



Canberra Christian Fellowship (in the Methodist Tradition)

10 years !!!!!!!!!

May 2004 Issue 3

Worship Service

It has been decided that we will start holding our own worship services on the 30th May (Pentecost Sunday) and from then once a month on Sunday evenings of the fourth Sunday at the Campbell Gospel Chapel, Chauvel St., Campbell.

Eighteen of us met to discuss the future on Sunday 9th May and we came to general agreement that this was the best way forward. We pray that God will bless us as we step forward in faith.

In keeping with our existence as a self help group, our first service of worship will draw on the gifts of members of our own group, however help from others will be available to us in the future. Rev. Abraham Tang has agreed to preach at our service in June.



5-00pm

at Campbell Gospel Chapel

A Christian Fellowship in the Methodist Tradition

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Ten Years of Preaching

Our Fellowship met together for worship for the first time on 30 May 2004 (Pentecost). We began by meeting monthly and in our 4th month introduced a fellowship tea / time of singing as a second gathering each month. Weekly services commenced in August 2006.

In the 10 years since our beginnings we have welcomed 69 different preachers and been blessed as they brought God's Word to us. Of course there have been others as well who have spoken as part of our services, bringing news of God at work in different places and in different ways or providing children's talks. While those contributions have been significant and greatly appreciated, the information below relates only to those people who have brought the main message to us each week.



Dr. Howard Bradbury 30-5-2004 (1st Service) 12-6-2005 (1st Anniv.) 11-9-2005 26-2-2006 9-7-2006 7-1-2007 4-1-2007 13-5-2007 22-7-2007 14-10-2007 27-1-2008 27-4-2008 31-8-2008 23-11-2008 25-1-2009 6-9-2009 11-10-2009 10-1-2010 8-8-2010 12-12-2010 1-5-2011 11-3-2012 21-10-2012 24-3-2013



Rev. Abraham Tang 27-6-2004 26-9-2004 19-11-2004 (Carols) 27-3-2005 28-8-2005 11-12-2005 (Carols) 13-8-2006 10-12-2006 (Carols) 20-5-2007 2-12-2007 (Carols) 9-11-2008 5-4-2009 8-11-2009 2-5-2010 18-9-2011 4-12-2011 (Carols) 2-12-2012 (Carols)



Dr. E. (Ted) Dennis 25-7-2004 23-1-2005 8-5-2005 24-7-2005 8-1-2006 14-4-2006 (G. Friday) 6-8-2006 17-9-2006 31-12-2006 18-3-2007

3-6-2007 8-7-2007 23-9-2007 16-12-2007 6-1-2008 28-12-2008 21-6-2009 27-12-2009



Fellowship Service 8-8-2004 5-9-2004 10-10-2004 14-11-2004 13-2-2005 29-5-2005 31-7-2005 30-10-2005



Rev. Ron Peters
22-8-2004
26-6-2005
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24-2-2008
25-5-2008 (4h Anniv.)
7-9-2008
18-1-2009
10-5-2009
19-7-2009



Mrs. Mary Hawkes 24-10-2004



Rev. Dr. Ross Kingham 28-11-2004 23-10-2005

23-7-2006 18-2-2007



Rev. Don Purdey 26-12-2004 12-7-2009



Rev. Malcolm Richards 27-2-2005 10-7-2005 9-3-2008



Rev. Dr. Campbell Egan 13-3-2005 (Vanuatu Mission) 24-9-2006 10-2-2008 4-5-2008 17-8-2008 21-12-2008 22-2-2009 12-4-2009 28-6-2009 13-9-2009 3-1-2010 17-1-2010 4-4-2010 (Easter) 4-7-2010 24-10-2010 26-12-2010 13-3-2011 6-11-2011 5-2-2012 22-7-2012 14-10-2012 6-1-2013 10-3-2013 12-5-2013 25-8-2013 20-4-2014 (Easter)



Rev. Warwick Brain 10-4-2005 (Bible Soc.) 13-11-2005

12-3-2006 3-9-2006 5-11-2006 1-4-2007



Mr. Allan Melmoth 24-4-2005 7-10-2007 26-7-2009



Rev. Phil Anderson 22-5-2005 1-10-2006 28-7-2013 23-2-2014



Rev. Paul Dudley 14-8-2005 11-6-2006 19-11-2006 15-4-2007 1-7-2007 11-11-2007 16-3-2008



Rev. David McDonald 9-10-2005 25-6-2006 22-10-2006 27-5-2007 (3rd Anniv.) 17-5-2009 18-10-2009 28-3-2010 9-5-2010 16-5-2010 25-9-2011 27-11-2011 17-2-2013



