

prayer @ ashgrove

Brothers, pray for us. 1 Thess 5:25

come and pray with us on ...

Sunday at 6pm (Parents' Room)

Thursday at 6:30am (Red Room)

1st Friday each month at 7:30pm (Parents' Room)

3rd Saturday each month (global mission focus)

praying through the week ...

- Pray for **Beth Nickerson** as she enjoys a break over the coming 7 weeks. Pray that God will energise and replenish her during this time.
- Pray for **Jeff King's** safety during this time of political unrest in Ulaanbaatar.
- Pray for Richard, one of **Jenny Carpenter's** colleagues who is awaiting court proceedings in Senegal.
- Pray for **Michelle Taylor** as she starts to prepare for her return to Australia and all that is involved.
- Pray for the ongoing ministry of the **Craft Group** held on Thursday mornings that the ladies would continue to enjoy fellowship together and grow in their understanding of God.
- Continue to pray for the **ashgrove 320** project as the results of the survey and focus groups are analysed and collated. Pray for wisdom for those preparing the report and that God's leading for His church would be clearly shown.

this week we are praying for

- Andrew Ford (Kiev)
- Michelle Taylor (Russia)
- Kerrie Bird (Craft)
- Lorraine Addison (Wives Support Group)

ministry team

Team Leader	Kevin Bird 0407 989 275
Care	Lorraine Pfeffer 0409 073 855
Training	Ian Walton 0407 143 483
Pastoral Carer	Beth Nickerson 3300 3694 (on 7 weeks long service leave)
Support	Ann-Janette Reinhardt 0402 098 102
Youth	Natasha Bengtson 0404 947 070
Music & Creative Arts	Cara Cox 0413 993 466
abc International	Simon Baek 0422 250 086
Office	Helen Murchie 3366 2066

other ministry leaders

Creche	Meredith Waghorn
Coffee Club	Carol Macpherson
Craft	Kerrie Bird
Data	Lee-Anne McMurray
Fuel	Jo & Russ Sweetman
Global Missions	Gavin Turner
Hilltop Gardens	Russ Sweetman
Ground Zero	Angela Gardener
Library	Jill Walker
Playcentre	Debbie Cowie
Primary RE	Jenny Callan
Sound	Kevin Mirrington
Time Out	Eric & Liz Forshaw

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God's Peculiar People ...

As followers of Jesus, what makes us his peculiar people? Jesus had just as many options as we do today for demonstrating his peculiarity. He could have gathered just a few individuals around him and run away to the desert to form a peculiar society for a select few. He could have been a revolutionary against the Roman government rallying the troops around him to overthrow his oppressors. He could have aligned himself with the religious authorities of his day laying down with rigid enforcement peculiar laws for a peculiar people. But he did none of these things. Instead, Jesus forgave those who sinned against him, welcomed outsiders, dined with sinners, healed those whose diseases made them peculiarly unwelcome in worship spaces, and challenged the religious authorities on their understanding.

We are now the people of God and we bear the name of the one we follow. As such, we should often evaluate the ways in which we pick up on--or fail to pick up on--Jesus' peculiarities. Do our own peculiarities match His?

Ravi Zacharias International Ministries

welcome to ashgrove

We are delighted that you have joined us for worship today!

getting to know you

If you are new to **ashgrove**, have a prayer request, family news, or change of contact details, please complete the Contact Card inside this handout.

stay to connect

Please join us for refreshments after the worship gathering in the courtyard.

more information?

If you would like more information about the programs and ministries at **ashgrove**, complete the Contact Card inside this handout.

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sunday @ ashgrove

- 10am collective worship
(fuel is in recess during the school holidays)
- 6pm prayer
- 6.30pm collective worship

servicing @ ashgrove

Roster Update

New rosters for **Sound, Emergency Meals** and **Morning Tea** were recently issued. If you are part of these teams and have not received your copy, please download it from our website: ashgrove.org.au.

If you would like to get involved in any of these areas, please indicate your interest on a Contact Card and we will include your details when the next roster issues. **Thanks to everyone who faithfully serves us through these ministries!**

Ground Zero

A ministry opportunity exists in our Friday afternoon kid's club. We are looking for people to join this energetic team. See **Kevin Bird** for more details.

Sponsor A Bed Day

Join with the Lady Mayoress: Lisa Newman at Westfield Chermiside on **Tues 8 July** from 2pm to become bed sponsors for Orana Youth Shelter.

coming up @ ashgrove

coffee club

... tuesday

Join the Coffee Club crowd for morning tea at 10am in the auditorium followed by an informative session by Lyn Hurry regarding Christian Writers and writing in Australia.

life courses

... term 3

Today is the last opportunity to register your interest in **Search for Life** (women's group only) or **Making Marriage Better**. Let us know by either indicating on a Contact Card or seeing Lorraine Pfeffer.

working bee

... july 19

If you enjoyed the recently cleaned concrete paths and shade sail, then be part of the upcoming working bee where you have the opportunity to offer your **practical service as worship to God** in maintaining the great facilities He has blessed us with. The morning kicks off at 8am and finishes around 12pm.

national soup day

... july 26

Beat the Sunday lunch/dinner dilemma and support a great cause by joining together for lunch after the am worship gathering and for dinner before the pm worship gathering. All money raised goes towards **Qld Baptist Care's ministry to the homeless and disadvantaged**.

fuse summit

... aug 22-24

An opportunity for young adults (17+) to connect, interact and challenge each other to live differently as we journey together as disciples of Jesus.

coming up elsewhere

Australian Sudanese Fund Raiser

... july 12

A fundraising event is being held at Stafford Heights Baptist at 6pm to help Orphans and Widows in Africa-Sudan. Contact Benjamin Angalo on 0413 758 054 for more information.

this week @ ashgrove

today

10am	Ian Walton ... Eph 3:14-21
6pm	prayer
6.30pm	Kevin Bird ... Matt 5:17-48

monday

tuesday

10am	coffee club
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wednesday

9.30am	informal playcentre in holidays
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thursday

6.30am	prayer
9.30am	craft

friday

saturday

sunday

10am	Kevin Bird ... Eph 3:1-13
6pm	prayer
6.30pm	Michael Knight ... Matt 6:1-18

our church

- **Beth Nickerson** is on 7 weeks of well earned long service leave. Please direct all pastoral care enquiries to Lorraine Pfeffer. Beth returns to work on Monday 25 August.
- **Michelle Taylor** returns from **Russia** at the end of July and is in need of home wares to furnish her unit. Please contact Jack Nickerson to find out how you can help. Another way to assist Michelle is by purchasing a handmade greeting card from the box at the entrance to the auditorium.
- **Joyce Melhuish** is in the Wesley at present having further treatment.
- It's great to welcome **Brooke Hindle** home after 6 months working in Ireland.

ashgrove 320

hearing from God ... embracing our future

The first two phases of the ashgrove 320 initiative—the survey and the focus groups—are complete. Overall, there were **160 responses** to the survey and **105 participants** in the focus group meetings. **Thank you** again to all those who gave of their time and energy to engage with this process.

If you haven't yet read the **results of the survey**, summaries are available from the tables at the auditorium entrance.

Do you have **something to add** to your survey comments or focus group contribution? If so, send an email with your thoughts to Darren Dallinger ddallinger@ozemail.com.au

Over the next month, the ashgrove 320 **draft report** will be prepared. Once complete, this draft will be on display for comment.

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever!—Ephesians 3:20

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a church equipping people for ministry
a church impacting the community and the nations