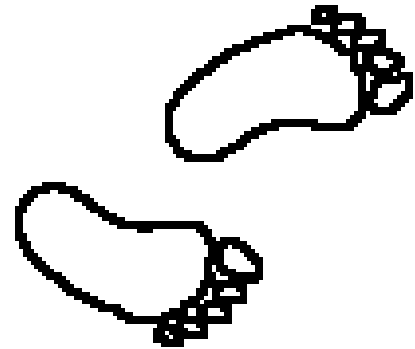


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# The Next Step



Canberra Christian Fellowship  
(in the Methodist Tradition)

## Sunday, 4th June – Rev. Dr. Murray Earl – The Church's one foundation



For our 13th Anniversary service, we were pleased to have Rev. Dr. Murray Earl, former military chaplain and now a member of the Religious Advisory Committee to the ADF, preaching for us.

Murray pointed out that while our Fellowship has been meeting for 13 years, this year also marks the 500th anniversary of the start of the protestant reformation, when Martin Luther nailed a sheet of paper with 95 theses on the Wittenberg university's chapel door.

For his sermon, Murray took us through the hymn 'The Church's one foundation' explaining and enlarging on the ideas and scriptural truths packed into its verses.

The hymn commences with the words "The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ our Lord". This points to a quality control test for the Church. We can ask is something of God or not and find the answer by considering how consistent it is with what Jesus taught, who Jesus is and how Jesus would see it.

There are 5 solas which encapsulate the reformers theological thinking concerning the essentials of Christianity:

**Sola Scriptura** ("Scripture alone"): The Bible alone is our highest authority.

**Sola Fide** ("faith alone"): We are saved through faith alone in Jesus Christ.

**Sola Gratia** ("grace alone"): We are saved by the grace of God alone.

**Solus Christus** ("Christ alone"): Jesus Christ alone is our Lord, Saviour, and King.

**Soli Deo Gloria** ("to the glory of God alone"): We live for the glory of God alone.

All Christian people are drawn together to be one in Christ, however the word 'elect' used in the hymn can be considered controversial as it brings to mind the continuing debate concerning free will versus predestination.

The hymn describes challenges the Church faces. It is not easy to be a Christian in times of turmoil however it is not all bad news. There are also times when the Christian message is well received and accepted. We as Christians are called to 'guard' the gospel and not let it be subverted.

Although buffeted by worldliness the Christian is always on duty in his or her service to Christ and is encouraged by a Holy Spirit given vision of a glorious.victorious future.

What we now know is not all there is. "mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won." speaks of Christian hope and oneness with those who have gone before us and with whom we will one day share a new and transformed life together with God.

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## Campbell High chaplaincy news

School chaplains are encouraged to keep their skills and knowledge current and to develop them. Steve has been studying to do just that.

**Steve Lindner writes** "I have been on leave from my chaplaincy position for the past 10 weeks completing a field placement at Children and Youth Protection Services for my social work course at university.

I would be happy to arrange a time to come and visit everyone again at CCF."

I'm great at multitasking. I can waste time, be unproductive, and procrastinate all at once.

# Why 'tock-tick' does not sound right to your ears

Ever wondered why we say tick-tock, not tock-tick, or ding-dong, not dong-ding; King Kong, not Kong King? Turns out it is one of the unwritten rules of English that native speakers know without knowing.

The rule, explains a BBC article, is: "If there are three words then the order has to go I, A, O. If there are two words then the first is I and the second is either A or O. Mish-mash, chit-chat, dilly-dally, shilly-shally, tip top, hip-hop, flip-flop, tic tac, sing song, ding dong, King Kong, ping pong."

There's another unwritten rule at work in the name Little Red Riding Hood, says the article.

"Adjectives in English absolutely have to be in this order: opinion-size-age-shape-colour-ori-

**PLAY IT BY EAR:** If a word sequence sounds wrong, it is probably wrong



gin-material-purpose noun. So you can have a lovely little old rectangular green French silver whittling knife. But if you mess with that word order in the slightest you'll sound like a maniac."

That explains why we say "little green men" not "green little men," but "Big Bad Wolf" sounds like a gross violation of the "opinion (bad)-size (big)-noun (wolf)" order. It won't, though, if you recall the first rule about the I-A-O order.

That rule seems inviolable: "All four of a horse's feet make exactly the same sound. But we always, always say clip-clop, never clop-clip."

