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# The Next Step



Canberra Christian Fellowship  
(in the Methodist Tradition)

## Bees



Warren is, among other things, a bee keeper.

Bees are fascinating insects and on Thursday, 27th February, Warren will help us understand and appreciate them more as he tells us all about "The life of Bees".

6-30pm for dessert, tea and coffee followed by Warren's talk at Ailsa's. Put it in your diary!

## Indonesian's Christmas Service



In 2013 we were again privileged to be invited to the Indonesian's Christmas Service.

After the service itself, there was singing and other items. I found the puppet show (with a Christmas message) and children's time particularly enjoyable.



As in other years the evening concluded with a delicious meal.

All of us who were able to attend enjoyed the evening and are grateful to the Indonesians for their friendship and hospitality.



## Holidays

If you look at the dates this issue of *The Next Step* covers, you will notice it is a longer than normal period.

The 'holiday' wasn't planned but came about through a combination of an uncooperative computer, other activities over the period and a dash of laziness.

Enjoy this catch-up.

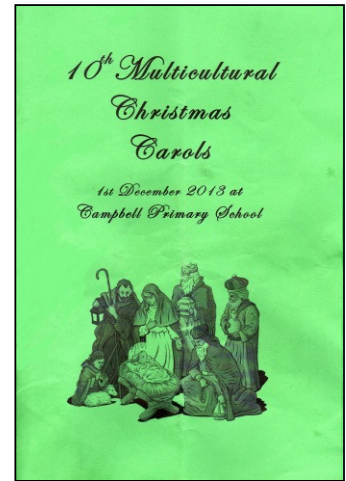


2013 Multicultural Carols

**10th Annual Multicultural Carols**  
5pm  
Sunday  
1 December 2013  
Campbell Primary School hall  
Chauvel Street, Campbell

Our guests include People from  
China, Fiji, Indonesia, Korea, Samoa & Tonga.

**ALL WELCOME - Refreshments afterwards**  
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**Welcome**



**The Band playing  
"O Come All Ye Faithful"**



**Introducing the next choir**





**Canberra  
Christian  
Fellowship**



**Prayer - Rev. Peter Nelson**



**Indonesians**

**Children's segment / "Away in a Manger"**







**Fijians**



**Bible Reading -  
Dr. John Owusu  
(originally from Ghana)**

**Koreans**







**Congregation and Band  
"The First Nowell" / "Silent Night, Holy Night"**



**Chinese**



**Talk -  
Rev. Paul Tabulutu**





**Samoans**

**"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing"**



**Blessing -  
Rev. Abraham Tang**



**Thanks**







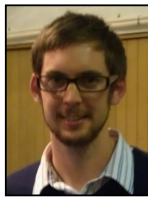
Services over recent weeks have included the following:



Mr. Nick Cole



Rev. Owen Chadwick



Mr. Ben Lattimore



Pastor Paul Tabulutu



Pastor Steve Prior



Pastor Paul Tabulutu



Finnish Carols



Rev. Peter Nelson

## 2014



Rev. Dr. Campbell Egan



Mr. Paul Ahn



Mr. Mark Warren



Mr. Laurie Hockridge



Mr. Trevor Monson



Mr. Michael Bevan



Dr. Howard Bradbury



Mr. Zane Edwards

Sunday 10th November - Mr. Nick Cole (Bible Society) – What's in a name?  
Sunday 17th November - Rev. Owen Chadwick – Jesus, our Great High Priest  
Sunday 24th November – Mr. Ben Lattimore – Such good lives  
Sunday 1st December - Rev. Paul Tabulutu (Multicultural Carols)  
Sunday 8th December – Pastor Steve Prior – Faith that drives out fear  
Sunday 15th December - Rev. Paul Tabulutu – The baby born to be sacrificed  
Sunday 22nd December - Finnish Carols  
Sunday 29th December - Rev. Peter Nelson – Entering New Territory  
2014

Sunday 5th January at 5pm – Rev. Dr. Campbell Egan – Visitors from the east  
Sunday 12th January at 5pm – Mr. Paul Ahn - How to please God  
Sunday 19th January at 5pm – Mr. Mark Warren - Dealing with sin  
Sunday 26th January at 5pm – Mr. Laurie Hockridge - Advance Australia  
Sunday 2nd February at 5pm – Mr. Trevor Monson & Mr. Michael Bevan (Gideons) - International aspects of the Gideons  
Sunday 9th February at 5pm – Dr. Howard Bradbury - The Servant King  
Sunday 16th February at 5pm – Mr. Zane Edwards - From Sight to Insight

## Bible Studies

Our Bible Studies have already resumed for 2014, so it seems strange to be reporting on the 2013 Bible Study breakups.

The Wednesday afternoon group met at Gungahlin Lakes Club for lunch, a cuppa and a chat. While there we bumped into Peter and Lee who were also relaxing at the club.

