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# ncachurch news

## Thinking about August Mission

Dear friends,

It is a pleasure to welcome John and Anna Forsyth to NCACHURCH. I hope that you may all be able to meet them soon.

Please thank God for their safe arrival and pray that they will have a great start to their ministry with us. Ask God to help them settle into their new role and relationships while at the same time grieving moving on from their previous role and relationships.

**Please also remember our approaching Mission week in August.**

Mission week is an opportunity where we, as Christians, make an extra effort to talk about what holds first place in our heart.

Mission is essential to what it means to be a church. This is why each year we have Mission weeks where we apply ourselves concertedly; igniting interest in the things of God and inviting people to come and hear the good news about God's lasting, securing and gracious provision in Jesus Christ. It is a time where we especially encourage people to look outside of themselves for ultimate answers to God's external word.

This year, unlike previous Missions, we are not filling the week with larger programmed events. Instead, the impact of this Mission will depend upon our weekly Bible Study groups, held at various times and places throughout each week.

Our hope is that each group will host a discussion or dialogue meeting where your friends are able to hear the Christian gospel shared in a personal and concise way followed by open discussion and answering questions. I hope that this will be an opportunity for NCACHURCH to host numerous mission events that have the Gospel front and centre, yet in a relational, informal and eternally helpful way.

If you or your group need any ideas, support or resources to help participate in the Mission gladly, please speak to one of the staff.

In Christ,

Rick

### **This week**

Preparing for Mission

Passage

Mark 1:29 - 39

### **Dates to remember**

**Newcomers Lunch**

25 July - TODAY

**NCAC Global**

**Missions Taskforce**

29 July

**Reachout Mission**

Aug 14-15

**Katoomba Women's  
Convention**

18-19 September

## Missionary News

In this spot we hope to keep you up-to-date with our link missionaries and other ministries we are keen for people to support. Currently we partner with Helen and Paul Douglas (CMS, China), Tim and Sally Swan (CMS, Chile), Kellie Nicholas (CMS, Japan) and Jeff and Beth Dillon (Interserve, Central Asia). Locally, we are involved with outreach to the Japanese community and we also support Moore Theological College, Anglicare and AFES. Through congregation members we have connections with Cambodia, TAFE ministry, local high school ministry, Open Doors, India Gospel League and other organizations. We will feature these ministries in the weeks to come. One way to find out more about Global Mission is through the REACHOUT MISSIONS CONFERENCE in Katoomba, 14-15 August. Check out the website [www.reachoutmissions.com.au](http://www.reachoutmissions.com.au) Another way to get involved locally is to join our next NCAC Global Missions Taskforce meeting, Thur 29 July, 7.45-9.15pm at Naremburn PMC. At that meeting we pray for our link missionaries and discuss plans for raising mission awareness and support through NCAC. Contact [grahame@ncachurch.com](mailto:grahame@ncachurch.com) for more details.

### **Websites of Interest**

The Duties of Parents (Part 1) - JC Ryle - [http://matthiasmedia.com.au/briefing/longing/the\\_duties\\_of\\_parents\\_part\\_1/](http://matthiasmedia.com.au/briefing/longing/the_duties_of_parents_part_1/)

How to vote Christianly - [http://www.sydneyanglicans.net/life/culture/how\\_should\\_a\\_christian\\_vote/](http://www.sydneyanglicans.net/life/culture/how_should_a_christian_vote/)

For service times, sermon downloads,  
upcoming events and other information [www.ncachurch.com](http://www.ncachurch.com)



## Ministry Highlights / People News / Congregation Interview

### Getting to know you.....

This week, we interview **Andrew Buckley** from Naremburn, 6:00 pm

How would you describe your congregation?

Naremburn 6pm is a growing congregation, which has become very diverse over the last 12 months. We have a great mix with Youth Group, Uni Students, Young Workers, Parents, all under great teaching – there is always someone you can learn something new from!

2. What has been one of the highlight this year?

I think our congregation have grown a lot closer together, both in service to each other, and as a family under Christ. Also, judging by previous years, the upcoming Engage Conference will be a highlight for our congregation as well.

3. What have you learn from God's word this year?

While looking at Nehemiah, and the rebuilding of the walls of Jerusalem, it was clear just how active we are called to be within God's plans. He doesn't enact his will with thunderbolts from the sky, it's through hard work that His will is done. This really challenged me to be a more active Christian day-to-day.

4. What do you think we should do more of to reach our community with the gospel?

Continuing to be just as aware of what is going on outside the church walls as inside, to be a part of, and help support the wider community. We need to keep working hard at showing that we aren't an exclusive club, and counteract any perception of "Us and Them".



### For your prayers this week:

- Thank God for an encouraging night of prayer and praise last Tuesday where members of all congregations join us for our Parish Prayer Night.
- Thank God for his great love for us in the Lord Jesus and for the blessing of gathering each week at Naremburn & Cammeray.
- Pray that God would continue to shape our character, that we would be a thankful people, content with what God has given us.
- Pray that God would keep us looking outward as a Church, that we would be prayerful in asking God to change the hearts and minds of our neighbours, our schools, and friends, and that he would embolden us to share the good news of Jesus with them. Pray for the focused week of Mission in August that many would be invited to the various events. Pray that many people would become disciples of the Lord Jesus.
- Continue to pray for the Burke Family. Pray for those in our Parish who are suffering sickness, depression or some other kind of trial. Pray that we would support and encourage them through this time.
- Pray that our Bible Study groups would be a great place of growing deeper in our knowledge & love of God. Pray that these groups would be the place of genuine relationships where people are cared for. Pray for the leaders of these groups that God would enthuse and sustain them as they serve.
- Thank God for the provision of John and Anna Forsyth who started in ministry at Cammeray. Pray for a smooth transition and that they would be able to settle in, get to know people quickly and adjust well to a new Parish.
- Thank God for the many people who have joined us in the last 3 months, and pray that we would be a Church that works hard to welcome & integrate new people.
- Pray for our NCAC link missionaries (See Page 1 for details).

### Naremburn 10am Newcomers Lunch

Whether you have visited our Church in the last 6 weeks, or whether you have been here for 6 months, we'd love you to join us for a Newcomer's Lunch at 11:45am Today! straight after Church. This will be a relaxed time to meet some regulars, find out a little more about our Church, and a great chance for us to help you get more connected with our community.

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