This rule even has a technical name, if you care to know it—the rule of ablaut reduplication—but then life is simpler knowing that we know the rule without knowing it.

For more: BBC

## Chaplains

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

Rev. Owen Chadwick - Universities chaplaincy

Rev. Steve Lindner - Campbell High School chaplaincy

Rev. David McDonald - A.C.T. Brumbies Rugby Union team chaplaincy

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



When my boss asked me who is the stupid one, me or him? I told him everyone knows he doesn't hire stupid people.

## A visit to Moncrieff



A friend, when telling others of a recent excursion, describes it as getting on a bus and driving around looking at street signs. He makes it sound on a par with watching paint dry. In reality it turned out to be an entertaining and educational afternoon. Several members of our Fellowship hopped on the bus organised by the Friends of the National Film and Sound Archive for a trip around the new suburb Moncrieff.

Several of us had seen Gladys Moncrieff perform and were reminded of her career and music as we travelled to the construction site that is Moncrieff. A short video clip of her singing was played over the bus's entertainment system.



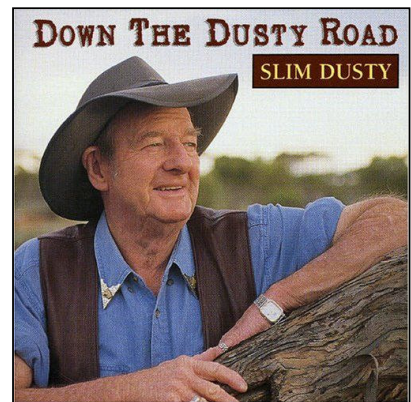
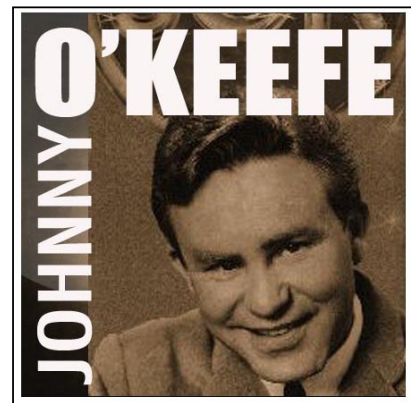
Moncrieff street names have musical associations, most named after personalities from the past, both nationally known and others with a more local influence.

As we visited particular streets we were told a little of the background and career of the person commemorated and shown a short video clip of them performing.

At one point we disembarked from

the bus and enjoyed a cuppa and biscuits before resuming our tour.

Some of those we learnt about included Jimmy Little, the aboriginal singer who had a big hit with the song 'Royal Telephone', Bobby Limb who had a long and successful career, Johnny O'Keefe, a pioneering and influential rock 'n' roller and Joseph Mummery, a very successful tenor of the between war years who lived in Canberra.



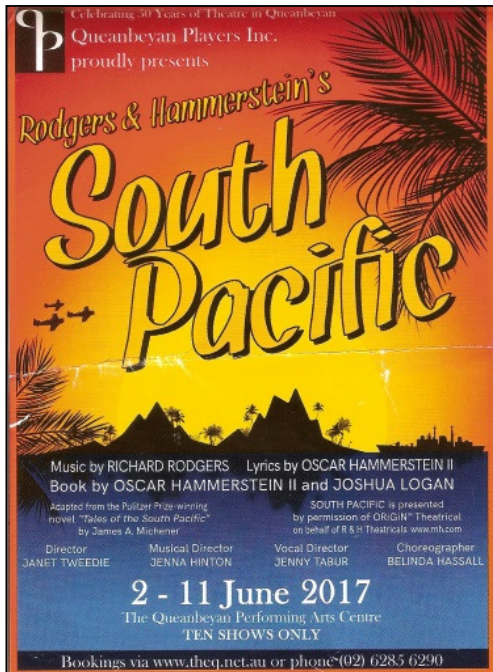
There is a 'Bandstand Street' which remembers the long running TV show that showcased a vast array of Australian talent. The clip to remind us of Bandstand



showed a very young Jacki Weaver singing 'I love onions' with show compere Brian Henderson making an appearance to tell us a little about onions.

There was not time to discuss each street or the person who lent it its name however those from our fellowship remembered Myra Law as we passed by the crescent that now bears her name.

## SOUTH PACIFIC



Some of the South Pacific cast posing for pictures after the show

On occasions it is good to get together for some social activity where we can spend time enjoying something of what life has to offer as a group.

