

prayer @ ashgrove

they raised their voices together in prayer to God Acts 4:24

come and pray with us on ...

Sunday at 9.30am (Parent's Room)

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

- **Michelle** is currently in **Russia**. Pray that God would sustain her and that the retreat she is facilitating for the **Rainbow of Hope** workers will be a means of encouragement and challenge.
- Pray for **Pirawan** as she gradually picks up ministry responsibilities in **Thailand**. Pray particularly for the support and impact of the hostels and that many **Karen** children would come to know Jesus.
- Pray for **FUEL**, our Sunday morning children's and young people's ministry . Pray for **Russ and Jo** as they lead the team and that God would raise up additional workers for this vital ministry.
- Praise God for the many people who have experienced God's healing and sustaining over recent weeks.
- Several people in our church community have been impacted by the GFC. Pray particularly for those who have lost jobs or are experiencing reductions in work.

this week we are praying for

- Somboon Panyakon—Thailand
- Michelle Taylor—Australia/Russia
- Graeme & Barbara Rouillon—Watoto
- Russell & Jo Sweetman—Fuel

ministry team

Team Leader	Kevin Bird
	0407 989 275
Care	Lorraine Pfeffer
	0409 073 855
Pastoral Carer	Helen Murchie
	0410 597 816
Training	Natasha Bengtson
	0404 947 070
Support	Ann-Janette Reinhardt
	0402 098 102
	(on annual leave)
Music & Creative Arts	Cara Cox
	0413 993 466
abc International	Simon Baek
	0422 250 086

other ministry leaders

Coffee Club	Carol Macpherson
Craft	Kerrie Bird
Data	Lee-Anne McMurray
Fuel	Russ & Jo Sweetman
Genesis	Dave Kay
Global Missions Committee	David & Nancy Earley
Hilltop Gardens	Russ Sweetman
Library	Jill Walker
Playcentre	Debbie Cowie & Sue Collecute
Sound	Kevin Mirrington
Time Out	Eric & Liz Forshaw

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life @ ashgrove

16 august 2009

Compassion & Charity in Times of Global Financial Crisis

It seems reasonable to expect that one's circumstances would affect the way he or she is able to respond to the circumstances of others. The literal meaning of the word "compassion," which derives from the Latin *compassus*, is to suffer *together with*, to feel *with another*. It is our neighbour's circumstances that are elevated; our own conditions do not enter into the equation. Similarly, the Latin word *caritas*, which is the source of our English word "charity". *Caritas* is used throughout the Vulgate as a translation of the Greek word *agape* which, refers to a radical selfless love, the kind of love the world had simply never seen before Christ.

For the Christian, compassion is not a luxury to expend simply when times are good, but a spirit for all circumstances, exemplified in the life of Jesus of Nazareth. Nor is charity an act to bolster our own sense of virtue or moral aspirations; rather, it is the very outworking of an identity found in the self-sacrificial love and person of Christ.

Ravi Zacharius 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

9.30am	prayer
10am	collective worship
6pm	prayer
6.30pm	collective worship

servicing @ ashgrove

There are exciting opportunities to serve God in the following ministry areas. Contact the name listed or the church office if you would like to respond to these needs.

coming up @ ashgrove

Celebrating Seniors . . . 28 aug
A great morning celebrating the contribution that Seniors make to our lives and the local community. Discover resources available from community groups and enjoy a high tea and sing-a-long. **Do you know a senior that would like to come?** Invite them to come along with you!

Business Meeting . . . 30 aug
This meeting will be both a Quarterly Business Meeting and a Special Business Meeting where the main items of business will be ...

- A recommendation from the **Elders to extend the call of Kevin Bird** in the role of **Ministry Team Leader ... Senior Pastor**
- A report from the **Ministry Team Selection Committee** which will include a recommendation for the filling of the role of **Team Leader—Mission**

Minutes of the previous meeting are posted on the noticeboard between the main entrance doors.

coming up elsewhere

Neoleader conference . . . 22 aug
A one day conference for the next generation of leaders. For more info and to register visit www.neoleader.org.

this week @ ashgrove

today	10am 6.30pm	Kevin Bird—Ephesians 5:21-33 Rob Fitzgerald—1 Cor 2:6-10a
monday	9.30am 6.30pm	playcentre exploring christianity
tuesday	9.30am 9.30am	playcentre care training
wednesday	9.30am	playcentre
thursday	6.30m 9.30am 7.15pm	prayer craft man to man & woman to woman
friday	7.30pm	genesis—big night in
saturday		
sunday	10am 6.30pm	Kevin —Ephesians 5:21-6:14 Simon Baek—1 Cor 2:10b—16

our church

- Tonight we are celebrating with **Angie Park** and **Belinda and Cameron Heit** as they are baptised. Plan to come and be encouraged by what God has and is doing in their lives.
- **Ann-Janette Reinhardt** is enjoying two weeks annual leave and returns to work on 31 August

training @ ashgrove

This Monday night is the final week of Exploring Christianity and we have had a great time of building community whilst exploring who Jesus is and how what He did on the cross is significant for us today.

If you would like to hear more about this course or perhaps would like to get involved with this ministry then please talk to Tash.

Otherwise other opportunities coming up in 2009 in terms of taking a step forward in your discipleship journey are:

Living Faith— Sept/ Oct

6 weeks on learning how to live the Christian faith. It will include exploring things like how to read the bible to hear from God, prayer, dealing with others etc.

Made for More—Oct/Nov

6 weeks of discovering God's heart for you in ministry and finding out your unique fit in terms of serving Him.

If you are interested in either of these two courses then please email training@ashgrove.org.au to register your interest.

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