The Tuesday group met at Bella Vista to celebrate the end of another year's study of God's Word.

## Radio

Warren may not be known primarily for his speaking voice (we tend to think of him more as an everyday good bloke, chef, gardening enthusiast and bee keeper) however he proved no slouch during recent dabbling in radio.

The ABC wanted someone (at reasonably short notice) to talk about our carols and Warren was willing to do it.

Those who were able to tune in reported that Warren acquitted himself very well and provided the carols with valuable publicity.

The carols over, we were all settling back thinking our fellowship's major contribution to Christmas was over for another twelve months when the phone rang and the ABC was again on the line. They were hoping one of the choirs that had participated in our carols might be able to sing on air during an ABC afternoon programme.

We were able to contact the Koreans and put them in touch with the ABC and they duly went to air in the leadup to Christmas.

**Sunday, 2nd February – Mr. Trevor Monson & Mr. Michael Bevan (Gideons)**



We were pleased to have Trevor Monson, Michael Bevan and their wives visit us to tell us more of the work of Gideons International.

Gideons operate in 195 different countries.

Michael told us about Scripture Blitzes where Gideon members visit a particular place to assist local Gideons in distributing a large number of Scriptures over a short period. Scriptures have been distributed in Nepal and the number of Christians in that country has increased greatly over the last 50 years.

Trevor spoke about Camp visits which are intended to educate and encourage Gideon camps in various parts of the world. A Gideon member will visit a camp, have fellowship with the local Gideons and work with them to ensure that camp members know how to best go about distribution and that Scriptures are distributed effectively.

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**David McDonald**

I am sure many will remember back in late 2011, David McDonald preached for us a week before he was due to head to Darwin to plant a new church there.

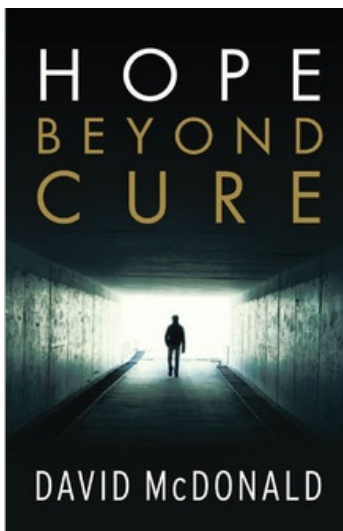
Just days later he collapsed and was diagnosed with cancer.

His move to Darwin had to be abandoned and he has been receiving treatment for his cancer ever since.

We have seen Dave a few times since and been aware of his cancer battle.

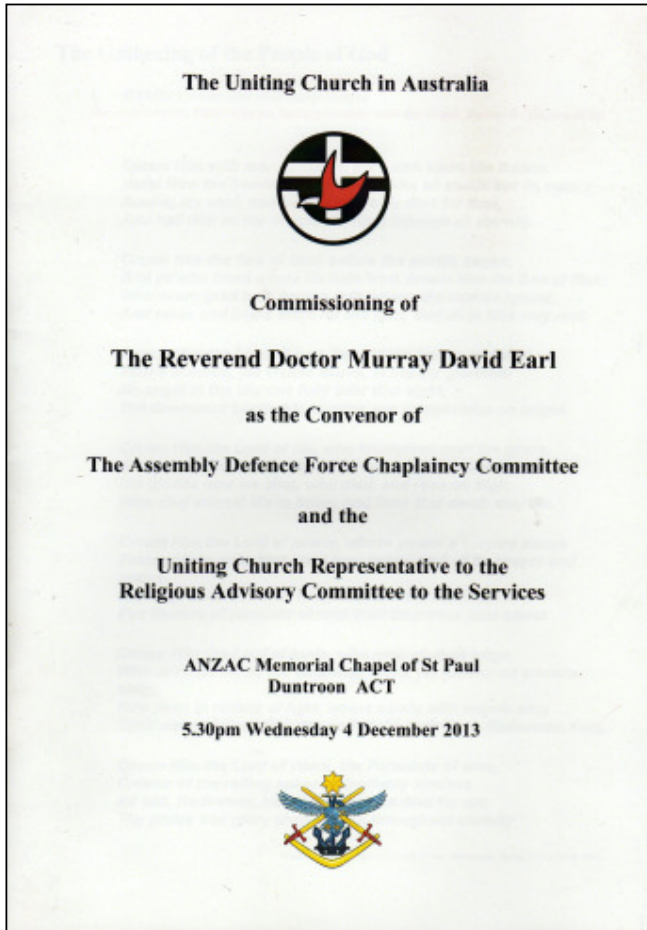
He has recently written a book that looks at that battle from his perspective as a cancer sufferer, but one with a Christian faith and hope.

I haven't yet had an opportunity to get a copy or read the book, however I am sure they will be fairly easy to obtain in the next few weeks.