The musical South Pacific was being performed at the Q theatre Queanbeyan and it seemed a great opportunity to do just that.

Some interest was expressed but then aches, pains, illness and other engagements intervened. John M. and Ian D. plus 3 friends made it to the Saturday matinee performance, with close to an equal number unable to attend.

The cast gave us an enjoyable show which included plenty of well remembered music and songs.

### Coming Up

#### Tuesday Bible Study

**Tuesdays at 2-30 pm. - In winter recess**

All welcome - contact Joyce for more information  
Studying John

#### Prayer Meeting

**3<sup>rd</sup> Monday** of each month **at 2-30 pm**, usually at Marie's.

All welcome

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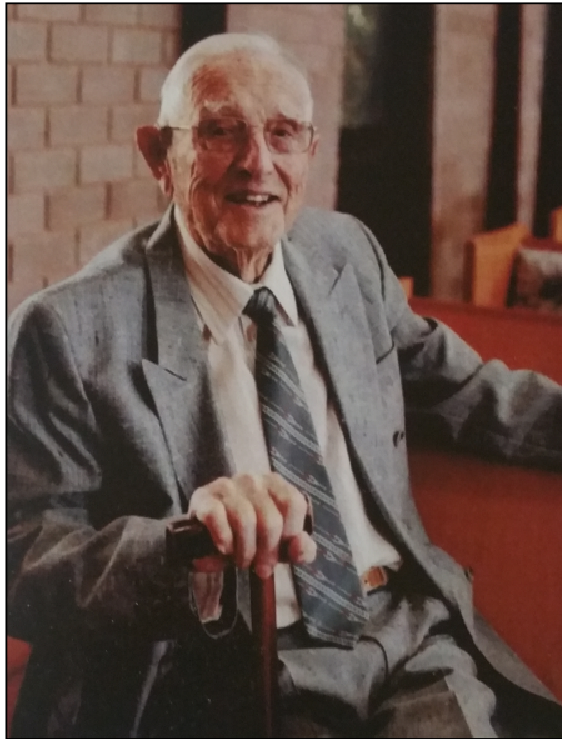
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Just read that 4,153,237 people got married last year, not to cause any trouble but shouldn't that be an even number?

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## Keith



When our Fellowship began 13 years ago, we needed somewhere to meet and for our first few years that place was the Campbell Gospel Chapel.

Keith was one of the Gospel Chapel elders and was very welcoming, supportive and encouraging to our group. He and wife Claudia quickly became good friends to all of us and very often attended our services as well as their own.

Even after we moved from the Gospel Chapel to the Finnish Lutheran Church, Keith and Claudia continued to visit us for harvest thanksgiving, anniversary, carol and other services whenever they could.

Keith is now "at home with his Lord. He has left his body behind as he has no further use for it."

He was one of six children. At age 6 he and his brothers moved from home in Griffith to live with relatives on an outback farm in Queensland. It was a hard time - depression years, but each one cared for the others.

Keith was bright and clever and engaged in 'poetry battles' although educational opportunities were a little lacking.

He began his working life as a telegraph boy at age 14 but progressed to eventually hold a senior position in the Customs department.

He met Claudia through church and they became good friends. They both were enlisted in the airforce during the second world war and after the war their friendship developed and they married.

As a father Keith had authority. He was something of a sergeant, a boss. He liked to read to the children and it was a time of bushwalks, cubby houses and more. He was always ready to help out family members and others whenever the need arose.

A work posting to London in 1960 fitted well with his love of travel and adventure.

Egypt, Mexico and other faraway places were all at some time visited by Keith and Claudia. Retirement saw them travel through the United States by train.

Keith was a man of strong faith.

He was a faithful member of the Campbell Gospel Chapel for 49 years and regularly shared the insights he gained during his own devotions with the others in that community.

He lived his life knowing what God has done for him and with the aim of treating others in the same way.

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This was compiled from memories of Keith mentioned at his funeral

## Sunday, 11th June – Mr. Revin Blanchard - Seeking the joy of the lost being found

God has a heart for sinners to be saved. He wants the lost found. When Jesus was with sinners, the Pharisees felt He was condoning their sins, when he was just seeking to save the lost. *"there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who do not need to repent."* [Luke 15: 7]



Luke 15 records three stories Jesus told about the lost being found. The first two, the lost sheep and the lost coin, emphasise the value of what was lost.

