

NCACHURCH News

March 19 - 26 , 2010

IN CHURCH THIS WEEK

MTC Mission

A fair trade?

*The message of Christianity:
not rules or religion, but
God's amazing grace.*

Dates to Remember

Moore College Mission	This Week
Naremburn 6pm Weekendaway	Apr 9-11
Naremburn 10am Weekendaway	Apr 16-18
KYCK for FLOCK	Apr 23-25
Cammeray Weekendaway	Apr 30 -May 2

On the Web

Check out these links:

NCACHURCH

For church times and other information check out our new website www.ncachurch.com, give us a call (9906 7110).

Another Way to Love

Bronwen Hana takes a look at a new book out from World Vision on efforts to relieve the plight of the world's poor.

<http://www.publicchristianity.org/anotherwaytolove>

Sermons on the Web

Search for ncachurch on iTunes or just check out the church website!
www.ncachurch.com

Dear friends,
I have had a few people express concerns to me about the atheist convention held in Melbourne last weekend. To be honest I was completely overwhelmed by the whole thing. It seemed clear to me that their manner hardly adorned their message, and little needed to be said in response.

It seemed a bit odd that speakers of some renown were flown in from around the world, attendees paid as much as \$1000 per person in order to attend and then a mere 2500 people attended. The media reported this as if this was truly amazing, and a great success. However the strangeness of such reporting is put in perspective by the fact that 9000 men recently attended the Christian Men's Convention in Katoomba to hear nobody of particular note.

An appropriate Christian response amidst all of this is to always ensure that we remain kind and gracious, while continuing to grow in our depth of insight, and in our capacity to give an answer to everyone who asks us to give the reason for the hope that we have as Christians (1 Peter 3:15).

So I thought I'd share with you some good resources. I encourage you to be equipped and glad to promote the great provision of our loving God.

Books:

Tim Keller: [Reason For God.](#)

1 Peter 3:15

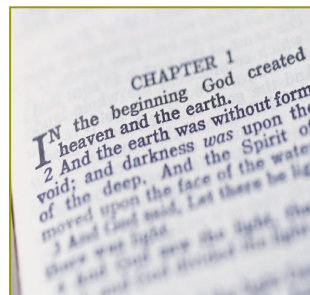
Ray Williams: [God Actually.](#)

Alistair McGrath: [The Dawkins Delusion.](#)

William Lane Craig: [God is Good. God is Great.](#)

These books seek to respond to the claims of the new militant Atheists, exposing many of their factual errors and much of their misrepresentation. However these books seek to engage in the debate without the militant bitterness that characterises the language of their atheist opponents.

Rodney Stark: [The Victory of Reason: How Christianity Led to Freedom, Capitalism, and Western Success.](#) This book is written by a non Christian and considers the positive impact that Christianity has had on society.



Talks:

John Dickson responds to the new atheism at <http://www.ncachurch.com/sermons/sermons.html>

Article:

Christian Peter Hitchens has a thought provoking response to his atheist brother Christopher

Hitchens here: <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1255983/How-I-God-peace-atheist-brother-PETER-HITCHENS-traces-journey-Christianity.html>

Debates:

There is an assortment of great debates, both in audio and video, on the web. These debates can be found through YouTube or just by searching for the participants on the internet.

Denesh D'Souza v Christopher Hitchens

John Lennox v Richard Dawkins.

My particular favourite is the Great Debate between Greg Bahnsen v Gordon Stein.

If you find of these resources particularly helpful I'm always keen for the feedback.

In Christian faith and hope,

Rick

CAMMERAY CHURCH KEYS

If you have a key you no longer need for Cammeray, can you please give it to Pete Tong in the next couple of weeks. Thank you.



PARISH PRAYER NIGHT

Tuesday March 23rd 2010

Parish Ministry Centre

7.30 - 9pm

MTC MISSION THIS WEEK

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Be involved in a week of community and investigation into the big issues of life. Moore college students are here for the week to work alongside us to explain the life changing message that Jesus gave his life for ours, to bring us life to the full.

Register for any of the events at office@ncachurch.com

MARRIAGE MATTERS - Monday 7.30pm \$25 per couple - places available

JAZZ NIGHT - Friday 7.30pm \$15pp

JAPANESE FAIR - Saturday 12-2pm (cammeray church)

LADIES HIGH TEA - Saturday 2-4pm \$15pp

MEN'S RESCUE NIGHT - Saturday 6.30-9pm \$10pp



Priority 1

Priority One is a course that gives you the chance to seek answers to all the questions you have ever wanted to ask. It will help you to have a firm foundation from which you can grow. A course is currently running and we are taking bookings for the next course in April.

April 2010 on Tuesday nights 7:45 – 9pm over a glass of wine and a plate of cheese in the Parish Ministry Centre at Naremburn.

Rick Smith, our Senior Minister will run the course.

If you are even thinking you might be interested please contact Rick — 9906 7170 or rick@ncachurch.com

WEEKENDS AWAY

Naremburn at 10am

April 16th - 18th Stanwell tops

Naremburn at 6pm

April 9th - 11th Collaroy

Cammeray

April 30th - May 2nd Katoomba



REGISTRATIONS NOW



The Most Rev Dr Peter Jensen Archbishop of Sydney has pleasure in inviting *The Rector and Parishioners* to the Consecration of The Rev Canon Peter Hayward to be Assistant Bishop in the Diocese of Sydney & Bishop of Wollongong on Tuesday 13 April 2010 at 7pm in St Andrew's Cathedral, Sydney

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We hope you found your time with us challenging and encouraging. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions about NCACHURCH or something you heard.

Call 9906-7110 or email enews@ncachurch.com

Equip Women's Conference 2010

"The Great Escape" – 2 Peter 1

Saturday 8 May 2010

9am - 3:30pm OR 2:30pm – 7:45pm

Sydney Convention Centre

\$45 if you register by 29 March

Speakers: Di Warren and Ainsley Poulos

For more information contact Kath Morgan-Jones (Cammeray), Alex Draney (Naremburn), Jo Lim (NAAC) or go to the website <http://www.equip.org.au/>

Commencement Service

Nigel and Nicky's commencement service will be held in the evening of March 31 at Campbelltown.

