staff in the stables and always jockeys and trainers coming to meetings from all over country NSW as well as the Sydney courses. A new apprentice has said that he wants to talk to me.

However I seem to be getting more and more opportunities to spend time with individuals off the course and these are most rewarding times. For example I have been able to spend time with a trainer and his partner. The trainer attends meetings of an organisation called, "Victims of Crime". He has been able to talk about many issues he has had through past abuse and how this is affecting his view on life and many of those that work on the course. I have had regular opportunities to share the gospel with them and they have responded well to this. Please pray for me to have future contact with them and for them to respond to the gospel message and receive Jesus as their Saviour.

I have also had more opportunities to meet with the trainer who was having marriage problems. He is back living with his wife and two beautiful daughters now, however his wife is still struggling big time with depression and he too has some depression. Please pray that as I continue to talk with him that he will grow in his understanding of why his wife is acting as she is and will grow in his acceptance of her need for his TLC. Also pray that they will both come to Jesus in faith so that they can have His help in sorting out their health issues.

A 70yr old stable hand, that I had the privilege of helping get government housing sometime ago, rang and asked if I could come round to see him as he had something he need to talk to me about. As we talked it came out that he wanted to plan arrangements for when he dies. He needed help with his will. He wants me to take the service and he wants to be cremated and for me to arrange to get his ashes spread on the Canberra course. I commended him for his planning and then with God's leading I asked what plans he had for himself after his death. About an hour later he prayed and asked the Lord to forgive him for all his past sin and to come into his life to help him live the rest of his time here on earth for Jesus. I have seen him once since and he is "Over the moon" and cannot believe the peace that he has now about the future. He has also asked me for a Bible so I will take that to him on Wednesday.

A track rider who had gone through detox asked me to be his sponsor to help him stay sober and he had also asked me to share some "God stuff" with him and his flatmate who had also just gone through detox. I have been there twice now and the flatmate says that he is not a Jehovah's Witness but has been influenced by their teachings. After the first visit he rang and asked me to come and talk about the trinity, which I did.

After a discussion that was going nowhere I changed tack and took him through the gospel message using the "New World Translation". He came to see that eternal life is in Jesus (whether He is God or not) and that the only way to be saved is by getting rid of your sin by trusting Jesus and then by asking Jesus to come and live in your life to help you live God's way. Having said he understood this he asked me to come back this week and bring him a copy of the Bible that I use. I will be doing that tomorrow, Tuesday.

Another trainer and his partner whom I had visited out in the country have moved in closer to where I am and I am now seeing them each week. At a recent meeting in Cooma a jockey who is a single mum had a fall and I spent the afternoon at the hospital with her and her daughter. This has given me an opportunity to catch up with them since.

At a Canberra meeting yesterday I had several people from Moruya asking why I hadn't been down there for a while. Please pray that we will be able to find a chaplain for Moruya and Bega soon. The Carols at the Course will be on next Monday 20<sup>th</sup> of Dec. Please pray that that goes well.

Bob

## Tramping in New Zealand



For just a few days during December it seemed as if almost half our fellowship had migrated to New Zealand. In fact only Warren, Vince, Dominica, Antoinette and Ian were in the land of the long white cloud for a visit although I believe Marie had recently visited too.



We were there to walk the Milford Track and I can report that it was a marvellous walk with fantastic scenery and particularly good weather.

Prior to the actual walk, we visited Christchurch and saw some of the damage done by the September earthquake. We also attended evensong at Christchurch Cathedral. This slightly less familiar form of worship to us with its choristers, liturgy and sung responses and readings prompted some discussion on the merits of emotional response to worship and regularity of worship irrespective of our feelings towards it.



Vince, Dominica and Antoinette chose the do it yourself way of travelling along the track, which meant carrying and preparing all their own food, whereas Warren and Ian opted for the catered walk with prepared meals, hot showers and comfortable beds each day.

After a day tramping down glacier created valleys



surrounded by massive mountains, waterfalls, lush vegetation and awe inspiring scenery, we reached our accommodation each night with a healthy tiredness. I found it particularly easy to thank God for his care, provision and the beauty of His creation as I sat down to enjoy the evening meal.

I suspect there will be opportunity early in the new year for us to report in more detail on our trip.

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## Sunday 19th December at 5pm – Finnish Carols

Each year the Finnish people hold a carols service just before Christmas. As it is held when our service would normally be, arrangements for the one week, we

The church was full and the mostly Finnish carols but some in carols were unfamiliar to us, the joy season was apparent and it was a goodness to us with our Finnish a Finnish Christmas to Canberra.



rather than make special joined them for their service.

programme packed with music, English as well. Although most and meaning of the Christmas pleasure to celebrate God's friends as they brought something of

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**Sunday 26th December at 5pm – Rev. Dr. Campbell Egan – The Sounds of Christmas**



Many of our people were away from home at Christmas so we did not organise a Christmas Day service of our own.

As Christmas fell on a Saturday, our regular Sunday service was the following day. Campbell Egan had agreed to preach then and suggested we make that our Christmas service. We agreed.

Campbell preached on "The Sounds of Christmas" but unfortunately as I was still absent, I cannot provide anymore information on the service.

**Coming Up**

**Tuesday Bible Study**

**Tuesdays at 2-30 pm at Holy Trinity Finnish Lutheran Church, Turner.**

In recess over the holiday period

All welcome - contact Joyce for more information

**Tuesday Evening Group**

**Plans for the next study or activity are still being formulated.**

All welcome - contact Vince / Dominica for more information

**Thursday English Conversation Group**

**Thursdays at 3-30pm at Canberra Korean Uniting Church, Reid.**

All welcome for conversation with Koreans trying to improve their English - contact June for more information

**Friday Study Group**

**Fridays at 2-00 pm at Holy Trinity Finnish Lutheran Church, Turner.**

All welcome - contact Howard for more information

**Prayer Meeting**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at Marie's.**

Next meeting – watch the newsheet for details

All welcome - contact Alec for more information

**Services**

We meet at **Holy Trinity Finnish Lutheran Church, Cnr. Gould and Watson Streets, Turner**

Sunday 2nd January at 5pm – Mrs. Joyce Hall

Sunday 9th January at 5pm – Rev. Kevin Kim

Sunday 16th January at 5pm – Pastor Mark Warren

Sunday 23rd January at 5pm – Mr. Laurie Hockridge

Sunday 30th January at 5pm – Rev. Peter Nelson



**Mrs. Joyce  
Hall**



**Rev. Kevin  
Kim**



**Pastor Mark  
Warren**



**Mr. Laurie  
Hockridge**



**Rev. Peter  
Nelson**

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