Rev. Laurence Coutts 27-11-2005



Rev. Rod James (Friday) 27-1-2006



Rev. Ray Hughes 12-2-2006 23-4-2006 28-5-2006 (2nd Anniv.) 20-8-2006 8-10-2006 12-11-2006 11-3-2007 6-4-2007 (Good Friday) 8-4-2007 19-8-2007 13-4-2008 20-7-2008 14-9-2008 8-3-2009 24-5-2009 23-8-2009 7-2-2010 18-4-2010 3-10-2010 6-2-2011 3-4-2011 12-6-2011 4-9-2011 9-12-2012 19-5-2013 (9th Anniv.) 8-9-2013 16-3-2014



Rev. Jim Midgley 9-4-2006 15-10-2006



Mr. Winston Newman 30-4-2006 (Sudan Inland Mission)



Rev. Kevin Kim
27-8-2006
25-3-2007
5-8-2007
25-11-2007
23-3-2008
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14-12-2008
15-3-2009
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21-3-2010
23-5-2010 (6th Anniv.)
5-9-2011
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Rev. Peter Nelson 29-10-2006 25-2-2007 29-7-2007 30-9-2007 30-12-2007 30-3-2008 29-6-2008 24-8-2008 30-11-2008 7-12-2008 (Carols) 31-5-2009 (5th Anniv.) 30-8-2009 29-11-2009 6-12-2009 (Carols) 31-1-2010 27-6-2010 (Wesley Hymn Festival) 29-8-2010 31-10-2010 5-12-2010 (Carols) 30-1-2011 29-5-2011 (7th Anniv.) 31-7-2011 (Hymn Festival) 30-10-2011 29-1-2012 29-4-2012 29-7-2012 (Hymn Festival) 30-9-2012 30-12-2012 31-3-2013 (Easter) 30-6-2013 29-9-2013 29-12-2013

30-3-2014



Rev. Matthew Bolte 26-11-2006



Mrs. Joyce Hall
24-12-2006
21-1-2007
21-10-2007
13-1-2008
6-4-2008
19-10-2009
41-2009
29-3-2009 (Harvest
Thanksgiving)
25-10-2009
12-9-2010
2-1-2011
6-3-2011 (Harvest
Thanksgiving)
8-5-2011
1-1-2012
22-1-2012
4-3-2012 (Harvest
Thanksgiving)
13-5-2012
20-1-2013
21-4-2013
29-3-2014



Mr. Vince Lorimer



Mr. Bob Edwards 4-3-2007 10-6-2007



Rev. Perry Smith 22-4-2007



Pastor / Mr. Mark Warren 29-4-2007 2-9-2007 9-9-2007 3-2-2008 17-2-2008 2-3-2008 18-5-2008 1-6-2008 21-9-2008 5-10-2008 8-2-2009 15-2-2009 13-12-2009 14-2-2010 25-4-2010 11-7-2010 26-9-2010 16-1-2011 26-6-2011 3-7-2011 20-11-2011 8-4-2012 (Easter) 1-7-2012 11-11-2012 13-1-2013 10-2-2013 9-6-2013



Mr. Laurie Hockridge 6-5-2007 16-9-2007 4-11-2007 23-12-2007 20-1-2008 20-4-2008 13-7-2008 11-1-2009 26-4-2009 24-1-2010 28-2-2010 (Harvest Thanksgiving) 1-8-2010 23-1-2011 2-10-2011 17-6-2012 27-1-2013 2-6-2013 26-1-2014



Mr. Zane Edwards
17-6-2007 (Bible Soc.)
15-6-2008 (Bible Soc.)
3-5-2009 (Bible Soc.)
20-9-2009
6-6-2010
14-11-2010
19-6-2011 (Bible Soc.)
15-4-2012
11-8-2013
16-2-2014



Rev. Geoff Findlay 15-7-2007



Mr. Ron Dawes 12-8-2007 (Leprosy Mission) 4-10-2009 (LM) 22-5-2011 (LM) 24-6-2012 (LM)



Mr. Jeff Mason 28-10-2007 (Scripture Union) 28-10-2012 (SU) 21-7-2013 (SU)



Mr. Allan Windley 18-11-2007 (Christian Blind Mission) 16-8-2009 (CBM) 23-10-2011 (CBM)



Mr. Adrian Milne 11-5-2008 16-11-2008 22-3-2009



Rev. Dr. Murray Earl 8-6-2008 26-10-2008 1-3-2009 14-6-2009

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Pastor Peter Nduati (from Kenya) 22-6-2008



