

NCACHURCH News

April 25 - May 1, 2010

IN CHURCH THIS WEEK

Nehemiah Chapters 5 - 7

Living as God's People

Dates to Remember

Christian Parenting night	April 26th
Cammeray Weekend away	NEXT WEEK
MISSION Awareness Week	May 2-9
Living Dangerously	May 3rd
Evening with the Swans	May 5th

On the Web

Check out these links:

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

[Easter antidote to loneliness epidemic](#)

Archbishop Jensen's 2010 Easter Message

http://www.sydneyanglicans.net/mediareleases/easter_antidote_to_loneliness_epidemic/

Sermons on the Web

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

ANZAC Day 2010

Dear Friends,

Anzac Day is a day when the reality of sin should be all too apparent.

I was struck by a comment in Les Carlyon's book on Gallipoli. He says; "On both sides it was an epic of savagery and sacrifice that leaves one wondering again at man's capacity to harbour, within the same brain and the same body, so much that is brutal and so much that is sublime."

It could well be a comment on the whole of history!

From a Christian point of view, the capacity of people for the brutal and the sublime shouldn't surprise us. The joys and struggles we experience reveal a good life distorted by sin. This is the paradox at the heart of the Bible, and the struggle in our own hearts as well.

Sin is the reason that we need God's forgiveness. It is a little odd to deny the reality of sin, for to do so

would be to deny the accumulated weight of human experience.

The question that people ask, and the question that is answered most profoundly by God, in his word is; "what is to be done about sin?"

Never fall into the trap of thinking that the world has moved beyond the questions that the Bible answers. The questions may take different shapes in different times, but in the



end 'sin' is still the problem that needs to be addressed, and 'sin' is still the problem that is so powerfully addressed by Christ so that God's forgiveness can be extended to you.

We can also remind those who have suffered and still suffer, that in Christ, God

has entered our world of suffering, violence and death. We can gently share that Christ has suffered with us; that Christ has suffered by us; and that Christ has suffered for us – and through suffering, he has opened the way to peace with God.

Finally, Anzac day speaks of sacrifice, but the sacrifice is mainly that of mate for mate, digger for digger. The value honoured is the courage to face the enemy even when the odds are poor. But as Christians, that view of sacrifice only goes half way. For in Christ we witness a love, so reaching that it dies for enemies. Christians are called upon to show this love - loving the enemy and doing good to those who hate us - for this is the deep love that God shows us in Christ.

In Christ,
Rick Smith



MISSION AWARENESS WEEK MAY 2-9

An Evening with the Swans.

Wednesday May 5th 2010

Tim and Sally Swan are our link missionaries with CMS in Chile. Tim teaches New Testament and is academic dean at the Centre for Pastoral Studies in Santiago, a strategic ministry aimed at raising up leaders for the Anglican Church of Chile.

This is our opportunity to hear what God is doing in Chile and be better prepared to partner with Tim and Sally when they return later in the year. Evening Bible studies are cancelled this week so that you can attend.



NCACHURCH Update

Full time church office administrator

We are seeking to employ a full time office administrator for the Parish. In the last 4 years, Bel has faithfully and diligently served us on a part time basis (2 days per week). But, as we seek to improve the effectiveness of our administrative support for ministry staff and parish organisation generally, we think now is the right time to move to employing a full time administrator to replace Bel. Most churches of our size have at least one full time person responsible for administration. We are looking for candidates who are committed Christians, actively involved in their church, with a business or professional services background, excellent interpersonal and communication skills, and a high level of computer proficiency. We will seek to pay a market competitive salary commensurate with the successful candidate's level of skills and experience. If you have any questions or know anyone who may be interested, please contact one of the wardens (Andrew Draney - 0448 598 186, Craig Foreman - 0411 285 511 or Martin Thomas - 0422 807 330) who can send you the full job specification.

Cammeray development

Last year we raised around \$30,000 to fund various consultants reports and initial design work as we assess the feasibility of the development of the Cammeray site. The various reports from consultants have been undertaken in the last few months and we are continuing to work with the architect as he considers the findings in those reports and works on his design. With Nigel's departure, we have not been pushing forward as quickly as we may otherwise have done - we think it is preferable that his replacement is settled before we undertake a major building project. However, we still expect that this year we will complete the feasibility and design work as originally planned, and have a detailed design before the Parish for comment.

Naremburn Cammeray Women's Day

Sat June 5th 9:30 till 3:30

\$30, includes lunch



RAISING GODLY CHILDREN

TOMORROW NIGHT

SESSION 1 April 26th

Join us for the first in our Raising Godly Children series on Monday 26th of April. Pete Tong will address the topic of **Talking to Children about God.**

He will discuss why it is parents who are primarily responsible for this role as well as some practical strategies to help over the long term.

730pm for supper 7.45pm start

RSVP office@ncachurch.com

No need to register



MISSION AWARENESS WEEK MAY 2-9 - Monday, May 3rd 7.30pm

Come and hear Joy speak at the PMC.

Joy D* is a woman with a story to tell. In January 1996, Joy's fiancé, a pastor, was shot and killed by an extremist group. He had been receiving death threats weeks prior to his murder because of his passion for reaching Muslims for Christ, but he continued to minister to his congregation. And during a Sunday morning worship service during the month Ramadan, the Muslim period of fasting, he was gunned down.

In time, Joy was able to look beyond her fiancé's tragic death and see the divine plan in it. "I learned to see God's purpose in my life," says Joy. "I learned to accept whatever circumstances come my way. Now I see them as God's instruments moulding me and making me a better person for Him to use.

"Through my fiancé's life, I learnt commitment to ministry and prayer. Through his death, I learnt to always be prepared to face the Author and Finisher of my faith. Through this tragedy, I learnt to live each day as though it were my last."

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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

NEXT WEEK

**No services at
Cammeray**

It is their

WEEKEND AWAY

**Please join Naremburn
8am, 10am, 6pm**