

**8:30am**

## **LIVING AS A CHRISTIAN IN A HOSTILE WORLD**

2 Kings 5:1-14      2 Timothy 4:1-5

Under Pressure

1      KEEPING THE FAITH

2      SPREADING THE WORD

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### **CMS SUMMER SCHOOL 2018**

Each year our Church Missionary Society holds Summer School in Katoomba. This is a great chance to meet many of our CMS missionaries, hear about the spread of the gospel around the world, and hear some great Bible teaching, while enjoying Christian fellowship with people from many other churches. This year, Richard Chin, will be teaching about the supremacy of Christ, from the book of Colossians. The dates are 6-12 January, 2018. Consider coming away for the whole week, or coming up to Katoomba for the day.

Find out more information and book in:

<http://www.nswsummerschool.org.au/apply/>

**CHRISTMAS EVENT** 2pm 11<sup>th</sup> November

Hanna Pountain – “The real meaning of Christmas”.

Fair Trade Bazaar plus Afternoon Tea to follow.

conversations that we are able to have with people beforehand or afterwards that really help to give people the bigger picture. But we come back to our big question: How do we talk about the Lord Jesus in our general chats with people in day to day life?

Over the next four weeks, John Costin is going to be helping us with that very question. John will be taking us through some good ideas about bringing Jesus into our conversations, and listening to what others are saying. This short course will be a great encouragement for our evangelistic efforts. We will conduct the course after our 10am Sunday gatherings, from 11.45am-12.45pm. We are trying to make it easy to come along, after a brief morning tea, and just before lunch. We hope that it is a good time, that will not take up too much of the day, but still be a worthwhile investment in gospel ministry training. The four Sundays are: 22 and 29 October, and 5 and 12 November.

RSVP [john.costin89@gmail.com](mailto:john.costin89@gmail.com)

Your Brother in Christ,  
Chris

### **ST JAMES' SUNDAY GATHERINGS**

22 October	CMS Mission Sunday	John 10
29 October	Reformation Sunday	Philippians 2
5 November	Suffering Church Sunday	Revelation 6
12 November	Writing History	Luke's Gospel

### **MISSION TEAM FROM THE NATIONAL TRAINING EVENT**

At the start of December each year the Australian Fellowship of Evangelical Students run the National Training Event. The students will hear talks, share in discussion groups, and learn how to share the gospel. Then, they go to various churches and put what they have learnt into practise. This year, at St James, we have a team of 10-12 students coming to St James to share in our ongoing mission to our area. They will be with us from Wednesday 6th December through to Sunday 10th December. They will be looking for opportunities to speak to people about the gospel. They will be sharing in the Scripture seminar at Douglas Park Public School, speaking with the Men at Shop, sharing with people at Durham Green and with people in our local area.

We will have the opportunity to billet the students over that time, in our homes. We will also be providing some meals for them as well. Please consider how you might be able to help. More details to follow.

## Prayer for the eighteenth Sunday after Trinity:

Lord, give your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Prayer Requests: Synod 16-17 October

Please keep the following in your prayers: Ray & Colleen Burge; Esmee Charles, David Cutts [give praise for the good report], Merv Filby, John [Barb's son-in-law], Barbie Linfoot, Leandra Negrini, Celeste [Merle's daughter], Ernie & Jean Siddall, Matthew Wood.

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2017	Last Week	\$2,500	\$3,542	141%
	Year to date	\$102,500	\$99,684	97%
2017	Mission (last week)	\$257		
	Mission (year to date)	\$9,686		
Other missions giving 2017:		Barnabas Fund \$525 BCA boxes \$360 A'Bishop's Aid \$150 MAF \$150 IGL \$340		
Bank details for Direct Debit giving:				



Geoff and Robyn



Michael Duckett



Craig and Red Fulton





God so loved the world that he gave...  
God so loved the world that he forgave...

## SHARING THE GOSPEL IN EVERYDAY CONVERSATIONS

15<sup>th</sup> October 2017

*"But in your hearts honour Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defence to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect." 1 Peter 3:15 (ESV)*

We are encouraged to be people who are willing and able to share the gospel with non-believers, for their salvation and for the glory of God. But the gospel is not the topic of choice that comes up in many of our general conversations. We are aware that we live in a world that is increasingly secular. Very few people are interested in spiritual things. This is a material world. Increasingly, with the pressure for people to be able to do whatever they like, and be whomever they choose, the very idea of bringing up the idea that there is a God to whom we are accountable is not welcome. And yet, we really would like to be able to talk about the Lord Jesus. We would love a conversation that begins people hearing that we all have a problem, and that Jesus is the solution.

In one sense, our church is always "On Mission." There are many seasons for our gospel chats. As we all know, Christmas is just around the corner. There are presents to buy, and cards to send, people to see and family gatherings to plan. In the midst of everything else, we want to invite family and friends to come along to the Carols on the Hill, to the Christmas Eve Family Service, and possibly to church on Christmas Day. What better time to explain what Christmas means to us, as we ask other people what Christmas means to them. For many people it is not a one-off conversation that helps them to come to faith in Jesus, but a series of invitations and discussions, over time.

Next year we will be having a special time of Mission across our whole region, during March 2018. There will be a number of large and small events for people of all ages to invite people to come along to. In many ways, while the special events often provide a good gospel presentation, it is the