Mr. Tim Omrod 6-7-2008 12-10-2008



Rev. Bob Prior 27-7-2008 28-9-2008 1-2-2009 19-4-2009 7-6-2009 9-8-2009 15-11-2009 14-3-2010 20-6-2010 15-8-2010 7-11-2010 24-4-2011 (Easter) 13-11-2011 19-2-2012 20-5-2012 12-8-2012 4-11-2012 3-3-2013 (Harvest Thanksgiving) 14-7-2013 3-11-2013 2-3-2014 (Harvest Thanksgiving)



Mr. Craig Webber 10-8-2008 (Scripture Union) 13-6-2010 (SU) 21-8-2011 (SU)



Pastor Andrew Kiwanuka (from Uganda) 2-11-2008



Pastor Steve Prior
2-8-2009
22-11-2009
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23-3-2014



Finnish Carols 20-12-2009 19-12-2010 18-12-2011 23-12-2012 22-12-2013



Rev. Steve Estherby 11-4-2010 (Family Voice)



Mr. Michael Nott 22-8-2010 27-3-2011 16-10-2011



Mr. Paul Avis 19-9-2010 20-2-2011 11-9-2011



Hymn Singing 21-11-2010



Mr. Peter Bentley 28-11-2010 12-2-2012 13-10-2013



Mr. John Mann 10-4-2011 (Gideons)



Rev. John Turton 5-6-2011



Rev. Rachel Tonga 10-7-2011 22-4-2012 5-8-2012 14-4-2013



Mr. Ray Spear 14-8-2011



Mr. Shane Weston 28-8-2011



Rev. Paul Tabulutu 9-10-2011 11-12-2011 18-3-2012 10-6-2012 7-10-2012 17-3-2013 4-8-2013 (Hymn Festival) 15-12-2013 (Carols) 15-12-2013 6-4-2014



Rev. David Moyes 1-4-2012



Rev. Owen Chadwick 8-7-2012 18-11-2012 7-7-2013 17-11-2013



Pastor Paul Noble



Pastor Stephen Smith 19-8-2012



Mr. Ben Lattimore 2-9-2011 26-5-2013 24-11-2013



Rev. the Hon. Dr. Gordon Moyes A.C. 9-9-2012 (Methodism 200th Anniv. in Australia)



Rev. Mark Willis 16-9-2012



Rev. Janne Pekkarinen 23-9-2012



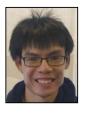
Dr. Paul Ahn 25-11-2012 7-4-2013 18-8-2013 12-1-2014 11-5-2014



Mr. Adrian Summers 28-4-2013 6-10-2013



Pastor Dave Irving 5-5-2013 1-9-2013



Mr. George Huang 16-6-2013 27-10-2013 13-4-2014



Pastor Dan Muwanguzi (from Uganda) 15-9-2013



Mr. Nick Cole 10-11-2013 (Bible Soc.)



Mr. Trevor Monson 2-2-2014 shared (Gideons)



2-2-2014 shared (Gideons)



27-4-2014



4-5-2014

Unilodge chaplaincy support

Life can sometimes be a bit of a slog, and that is what Owen Chadwick is currently finding with his chaplaincy work - expending effort with seemingly little immediate reward is hard. The Bible study / discussion groups he coordinates are active but becoming slightly smaller in size, not expanding.

WE NEED TO PRAY!

If there are ways to overcome the difficulties Owen faces (and I'm sure there are), God knows them. This is God's work Owen is doing. We need to do our part and support that work with prayer.

Church signs found illustrated on the internet

If you're looking for a sign from God to visit our church, this is it!

What is missing from ch ch? u r

Honk if you love Jesus. Text while driving if you want to meet Him.

Church - Hospital for sinners, not a rest home for saints.

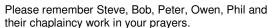
Be an organ donor. Give your heart to Jesus.

Read the Bible: It's user friendly plus we offer tech support here on Sundays.

As you pass this little church, be sure to plan a visit, so when at last you're carried in, God won't ask "Who is it?"

This is a segregated church - for sinners ONLY. All welcome.

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













Sunday, 20th April – Rev. Dr. Campbell Egan – Easter Faith

- Ε Early - It was early on the Sunday when the women went to Jesus' tomb because they wanted to annoint His body.
- Astonished They were astonished when they realised Jesus was not there. Mary was Α astonished when she saw her risen Lord.
- S Scepticism - The men were sceptical when they heard the news. They didn't believe the women.
- Т Testimony - Mary Magdalene took the news that she had seen the risen Jesus to the disciples. Later when men from Emmaus realised they had seen the risen Jesus they rushed back to Jerusalem with their news.
- Ε Eager - Mary, the men from Emmaus and others were eager to share the news that Jesus was alive with others. They couldn't keep the news to themselves.
- R Resurrection - Jesus' resurrection is something that we can't properly understand or explain, but it is at the centre of Christian faith. Jesus had lived a physical life but the resurrected Jesus was not bound by the physical, He existed in a spiritual realm. Jesus had been dead, but now He is alive!

