

# The New Church Newsletter

## Hurstville Society January 2011

### Announcement of New Pastor

The big news this issue is the announcement of a new pastor for the Hurstville Society. The news was officially announced on Sunday 5th December after church. For those who have yet to catch up with the news the text of **Bishop Brian Keith's** announcement is as follows:

"Dear Members and Friends in Hurstville,

I am happy to announce that after taking counsel with your committee, I am appointing Candidate **Todd Beiswenger** as your next pastor. Todd and his wife Jenn are excited about this and are looking forward to joining you. Todd is currently completing his theological education, and will be moving there as soon as possible after July 1, 2011. (Graduation and ordination are anticipated on the weekend of May 22. All pastoral moves are set for July 1, although sometimes there are delays due to visa and other issues, such as the General Assembly at the end of June.) He has already started working on obtaining the appropriate visa.

We have tremendous confidence in Todd, who had a career in business marketing before turning towards the ministry. He has shown himself to be a bright student of the doctrines and a very personable young man. And we are certain you will enjoy Jenn and their pre-schooler Zach.

We congratulate you and the Beiswengers on this most significant step. May the Lord add His blessing to this, for the sake of the future of the New Church in Australia.

Sincerely,  
Bishop Brian W. Keith"

However there is a challenge ahead in going through the red tape involved in the immigration. At this point we are obtaining advice from a firm of immigration agents. It is looking like a 12 month process.

### News Notes

We have been enjoying having the services of **Rev Grant Odhner** since early December and as of time of writing (Thursday 23rd Dec) his wife **Sarah** has just arrived to join him for Christmas and the Summer Camp. Grant and Sarah will be in Australia until 9th January.

**Church Services in January** will consist of a Holy Supper Service on 2nd January and a service on Sunday 30th January. There will be no service on 9th January as many people will be away at the Summer Camp. There will be no regular services on 16th and 23rd January.

**Rev Doug** and **Christine Taylor** are planning to do another Nellie Melba and visit Australia from early January (staying first in Adelaide) and then Hurstville from 9th to 16th February. Doug has kindly offered to take the service on 13th February. It will be great to see them once again.

The **Pause Make Space for God programme** will begin on the first **Monday** in February at 7.30 pm (7th Feb) and continue weekly for seven weeks. **Kerry Lockhart** has kindly offered to be the facilitator for these evenings. (Many thanks Kerry). It looks like we will get the course books printed and bound at Officeworks for a cost of probably \$19 which is cheaper than buying them from Bryn Athyn and shipping them out.

The monthly **dinner and class** (we would still do the Pause program this night) has been set down for Monday 14th February at 7:15 p.m. Choosing this date will also enable an extra chance to socialise with Doug and Christine Taylor.

**David Gladish**, son of Rev Nathan Gladish and nephew of Lori and Murray Heldon will be arriving 31st December. He will be attending the church summer camp than staying for several months working for Stuart Heldon.

**Carolyn Heldon** will be moving to Western Australia in mid January to take up a position as Reception/Duty Manager at the Smiths Beach Resort in the famous Margaret River area in the South West.

**Bishop Brian Keith** is still hopeful of an episcopal visit to Australia at Easter time in 2011 but this is yet to be confirmed.

Patricia Walsh has advised that there are not enough grocery items being donated for the **Exodus Foundation** and this will have to be discontinued. However as there are already some items in the basket could people **make a big effort to make one last donation by Sunday 2nd January** for a final pick up.

### Birthdays

Happy Birthday to **Margaret Heldon** (9th), **Rachel Heldon** (15th), **Kerry Lockhart** (24th) and **Kaye MacFarlane** (30th)

### January 2011 Calendar of Events

**Note:** All events are located at the church at 22 Dudley St, Penshurst 2222 (off Hillcrest Ave) unless otherwise stated. Contact the Hurstville New Church on (02) 9580 1589 for more information or email us at [newchurch@optusnet.com.au](mailto:newchurch@optusnet.com.au)  
All are welcome and refreshments are served after church each Sunday.

Sunday	2nd January	10 00 a.m. Worship (Holy Supper)
Mon to Sun	3rd Jan - 9th Jan	New Church Summer Camp in Canberra
Sunday	9th January	No Church in Hurstville
Sunday	16th January	No Regular Service in Hurstville
Sunday	23rd January	No Regular Service in Hurstville
Sunday	30th January	10 00 a.m. Worship