The lost, or prodigal son, is about who is lost. The son asks for his inheritance and in doing so **rejects** his father. We might think that just as he rejected his father, so would his father reject him. The son squanders what he has and becomes the lowest of the low in society. Recognising his plight the son **returns** to his father's home hoping he might be accepted to work in a lowly position. The father's **response** is unexpected as he runs to welcome his son home with great joy. The son is no longer lost.

We can see parallels between God and man. Men reject God openly and misuse what God has given them, however when they humbly return to God, He welcomes them with joy.

There is still more to the story. The elder son who has remained with the father is upset by his brother's lavish welcome back home and the father has to explain that he is celebrating the return of the lost.

The Pharisees could identify with the elder son as they saw themselves as staying close to God while sinners abandoned Him.

The elder son was teetering on the brink of being lost too since he didn't experience the joy the father felt and so was not as close to him as he claimed. The same is true of the Pharisees with God.

Jesus' parable does not say whether the elder son finally joins the celebrations or not.

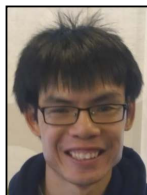
Jesus has taken all the condemnation for our rejection of God and so we need not fear it.

As Christians we are instructed to go out to the lost, befriend them and bring them back to their God. We are to welcome, not condemn.

*"there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who do not need to repent."* [Luke 15: 7]

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### Services over recent weeks have included the following:



**Mr. George Huang**



**Rev. Owen Chadwick**



**Easter Hymns**



**Mr. Roy Dallos**



**Rev. Peter Nelson**



**Rev. Owen Chadwick**



**Rev. Janne Pekkarinen**



**Mr. Roy Dallos**



**Mr. Mark Warren**



**Rev. Dr. Murray Earl**



**Mr. Revin Blanchard**



**Mr. Roy Dallos**

Sunday **2nd April** – **Mr. George Huang** - Parable of the sower

Sunday **9th April** – **Rev. Owen Chadwick** - The wonderful secret of the Kingdom

Sunday **16th April** – **Easter Hymns** (Easter)

Sunday **23rd April** – **Mr. Roy Dallos** - Not just a glimpse of His Glory

Sunday **30th April** – **Rev. Peter Nelson** - Wonder after wonder

Sunday **7th May** – **Rev. Owen Chadwick** - Hope for the hopeless

Sunday **14th May** – **Rev. Janne Pekkarinen** - Faith and disbelief

Sunday **21st May** – **Mr. Roy Dallos** - The 10 Words of God, part 6: Submission, honour and respect

Sunday **28th May** – **Mr. Mark Warren** - The Good Shepherd

Sunday **4th June** – **Rev. Dr. Murray Earl** (13th Anniversary) - The Church's one foundation

Sunday **11th June** – **Mr. Revin Blanchard** - Seeking the joy of the lost being found

Sunday **18th June** – **Mr. Roy Dallos** - The 10 Words of God, part 7: Precious is the life of man made in the image of God



Recently Barnabas Fund held a breakfast in Canberra and several of our people went along.

A brief report is being compiled but until it arrives here are some items of interest from their website.

***The main ministry of Barnabas Fund is to send financial support to projects which help Christians where they suffer discrimination, oppression and persecution as a consequence of their faith.***

*Barnabas Fund Act on behalf of the persecuted Church, to be their voice - making their needs known to Christians around the world and the injustice of their persecution known to governments and international bodies.*

While in many places the Church as a whole is under attack and christian communities are threatened with physical harm, displacement or unfair treatment, increasingly Christian people (or Christian values) in supposedly free societies are being targeted for their beliefs.

*US Soccer has ordered all players in both their men's and women's national teams to wear gay pride shirts during matches against Sweden and Norway in June to celebrate gay pride month. These shirts differ from the normal shirts in having the numbers in rainbow colours. It has led to one of their star players, Jaelene Hinkle, who is a deeply committed Christian, withdrawing from the national team for what US soccer has officially termed "personal reasons". ...*

*if you are a committed Christian and are selected to represent either the men's or women's national teams, US Soccer will require you to publicly promote a certain set of beliefs even when these directly violate your own deeply held Christian beliefs.*

*Senator Bernie Sanders, who last year lost to Hilary Clinton in the race to gain the Democratic Party nomination to run for US president, has attempted to block a Christian candidate for public office because he stated that Jesus is the only way to God. ...*