The Lord is risen! He is risen indeed!

Extracts from "The Purdey Pages", April 2014

(Ian is an MAF pilot we have supported. He, with wife Adele and their 2 boys, is stationed at Elcho Island, Arnhem Land)

Six Months in Arnhem Land!

Yes six months already! With the move up here in September, the move to Elcho in December and all of this over the six hottest, stickiest months of the tropical year we decided to take a short break, or rather whirlwind tour, of Adelaide via Cairns in early March. We caught up with family and a few friends, went to our home church and were excited to meet our two newest nephews, born exactly the same day and conveniently the day before we arrived! Six months also means check flights and checks with the Chief Pilot to assess lan's progress, both of which he has recently completed with encouraging results. ...

Homeland Outreaches and Easter MicroSD Cards

In early January Ian and a fellow Elcho pilot were privileged to fly some Yolngu Christians from the homeland of Gawa on Elcho Island to that of Baniyala, 150km southeast. The two pilots attended the evening rally which went late into the night with worship, dances and a message of the Glory of God. In total, outreaches were run to 9 different homelands over the Christmas period, with invitations from all of them for more visits.

... a special Easter MicroSD Card has been produced by MAF Information Technology Services for distribution in the remote communities of east Arnhem Land. These cards for mobile phones include the Easter story, other Bible stories, testimonies by Yolngu Christians, Easter videos and pictures, both in local language and in English. ...



Life at Galiwin'ku, Elcho Island

Life at Galiwin'ku, the main community on Elcho Island, is settling into somewhat of a routine. We are going along to the local church on Sunday mornings and it's encouraging to see this run and led by the Yolngu. ...

We've also started going to a Bible Study group for non-Indigenous workers in the community. The focus has been on learning to remember and retell Bible passages as stories, especially relevant to life here as the Yolngu culture is traditionally an oral one. ...

Baby News

Life on Elcho is set to get busier with the arrival of Baby Purdey #3! That's right, we're expecting the newest member of our family in mid-October! ...

Sunday, 4th May – Rev. Ron Reeson – Doubt and the Emmaus road

A minister who emerged from a rocky period in his ministry caused by doubt observed "No one was seeing that doubt can be a path to Christian faith."

Doubt can arise from intellectual struggles, tiredness, emotional stimulus and numerous other things. Many biblical and more modern day people have had periods of doubt including Jeremiah, Job, Thomas the Apostle, Francis of Assisi and C.S.Lewis.



- Often when doubts grow, the doubter hasn't waited long enough to discover the truth. The men travelling to Emmaus had left Jerusalem having heard reports of Jesus having risen, but had not stayed long enough to satisfy themselves if those reports were true.
- Listening to others can ease doubts. If the Emmaus men had paid more attention to what the women had said, they would most likely have been less uncertain on their trip home. For us, listening to the faith story of others can boost our faith and lessen doubts.
- Doubts can persist when people fail to investigate the truth of a matter for themselves. Truth bears investigation.
- Turning to Scripture when battling doubts relating to faith helps resolve those doubts. We should approach Scripture with an open, humble and ready spirit, letting it bring its message to us.

God can come to us through and in our doubts.

A burglar broke into a house one night. He shone his flashlight around, looking for valuables; and when he picked up a CD player to place in his sack, a strange, disembodied voice echoed from the dark saying, "Joshua is watching you."

He nearly jumped out of his skin, clicked his flashlight off, and froze. When he heard nothing more after a bit, he shook his head, promised himself a vacation after the next big score, then clicked the light on and began searching for more valuables.

Just as he pulled the stereo out so he could disconnect the wires, clear as a bell he heard, "Joshua is watching you." Freaked out, he shone his light around frantically, looking for the source of the voice. Finally, in the corner of the room, his flashlight beam came to rest on a parrot.

"Did you say that?" he hissed at the parrot.

"Yep," the parrot confessed, and then squawked, "I'm just trying to warn you."

The burglar relaxed. "Warn me, huh? Who in the world are you?"

"Moses," replied the bird.

"Moses?" the burglar laughed. "What kind of people would name a bird Moses?"

"The kind of people that would name a Rottweiler Joshua."



