

## FOR YOUR CALENDAR

# Coming events

**REGULAR CHURCH services will be on 2, 9 and 23 April. There will be no service at the church on 16 April (Easter Sunday) unless rain prevents the outdoor service. There will also be a brief devotional service and coffee and buns on Good Friday. See P 2.**

Communion will be on 2 April, which is also the date of the monthly fellowship lunch.

Midweek Prayer and Bible Study is at 7:30 pm each Wednesday at the church.

The working bee will have to be rethought, as it is scheduled for Easter Saturday.

The Drop In Centre runs in the hall each Thursday from 10 am until 1 pm.

**D A T E S T O R E M E M B E R**  
**14–16 Apr — Easter** (Western & Greek)

**S 23 April** — Prayer for district  
**T 25 Apr** — ANZAC Day (also Rogation Day)

**S 14 May** — Mothers Day  
**S 4 June** — Pentecost  
**M 12 Jun** — Queen's Birthday

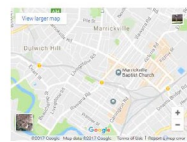
### OUR WEBSITE

Our site, [www.atsilverstreet.com](http://www.atsilverstreet.com), is now more up-to-date and functional.



#### Silver Street Baptist Mission: Where we are, what we are doing

**LOCATION:** cnr Silver Street and Cabaret Street, Marrickville, NSW, 2104 (no access to Silver Street from Marrickville Road)



**Regular Activities:**  
**Sunday Worship:** 10:30am  
 Coffee and biscuits follow  
**Fellowship Lunch:**  
 1st Sunday most months  
**Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer:**  
 7:30pm

#### Other Activities

**Drop In Centre:** Thursdays 10:30am - Social Event (outing) final Saturday of month.  
 Do you have a trade or a special skill, or would you like to contribute in some other way to the Silver Street Mission?  
 We have a working bee on 3rd Saturday of each month.  
 Call or e-mail [admin@atsilverstreet.com](mailto:admin@atsilverstreet.com)

Copies of sermons and newsletters are generally available on the site within a day or two of preaching/publication.

**S 30 Jul** — Church 130th Anniversary  
**S 3 Sep** — Fathers Day

**08–14 Oct** — Mental Health Week

**S 29 Oct** — Reformation Sunday  
**T 31 Oct** — 500th Anniversary of Reformation  
**S 03 Dec** — Beginning of Advent  
**M 25 Dec** — Christmas Day

Dates have not yet been settled, but Peter Green anticipates being on leave approximately 11/12 May to close to the Queen's Birthday weekend.

At this stage he hopes to begin his journey in Germany, heading toward the North Sea then turning through Holland and Belgium and finally to Calais before crossing to England and heading to Nottingham. His final few days would be in London before flying home.

### PEOPLE & ISSUES TO PRAY FOR:

#### THANKSGIVING

- Seeing some new people
- Many people putting time and effort into helping us survive and grow
- Some good prayer meetings lately
- Things working out for Jan and Bob

#### PRAYER

- Revival in all the churches
- Paul Cull in Brazil, struggling with noisy environment and with finances.
- Better Drop In Attendances
- More effective outreach and ministry
- Wisdom for our church's future
- Plans for Pastor's approaching leave.
- Easter plans
- Family and friends

## The second quarter begins



### MISSION NEWS

#### April 2017



**AFTER ONE of the wettest Marches on record, with a super cyclone striking north Queensland and creating extensive and record flooding on the NSW North coast we hope for a dryer April.**

We began the month with a visit from Rev Megan du Toit who spoke about God's grace. It was well received and everyone seemed to warm to Megan.

I enjoyed watching the people gathering in the foyer and talking ahead of the service

#### MEMBERS' MEETING

Our quarterly meeting was about three months overdue, so it was good that it was finally held.

Among other things, we discussed inviting other churches to share in our Walk of Witness on Friday 14 April (Good Friday) or our service + barbecue on Easter Sunday. So far, the Uniting Church has replied and is unable to join us, as their plans were already set.

Another issue which came up at the meeting was our lack of prayer, particularly before the service.

I have been very pleased to see that spirit of prayer returning, and I feel better about preaching when I know people are praying or have been recently.

#### MENTAL HEALTH

Kevin Llewellyn and Peter Green completed training in Mental Health First Aid over the last week of February and first two of March, and are both now qualified Mental Health First Aid practitioners. The course was offered by Neami, and led by Naomi Green and Victoria Langan. The qualification lasts for three years, and could prove useful at Drop In.

#### REBOUND REHAB

Rebound has moved out now except for a desk and computer where Peter Green works for a few hours on Monday mornings. The space is useful. We have also been given an additional hutch thing for books and such, which has to be fully assembled.



**MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID AUSTRALIA** accredits

**Peter Green**

as a **Standard Mental Health First Aider** after successful completion of the course and assessment.

This course teaches knowledge and skills for providing initial help to people experiencing depressive, anxiety, psychotic, substance use, disorders and associated crises.