*Mr Vought's [theological] article stated that people could only be saved by faith in Jesus Christ not through Islam quoting Luke 10:16 ("The one who rejects me rejects him who sent me") and John 3:18 ("Whoever believes in [the Son] is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God"). ...*

*Bernie Sanders stated:*

*"In my view, the statement made by Mr. Vought is indefensible, it is hateful, it is Islamophobic, and it is an insult to over a billion Muslims throughout the world,"*

*Ontario's governing Liberal party has just introduced a new law that allows the state to remove children from their biological parents where the parents oppose LGBTQI ideology. Michael Coteau, the Minister of Child and Family Services who introduced the bill, described any parent not supporting their child's self-identification as LGBTQI as guilty of child abuse, stating:*

*"I would consider that a form of abuse, when a child identifies one way and a caregiver is saying no, you need to do this differently," ...*

## Church neighbours



John and Audrey have been organising a fortnightly gathering called CAMEO (**Come And Meet Each Other**) at the North Canberra Baptist Church for quite some time. CAMEO provides an opportunity particularly for older folk to get together and play games, knit or just spent time with others. Invitations have been handed around to our people.

The Winters Lunch offered a good hot meal on a cold day and was well attended. With a large number of dishes to choose from, a tiny taste of each one led to quite a sufficient lunch.

There was entertainment too. A singer sang three songs for us and did an excellent job. The North Canberra minister gave a God Spot talk concerning love - human love can disappoint but we can depend on God's love.

The lunch ended with a short sing song of well known old time songs followed by "How great Thou art".

## The Bible Society

A few days prior to Sunday, 21 May, Jonathan Harris from the Bible Society contacted us saying he would be in Canberra on the weekend and would like to attend our service and meet us.

On the Sunday he did join us and spoke briefly about the Bible Society's history in Australia, it's work and also a bit about Cameroon and what the Bible Society is doing there.

He was keen to come again and share more with us. That will happen on Sunday, 1 October.

One month later on 20 June, a Bible Society information meeting and lunch was held in Canberra.

I was expecting a large gathering but there were 2 Bible Society staff and only 15 attendees. A small gathering was intentional as it allowed a more personal interaction.

The meeting and others like it are to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the Bible Society in Australia, thank supporters for their support and outline what has been achieved in the last 200 years and what plans there are for the future.

The Bible Society in Australia was formed on 7 March 1817 and is Australia's longest-living organisation, ahead of Westpac Bank (then the Bank of New South Wales) which opened for business on 8 April 1817 with the same directors as the Bible Society.

The Bible Society is active in it's Bible promotion work but also controls the Centre for Public Christianity, publishes the 'Eternity' paper and owns the Koorong bookshops.

Each year about 32,000,000 scriptures are produced in 7,000 languages.

In 2016 30 first translations were produced with another 31 new or revised translations.

Many people in this world are unable to read so literacy classes using Biblical material are run and Bible recordings distributed on MP3 players. Many can't afford to buy Bibles but Bibles are still printed and distributed.

We are asked to pray

- the Biblically illiterate will become hungry to read God's Word
- Youth will be inspired to join the Bible Society work as supporters are aging
- God's Word will be handed on to a new generation.



## Church Meeting

These 6 monthly church meetings seem to roll around very quickly.

We managed to pick the shortest day of the year for our latest meeting (held at lunchtime) and sensibly kicked off proceedings with some warming soup followed by apple pie and custard.

The meeting proper commenced and soon we came to the agenda item Vacant Positions.

We needed a Public Officer and a Treasurer. Warren took the first position and Laurie the second.

The financial report showed we are in a sound position and able to continue supporting a range of worthy causes as we have in the past. We approved a number of anticipated donations for the next few months and voted to make immediate donations to 1 special appeal and 3 groups we have not given to this financial year.

Our multicultural carols was another matter we discussed.

It has been increasingly difficult to run the carols as we did and last year the response we received was less than hoped for. On the other hand the carols have brought together different groups and had a valuable role in establishing some links between ethnic Christian churches.

After some discussion it was decided to discontinue the carols at Campbell Primary School and instead meet at the Finnish Lutheran Church. We can still invite some groups to join us.

Exactly what form our scaled back carols will take is not yet decided. Please think and pray about it and share your thoughts so we can retain the valuable aspects of the carols while making them a more practical proposition to organise and run.