Lea Nelson's book

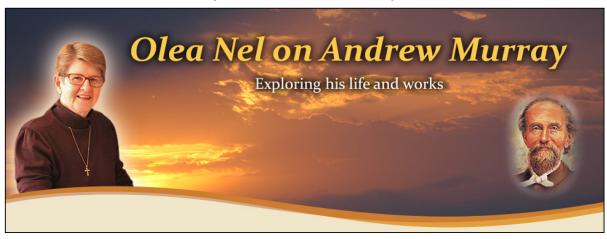
If you are like me, you know very little, if anything, about a revival that occurred through the Cape of Good Hope in the early 1860s or of Andrew Murray who was used by God during that revival.

Lea Nelson does know something of those times and events and is sharing her knowledge through her writing. Writing as Olea Nel, she is working on a fictional trilogy based on the life of Andrew Murray, part 1 of which she hopes will be completed in the first part of this year.

Already freely available in electronic form are "South Africa's Forgotten Revival" and "A Brief Overview of Andrew Murray's Life". I have looked at A Brief Overview ... and found it tells an interesting story which is both encouraging and inspiring.

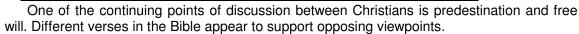
To find out more or get the links to what is available, get on your computer and go to

http://www.onandrewmurray.com/



If you are one of those people the computer age has left in its wake, I'm sure Olea (Lea) can tell you more about Andrew Murray, the revival and her writing next time you see her.

Sunday, 11th May – Dr. Paul Ahn – The God who seeks



The parable of the lost son (or prodigal son) at first appears to focus on the choices of the son. His decision to request his inheritance, leave home, live the high life and eventually return are his choices.

The way his father watched out for him then treated him on his return can also give some insight into how our Heavenly Father seeks us, His children, out.

The son found himself living in miserable conditions, repented of his foolishness and returned to his home. He had chosen to rebel then repent, but we can also see the Holy Spirit working in him, helping him come to his senses.

The father was watching for his son and ran to him and welcomed him on his return.

We can seek God and find Him, but at the same time God is seeking us, wanting us to turn back to Him .

Meetina

Meetings seem to come around very quickly although we only have 2 per year.

We met at Bradbury's on Monday 12/5 and sat down to a nice hot meal. Thank you Ruth.

Dinner over, we launched into the meeting proper. Joan was gladly accepted as a new member. Correspondence in brought us two thank you cards and a thank you certificate from the Bible Society.

Discussion included thoughts on catering for our 'events' (as they are outreach activities we will buy in much of what we need to lessen the work and free ourselves up to mix with our guests), whether we will hold a hymn festival this year (we will) and outreach (we can advertise our activities with more letterbox drops and must ensure we continue to make all who come to our services feel welcome).

Certificate of Appreciation

PROMITED CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

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We closed with prayer.

Services over recent weeks have included the following:



Rev. Peter Nelson



Tabulutu



Mr. George Huang



Rev. Dr. Campbell Egan



Rev. Jangwon Seo



Rev. Ron Reeson



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Sunday 30th March - Rev. Peter Nelson - Three Lights Sunday 6th April - Rev. Paul Tabulutu - The Glory of God Sunday 13th April - Mr. George Huang - What matters Sunday 20th April - Rev. Dr. Campbell Egan (Easter) - Easter Faith Sunday 27th April – Rev. Jangwon Seo - Where does genuine faith start from? Sunday 4th May - Rev. Ron Reeson - Doubt and the Emmaus road Sunday 11th May - Dr. Paul Ahn - The God who seeks

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 John for more information Studying Acts

Prayer Meeting

3rd Monday of each month, usually at Marie's. Next meeting - 2pm, 19th May. All welcome

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Services

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

Sunday 18th May at 5pm - Rev. David McDonald (10th Anniversary)

Sunday 25th May at 5pm - Mr. Robert Nicholls (Christian Blind Mission) Sunday 1st June at 5pm - Mr. Mark Warren

Sunday 8th June at 5pm - Miss Lil Hardwicke (Compassion)

Sunday 15th June at 5pm - Rev. Bob Prior

Sunday 22nd June at 5pm - Rev. Phil Anderson

Sunday 29th June at 5pm - Rev. Peter Nelson

Sunday 6th July at ? - Combined Service for congregations using Holy Trinity Church

Sunday 13th June at 5pm - Rev. Owen Chadwick



Rev. David McDonald



Mr. Robert **Nicholls**



Mr. Mark Warren



Miss Lil Hardwicke



Rev. Bob **Prior**



Rev. Phil Anderson



Rev. Peter

Nelson





Combined Service