*Betty Kitchener*  
 CEO  
 Mental Health First Aid Australia  
 Naomi Green and Victoria Langan  
 MHFA Instructors

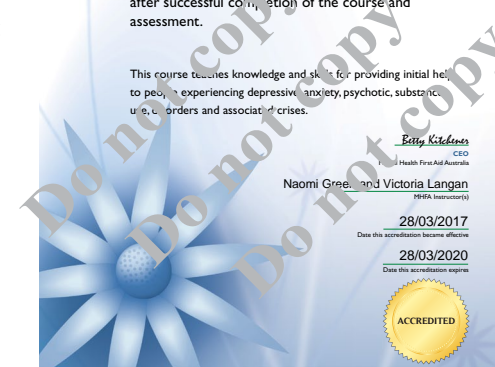
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## THE PASTOR'S WORD

# Once for all

**GOD DOES not desire blood sacrifice. This is made clear in the Old Testament: for example, in Psalm 40: 6, which is also quoted in the letter to the Hebrews.**

However, the Jews were so used to the sacrificial system, and it had such time-honoured importance to them, that there was no way that redemption would be seen as complete without a sacrifice.

In the book of Hebrews (10:12,14), we read, But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God...

For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy. The question arises, "To whom did Christ, as our great high priest, offer the sacrifice?"

We would mostly answer immediately that it is made to God; but perhaps it is more true to

say that Jesus made the sacrifice and presented it to us — so that we, and those like us, can be assured that our desire for an effective sacrifice has been satisfied.

One thing is certain: the death of Jesus was driven by human hatred, and we should never dishonour God by depicting him as one who will not forgive apart from punishing an innocent victim.

But, by dying as a victim of human wickedness and rising again, Jesus defeated every weapon arrayed against him — and, incidentally, proved in a graphic way that sacrifices are ended and can never be legitimately revived.

Love,

Peter



## Easter with the Mission

### Good Friday 14 April Walk of Witness

Meet at church 9 am, then walk via Post Office Plaza, Illawarra Rd & Byrne St. Walk ends at church with brief devotion, then coffee and buns

### Easter Sunday 16 April Resurrection Service 9:30; then barbecue lunch.

Location: McNeilly Park (old pool site) or Baptist Church, cnr Silver & Calvert Sts if raining.

BYO food or share;  
no alcohol in park  
All Welcome



Details: Peter 0413 146065

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## Easter Plans

THE COPY (left) of the flyer for Easter shows the main features of our plans.

Our routes are:  
Good Friday.

- Begin at Alex Trelvalleyan Plaza
- Walk along Marrickville Road toward Illawarra Road as far as the Station
- Return via Byrne and O'Hara Streets
- Finish at Church

Easter Sunday

Meet in the shelter shed in McNeilly Park. Jan and Bob will "capture" this area for us early on Sunday morning. These directions are for going on foot.

McNeilly Park is past Marrickville Station.

- Cross Illawarra Road near the station
- Walk toward Vesbar Coffee shop on the corner of Warburton Street.
- Go westward along Warburton Street to the park

## BAPTISTS

# Bible Translations

A LOT of nonsense is circulating these days aimed to undermine Christianity. Among the tales are a bunch concerning the Bible translations. One is that King James I ordered destruction of previous Bible translations, notably the *Geneva Bible*.



In 1539, when the Reformation was 22 years old, the *Great Bible* became the first "Authorised Version" for use in Anglican Churches.

It was followed in 1560 by the *Geneva Bible*, the first mechanically printed, mass-produced Bible available to the general public. It came with scriptural study guides and aids, including verse cross-references, introductions to each book of the Bible, maps, tables, illustrations.

It displaced the *Great Bible* in the public mind by the power of its language. However those aids troubled the authorities, because they questioned the forms of the State-authorised churches, and this drove the production of the 1611 *Authorised Version*.

However the *Geneva Bibles* clearly weren't destroyed by James I. Most Dissenting Protestants, (Congregationalists, Baptists etc.) kept using it and it was popular among Cromwell's soldiers during and after the Civil Wars in the 1640s, as well as being taken to America by the pilgrims. A copy would be fairly rare today.

The "*King James Version*" was actually quite unpopular for 50 or more years after it was first printed. People are slow to change their preferences. However, we have become much more at ease with new translations. Remember that it took more than 150 years for the *Revised Ver-*

sion to come out. It never replaced the *KJV* in popularity, and it has really only been the *New International Version*, late in the 20th Century, which has rivalled the *KJV*,

Some people try to undermine the trustworthiness of the *KJV* by pointing out that King James I was an active and somewhat promiscuous homosexual. That fact is quite irrelevant, of course. To Christians, the Bible is not a "holy book": it is a record of God's dealings with his people, particularly through Jesus, and the important thing is the accuracy of the translation, not who did it. It is Jesus who is holy!

Another theory popularised by Dan Brown is that Constantine ordered the production of an "authorised" New Testament at the Council of Nicea.

Actually, the discussion at Nicea was not about the content of the New Testament, but about how to interpret it. There is good evidence for our New Testament in writings from well before Nicea.

Tertullian, who wrote on Biblical and theological subjects around 200AD, quoted extensively from New Testament texts.

A few pages of his *Adversus Praxeas* brings up quotations from or allusions to passages from Matthew, Mark and John, plus Colossians, Acts, and 1 Corinthians. The New Testament might not have existed as a single volume at that point, but it certainly existed.

Interestingly, the Arians and the Christian mainstream (often called "Catholic" used the same Bible: the Arian Gothic bishop, Wulfila, translated the New Testament and parts of the old into Gothic around 380AD, and extant copies contain the major part of the same New Testament used by today's Christians (some pages are missing).

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