

prayer @ ashgrove

You do not have because you do not ask God.
James 4:2

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 at 8am
(global mission focus @ 388 Waterworks Rd)

praying through the week

- Continually pray for **christmas @ ashgrove** over the coming weeks, for the planning and behind the scenes preparation, for a clear and powerful message about the true meaning of Christmas and that we would be a most warm and welcoming church community.
- Pray for **Dan Paterson** and others from **ashgrove** who are on the Gold Coast during Schoolies as **Red Frog Chaplains**. Pray for the Schoolies, that they would make wise decisions during this week and into their future.
- **Cathy** is thankful to God for having been able to complete most of the work on **her thesis**. Pray for the **Regional Conference** she is organizing – for all the practical matters to come together, and above all for God to be at work preparing those who will meet.
- Ask God to **bless Andy and Oksana Ford** in their marriage and for their visit to Australia and **ashgrove** in the coming weeks.

this week we are praying for

- Cathy . . .Middle East
- Andrew Ford . . .Kiev
- Alex Milne...96.Five
- Kerrie Bird...Craft

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
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Support	Ann-Janette Reinhardt
	0402 098 102
Music & Creative Arts	Cara Cox
	0413 993 466
abc International	Simon Baek
	0422 250 086
High School	Daniel Paterson
	0432 727 726

other ministry leaders

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

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life @ ashgrove

22 november 2009

In the World ...

Of the many objections to Christianity, there is one in particular that stands out in my mind as troubling. That is, the argument that to be Christian is to withdraw from the world around us, to follow fairy tales with wishful hearts and myths that insist we stop thinking and believe that all will be right in the end because God says so.

It was in such a vein that Karl Marx depicted Christianity as a kind of drug that anesthetizes its consumers to the suffering in the world and the wretchedness of life. Sigmund Freud argued similarly that belief in God functions as an infantile dream that helps us evade the pain and helplessness we both feel and see around us. I don't find these critiques and others like them troubling because I find them at all an accurate picture of the kingdom Jesus described.

I find them troubling because so many live as if Freud and Marx are quite right in their analyses.

Jill Carattini

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
10.30am	fuel
6pm	prayer
6.30pm	collective worship

serving @ ashgrove

A Kilo of Kindness

Donate **1kg of non perishable items**, for the **Christmas hampers** distributed by the Care Team. Drop off your items in the bins at the auditorium entrance. Suggestion items include:

- Juice
- Soft drinks/poppers
- Christmas cakes/cake mixes/puddings
- Shortbread/bikkies/crackers
- Mince pies
- Sweets/Chocolate
- Coffee/tea/milo/drinking choc
- Pasta
- Sauces
- Tins of food
- Coles or Woollies vouchers

christmas @ ashgrove

Get involved and make **christmas @ ashgrove** your personal gift to our local community. Check out all the ways you can get involved on the enclosed insert. There is assistance needed:

- before the event;
- during the event; and
- after the event.

See **Ann-Janette Reinhardt** or **Cara Cox** to register your

coming up @ ashgrove

christmas @ ashgrove . . . 13 dec

A great afternoon of **free family fun from 4.30pm** (lots to do, see, eat and drink) with **carols @ 6.30pm**. Join with us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus. Stay for ice creams and coffee under the stars at the conclusion of the carols! **Invite** your friends, neighbours and family.

...a gift of love to bring joy to the world and peace on earth...

blokes mountain bike ride . . . today

2pm today! Grab your bike + helmet and head round & down Mt Coot-tha. See **Dan Yates, Rob Heywood** or **Michael Knight** for details.

time out . . . saturday

Come and enjoy the Time Out Breakup Breakfast at the Royal on Park in Alice Street @ 8am. Cost for full breakfast \$27.50 or Continental \$18.50. RSVP to **Liz & Eric Forshaw** ASAP for table numbers.

annual business meeting . . . 29 nov

Participate in the full life of our church as we take an opportunity to look back over the past 12 months, look to the future and acknowledge God's work in and through us.

working bee . . . 5 dec

Roll up your sleeves, grab a friend and join us for a morning of small and large odd jobs around our property and great fellowship. All are welcome!

thailand short term mission trip . . . april '10

Initial planning has commenced to take a team to visit **Pirawan** and the **Karen Church**. See **Phil Fox** for more information.

this week @ ashgrove

today	10am 6.30pm	Kevin Bird. . . Luke 1:1-4 Natasha Bengtson. . . Ps 145
monday	9.30am 6.30pm	playcentre made for more and crown courses
tuesday	9.30am	playcentre
wednesday	9.30am	playcentre
thursday	6.30am 9.30am	prayer craft
friday	7.30pm	genesis – tribal night
saturday		
sunday	10am 6.30pm	Kevin Bird. . . Luke 1:5-24 Kevin Bird. . . Ps 145

our church

- Last Sunday night we celebrated with **Rachel Quennell** as she was baptised in the presence of her family and friends.
- Congratulations to our Yr 12's who completed High School this week—**Matthew Fox, Sam Cotton, Peter Hill, Frank Adams, Nadia Kirby and Reinette Kirby**.
- Federal funding for **School Chaplaincy** is currently under review. **SU** is encouraging all of us to write to our federal members to express our desire for the funding to continue. For more info visit www.support.schoolchaplaincy.org.au.
- Additional copies of an article from the MECO magazine concerning **Janeen's Oasis Café** are available at the Global Mission display.

praying for...

christmas @ ashgrove

We want to acknowledge the importance of praying for **christmas @ ashgrove**.

Opportunities are being created between now and 13 December for us to pray individually, in small groups & as a corporate community. Our encouragement to you is to take hold of these opportunities and ask God to undertake for this event and to use this celebration to reach our local community.

When can I pray?

- **everyday** (you + God)
- **life groups** each week
- **worship gatherings**
- **Friday 4 Dec @ 7.30pm**
- **Sunday 6 Dec @ 8pm**
Fondu + Gelati+ Prayer @ 92 Coopers Camp Road

What can I pray for?

- we would be a **warm and welcoming** community
- **powerful message** of love, joy and peace
- good **weather**
- planning, logistics & safety
- **invitations** given to our local community to come
- music and drama **rehearsals**

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a church ministering to the whole person
a church equipping people for ministry
a church impacting the community and the nations