

GIVING/TITHING AT CBC-

Giving is part of our Christian faith showing our love for Him and an integral part of our ministries to the local community. You can give in 3 different ways:

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Account Name: Carlingford Baptist Church
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2. **Giveway Link:** scan the QR code
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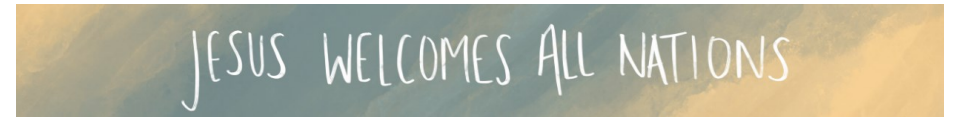
We are thankful to the following Helpers:

| | 10 December | 17 December |
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| Welcomers | George & Margaret Gourlay | Lindsay & Roslyn Casey |
| Prayer | Craig Kayes | Patsy Lees |
| Bible Reading | Jan Pittendrigh | David Tan |
| Offering Count | Carol Hu/ David Tan | Lindsay Casey/Ken McGill |
| Livestream | Tim Ridley | Melody Wong |
| Sound | Kim Poon | Tim Ridley |
| AV | Milton Purkiss | Don Hunt |
| Morning tea | Becky Dawkins & Sophie Pang | Ken & Dianne McGill |
| Kids Church | Emma, Catherine, Jane | Emma, Yica, Sabs, Julia |
| Grounds | | |



CHURCH FAMILY PRAYER —

Emma Martin (Ridley)
Don, Renarta and Cameron Mathewson,
Ken and Dianne McGill



Welcome to Carlingford Baptist Church NEWS — 10 December 2023

Today we will be hearing from Howard Bennett on Ruth Chapter 3.



December Prayer Theme - Giving thanks

We encourage each one to dwell on thanks to God in our prayers this week. The words of Psalm 107 may help with our prayers of thanks.

We are to give thanks for His unfailing love and His wonderful deeds. As we near the end of the year and approach Christmas, in our prayers we can thank God for being with us through the year and for the gift of his Son, Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 can help us to frame our prayers. We are encouraged by those verses to rejoice always, pray continually, and give thanks in all circumstances. These three things we can take into our prayers this month. As verse 18 observes – this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Senior Pastor: Howard Bennett
Korean Pastor: David Choi
Mandarin Pastor—Interim: Arthur Chan
Children's Ministry Worker: Emma Ridley
Youth & Young Adults Worker-Interim: David Chang
Church Office: Karon Linder (Tues/Wed) office@carlingford-baptist.org
cnr Pennant Hills Rd & Alamein Ave, Carlingford 9872 3022
English service 10am—in-person & livestreamed
Go to our **website: www.carlingford-baptist.org**



CELEBRATE HOPE WITH BAPTIST WORLD AID THIS CHRISTMAS

Mina is Dalit, the people group sometimes called the 'untouchables' because cultural protocols demand that Dalits remain separate and lower in status than other castes. Mina had no "Nepalese citizenship, no education, no access to an income, and no rights. She was not even allowed to leave her home without permission from her family.



She lived in the darkness of discrimination as a Dalit woman, until about four years ago when our local Christian Partner started working in her community.

Mina's life changed dramatically, and so did her self-worth. Through the Self Help Group, she received training in animal handling and help from our Partner to start a small business commercially farming goats. Mina's business thrived and she has been able to provide for her family, reinvest in her business, save for the future, and pay for her children and grandchild to receive education. Mina has become convinced that women had as much value as men, and that she has the gifts needed to help her community rise out of poverty.

Mina was elected, and is now a highly regarded woman in her community and family. She and her self-help group have worked hard, and seen improvements in their community, such as: improved sanitation; higher crop yields; women can more easily obtain citizenship for themselves and their children; more nutritious food and new income streams for families through dairy farming. Mina has a particular interest in improving life for women. Her dream is for one of these women to become mayor, do even more good for their community, and one day see an end to discrimination, injustice and poverty.

Get behind the real heroes fighting poverty this Christmas with a gift to our Christmas Appeal. All donations are tax deductible and donations can be by cash, cheque or credit card and place in the BWAA envelopes which will be available or you can scan the QR code. If you would like to know more about the work and ministry of Baptist World Aid, access their website from the following link: <https://baptistworldaid.org.au/>

Final Church Prayer Meeting for 2023

On Sunday 17th December at 2:30pm, the final church prayer meeting for the year will be held in the large hall. This is an opportunity for all congregations to come together and reflect on, and give thanks for, all that has happened during 2023 and look forward to a new year, committing to God the ministry and direction of the church as we seek His leading and His will as we reach out to the community. It would be great to see many attending as together, we commit the future of CBC to God in prayer.



CBC CHRISTMAS SERVICES-

Please invite your family and friends to this special service. Invitation cards are available in the hallway.

Christmas Eve 24/12 – 10am (not livestreamed)

Family Friendly Combined Service & Lunch—

If you are able please bring some extra food for our guests



Christmas Day 25/12 – 9am - Combined Service

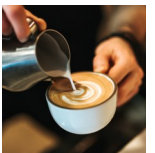
Prison Fellowship/Angeltree Christmas Gifts

Please contact Karen Read for details if you would like to provide an Angel Tree Gift this year.



Would you like to help make coffee on a Sunday morning using our coffee machine?

Some training will be provided. Please speak to Howard or Ian Read if you are interested.



Finance Update (as at 30th November 2023)

Offerings

Budget \$6,000 per week

Actual \$6,771.63 per week