

CAC – a church without property

A wise man once told me that, "church is the people not the building". The Apostle Peter wrote, "you ... are being built into a spiritual house..." (1 Peter 2:5). God's presence is most keenly felt when in the midst of fellow believers. This is an important correction when the church obsesses about buildings, stained-glass windows and furnishings.

Our church has managed quite well without a building since it was planted in 1998. We have borrowed private homes and rented public spaces. We have satisfactorily struggled, setting up and pulling down each week. God has not only sustained us but ensured that we flourished without owning one brick. This is an important aspect of our character and uniqueness.

But what of the future? How would improving our tenure and property availability help us to expand and grow? What difference would it make if we had a place to own, not just a place to go to?

Our Parish Council has recently turned its mind to our church's future property needs. A subcommittee was set up to research and dream of the property potentials for our church. The subcommittee explored 3 case studies:-

1. **Leasing a 200 m² warehouse** that could accommodate some of our ministries but would not be large enough for our Sunday morning gatherings.
2. **Leasing a 400 m² warehouse** that would accommodate all of our ministries, including our Sunday morning gatherings.
3. **Purchasing a 400 m² warehouse.**

It is unlikely that any of the above options could be obtained within Cherrybrook. While our church would want to continue to minister to the Cherrybrook community, some of our activity would be drawn outside of the suburb if we pursued one of these options.

Option 1 would be the most financially viable and option 3 the least. Option 3 would provide for all of our ministries with the most security of tenure. Each has advantages and disadvantages.

You can download the complete report from the "news" section on our website. Have a read of it.

At **11AM on Sunday 16th September** we will meet after the morning service to discuss the report and give feedback. Please come along to hear what others have to say and contribute to the discussion.



Pastor

Barraba
Anglican Church
Meet the real Jesus

A small CAC team will be heading to Barraba for 5 days, **1 to 5 October**. This will be the final Barraba mission trip, the final Cherrybrook week.

There will be a **team meeting at 7.30pm Thursday 20 September**, at the Butler's home, 9 Loftus Rd, Pennant Hills.

If you would like to join the team, please come along and find out more.

Food Drive Thank You

Thank you to all who participated in collecting food for Anglicare and to those who donated time and the more than 6000 items. Thank you for serving God and our neighbours in this way.

Message heard on Fathers' Day

As parents we launch our children into life. Let them be free to make their own mistakes and learn from them. After all we are still making mistakes and hopefully learning from them with our father's help.



PRAYER @ CAC



*"Consider it pure joy,
my brothers, whenever you face
trials of many kinds, because you
know that the testing of your faith
develops perseverance."
James 1 : 2-3*

Thank you, God for:

- Loving us unconditionally
- Generously giving us your blessings when we ask in faith
- Forgiving our mistakes
- All the ministries in our church

Please pray for:

Our reliance on the Lord and to remember that God is in control in all circumstances

Guidance as we determine the property future of our church

Our church family, particularly

- Sue Dawkins
- John and Nancy Dossan
- Julie Hohne
- Judy Telfer
- Barbara Strivener
- those who are ill or injured
- those who are grieving the loss of loved ones
- those who are broken

Geoff, Robyn and their family for recovery

Bishop Ivan Lee for recovery

- **HSC students** and their families as they prepare for final exams
- Good **soaking rain** that will break the ongoing drought across all rural areas of NSW.
- The **farmers and their families** to persevere in such hardship and that appropriate support systems will reach them.
- **God to be honoured** through our connections with Cherrybrook neighbours during and after the Food Drive.
- **Barraba** preparation

Future Property Meeting

At 10.45am on **Sunday, 16 September** please **pick up a report from the back table.**

Women's Ministry



Friday 14 September from 9.30am-12noon at the Schabel's Clubhouse, 30-34 Greenoaks Ave, Cherrybrook. Please contact Kylie Meikle on 0431715584 for more information or if you require transport.

Church Sign Board



THE ACCOUNT DETAILS FOR ELECTRONIC GIVING ARE:

ACC NAME:
Cherrybrook Anglican Church
BANK:
Commonwealth Bank of Australia
BSB: 062 401
ACC NUMBER: 1030 0904

 **CHERRYBROOK**
ANGLICAN CHURCH
9 September 2018

9.30am

The son of man

Gav Poole

Mark 13 : 1 - 37

6.30pm

The final judgement

Gav Poole

Revelation 20 : 1 - 15

16 September 2018

9.30am

The substitute

Gav Poole

Mark 15 : 1 - 15

6.30pm

**This is my story #3
Special service**

Diary Dates

Friday 14 Sept – Coffee and craft morning

Sunday 16 Sept –
Property meeting 10:45am

Wed. 19 Sept – Prayer Meeting

Thursday 27 Sept –
Parish Council Meeting