## Commissioning of Rev. Dr. Murray Earl



We have benefitted greatly over several years from the friendship and preaching of Murray Earl during his time as a chaplain to the Airforce.

That role is now over but in early December he was commissioned as "the Convenor of The Assembly Defence Force Chaplaincy Committee and the Uniting Church Representative to the Religious Advisory Committee to the Services".

Several of us were able to attend the service at Duntroon chapel and give him our best wishes and support.

## Matti and Ritva

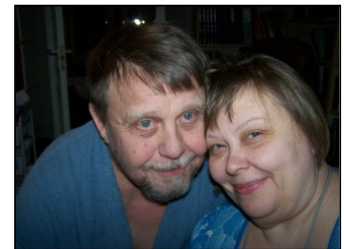
Season's greetings from Nivala.

In November Matti did two weeks visit to Tanzania. He met Finnish missionary workers there.

We will spend the Christmas this year in Nilsia in the Finnish Lakeland area. Matti is partly working because he takes care of the devotional services.

Merry Christmas and Happy New year with best wishes Ritva and Matti

Regards to Christian Fellowship



## Sunday, 16th February – Mr. Zane Edwards – From Sight to Insight



Sometimes things don't seem to make a lot of sense to us. Why are some people rich and others poor? Why do many things seem unfair and many good people find themselves in poor circumstances? It just doesn't seem right.

We believe in a good God, but live in a bad world. We need to look around with spiritual, not human eyes.

- 1 Corinthians 13: 10-12 explains that our current view of things is limited. We don't see the full picture. We don't see as God sees.
- Matthew 5: 43-45 tells us that God "causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous." There isn't a link between goodness and good fortune.
- When we read Psalm 73: 3,4,12,16,17 we can recognise our human thinking but also see beyond that and understand that everyone's true rewards are not what we have in the present but instead they are waiting for us in eternity.
- Life is not all about possessions as is explained in Luke 12: 15.

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## Piano

Each week we are well served by one or other of our pianists.

Unfortunately our piano hasn't been quite so cooperative recently. After recurring problems with a spring in the sustain pedal the piano eventually turned up it's toes (or should that be pedals) totally.

The music we have been singing along to for a number of weeks now, has not been produced by our piano but a loan instrument from the music shop.

Sometime soon we will need to decide on our musical future rather than rely on the current temporary arrangements.

### STOP PRESS

On contacting the music shop we were asked how the loan instrument suited us. It has served us well so that was the reply. We were then told we could keep it for no cost.

THANK YOU to Davis Wheeler.

**Campbell High School chaplaincy – Rev. Steve Lindner**

**Racing Industry chaplaincy - Rev. Bob Prior**

**Institute of Sport chaplaincy – Rev. Peter Nelson**

**UniLodge chaplaincy – Rev. Owen Chadwick**

**Army & A.C.T. Emergency Services chaplaincies – Rev. Phil Anderson**

Please remember Steve, Bob, Peter, Owen, Phil and their chaplaincy work in your prayers.



## Coming Up

### Tuesday Bible Study

**Tuesdays at 2-30 pm.**

All welcome - contact Joyce for more information  
Studying Jeremiah

### Friday Study Group

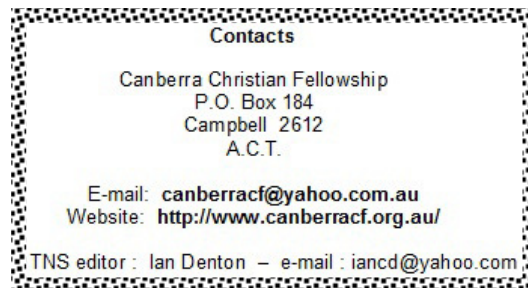
**Fridays at 2-00 pm.**

All welcome - contact Howard for more information  
Studying Isaiah

### Prayer Meeting

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

Next meeting – 2pm, 17th March.  
All welcome



## Services

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

Sunday **23rd February** at 5pm – **Rev. Phil Anderson**

Sunday **2nd March** at 5pm – **Rev. Bob Prior (Harvest Thanksgiving)**

Sunday **9th March** at 5pm – **Mrs. Joyce Hall**

Sunday **16th March** at 5pm – **Rev. Ray Hughes**

Sunday **23rd March** at 5pm – **Pastor Steve Prior**

Sunday **30th March** at 5pm – **Rev. Peter Nelson**

Sunday **6th April** at 5pm – **details later**

Sunday **13th April** at 5pm – **details later**

Sunday **20th April** at 5pm – **Rev. Dr. Campbell Egan**



**Rev. Phil Anderson**



**Rev. Bob Prior**



**Mrs. Joyce Hall**



**Rev. Ray Hughes**



**Pastor Steve Prior**



**Rev. Peter Nelson**



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**Rev. Dr. Campbell Egan**