The meeting closed with prayer.

Thankyou to Ruth for having us at her place for the meeting and organising the soup and apple pie.

## News from Fanny in Taiwan

Fanny's e-mail and photos were available to see at church, but for anyone who missed them here they are again.

My girl is 10-month old [mid April]. She is still a chubby baby, which I like. She is healthy and has a steady schedule of sleeping, eating, and playing.

Now, I work in a non-profit shelter, which provides services for foreign blue-collar workers who encounter problems in Taiwan. I got this job last December. So far, I really enjoy my work, but the salary is not good. I haven't made up my mind whether I should keep working here or not.

The church my husband and I attend now has a large membership, almost 3000 members.

We have been here for 3 years and we like the teachings here.

We belong to a fellowship for singles mostly, because we were not married when we came to this church.

we make friends here, but the fellowship's weekday gathering ends too late for my girl, who usually goes to bed early around 9pm.

we also hope to get more biblical teachings about raising kids. Next year we may transfer to another fellowship for married couples with kids.

All in all, we are good and hope that God will bless us with another baby :)



## Sunday, 16th April – Easter Hymns

This Easter our service was a little different.

We let the hymns we sang tell the Easter story. They conveyed the pain and sorrow of Good Friday but also the wonder and joy of Easter Day. Other hymns told us what those events mean for us.

Thank you to Joyce for selecting the hymns that helped us celebrate Easter so well.



One Sunday morning, the pastor noticed little Alex standing in the foyer of the church staring up at a large plaque. It was covered with names and small National flags mounted on either side of it. The six-year old had been staring at the plaque for some time, so the pastor walked up, stood beside the little boy and said quietly, "Good morning, Alex."

"Good morning, Pastor," he replied, still focused on the plaque. "Pastor, what is this?"

The pastor replied, "Well, son, it's a memorial to all the young men and women who died in the service." Soberly, they just stood together, staring at the large plaque.

Finally, little Alex's voice, barely audible and trembling with fear asked, "Which service, the 8:00 or the 9:30?"

### Coming Services

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



**Mr. Trevor Monson**



**Rev. Paul Tabulutu**



**Rev. Ron Reeson**



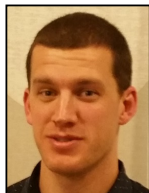
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**Rev. Michael Pailthorpe**



**Rev. Peter Nelson**



**Mr. Brett Hillam**



**Mr. Bruce Boyle**



**Mr. Phillip Ng**



**Rev. David McDonald**



**Mr. Roy Dallos**



**Rev. Phil Anderson**



**Mr. Jeff Mason**



**Mr. Robert Nicholls**



**Mr. Jonathan Harris**



**Mr. Mark Warren**



**Mr. Jude Simion**



**Rev. Dr. Campbell Egan**



**Rev. Peter Nelson**

- Sunday **25th June** at 5pm – **Mr. Trevor Monson** (Gideons)
- Sunday **2nd July** at 5pm – **Rev. Paul Tabulutu**
- Sunday **9th July** at 5pm – **Rev. Ron Reeson**
- Sunday **16th July** at 5pm – **Mr. Roy Dallos**
- Sunday **23rd July** at 5pm – **Rev. Michael Pailthorpe**
- Sunday **30th July** at 5pm – **Rev. Peter Nelson**
- Sunday **6th August** at 5pm – **Mr. Brett Hillam**
- Sunday **13th August** at 5pm – **Mr. Bruce Boyle** (Compassion)
- Sunday **20th August** at 5pm – **Mr. Phil Ng**
- Sunday **27th August** at 5pm – **Rev. David McDonald**
- Sunday **3rd September** at 5pm – **Mr. Roy Dallos**
- Sunday **10th September** at 5pm – **Rev. Phil Anderson**
- Sunday **17th September** at 5pm – **Mr. Jeff Mason**
- Sunday **24th September** at 5pm – **Mr. Rob Nicholls** (Christian Blind Mission)
- Sunday **1st October** at 5pm – **Mr. Jonathan Harris** (Bible Society)
- Sunday **8th October** at 5pm – **Mr. Mark Warren**
- Sunday **15th October** at 5pm – **Mr. Jude Simion** (Barnabas Fund)
- Sunday **22nd October** at 5pm – **Rev. Dr. Campbell Egan + Hays** (SIM)
- Sunday **29th October** at 5pm – **Rev. Peter Nelson**