

The New Church Newsletter

Hurstville Society January 2005

January 2005 - News Notes

All of us here at The Hurstville New Church hope that you and your family have had a wonderful Christmas and we send our blessings for a safe and rewarding 2005.

Some of you might know that December saw **Tom Taylor** in hospital following a heart attack. The good news is that following a series of medical procedures to clear away blockages, he appears to be well and truly on his way back to normal health.

Other than Tom, it is good to report that apart from some of life's normal aches and pains, the Hurstville Society seems to be pretty healthy at the moment.



After some delay we now report that in September, **Peter Kennedy** and his wife **Stephanie** were married in a private ceremony at Pearl Beach just north of Sydney. In addition, Peter's brother **Stuart** has now announced his engagement to girlfriend **Sandra Christoffel**. A 2005 wedding is being planned, but no further details are available at this time. We send our blessings to both couples

for true eternal happiness in their lives together.

Many of you might know that the Hurstville Society turns 100 in July, 2005. In preparation for this the **Anniversary Planning Committee** had its inaugural meeting after church on the 12th of December. Stay tuned for updates on some of the exciting events we are thinking about. If you are not on that committee but have thoughts regarding what you might like to see as part of the festivities, please talk to Garry Walsh, or if you live close enough, join in and become part of the Committee yourself.

As part of our Anniversary preparations, we are hoping to receive a visit next year from **Rev. David Lindrooth**, the Director of General Church Outreach. This is the office within the church that used to be called The Office of Evangelization. David will be here to talk to us about church-wide outreach efforts. He will also be helping us with some specifics of our Anniversary and ongoing outreach projects. At this stage we anticipate him being here between the 29th of March and the 5th of April.

On Sunday, 19th of December the Society held a very successful **worship and carols night**. A short Family service was given at 6:00pm. This was followed by a pot luck meal. The congregation then returned to the church for an evening of carols led by Roseville Society pastor **Rev. Julian Duckworth**. A huge word of thanks goes to **Julian** and **Ruth** for coming down to visit us for the evening, and especially to Julian for lending his considerable musical talents.

It is always nice to have church people stop in and visit us. During December we were joined by **Stephen Taylor** from Bryn Athyn who is now enjoying an extended stay with family in both South Australia and Victoria. Stephen is the son of former pastor Rev. Douglas Taylor. Also visiting this month is **Scott Simons** from the Washington Society who briefly returns to us after spending time in Fiji and New Zealand.

Travelling this month are **Huiling Sun** who is visiting her family in China for Christmas as well as investigating business opportunities for developing an import business from China to Australia.

Meanwhile **Robert Cooper** has taken the opportunity to visit Cairns and Cooktown where he did some research on Captain Cook's journey. He visited the Undara lava tubes which he reports were "splendid but costly" as well as visiting Kuranda by skyrail and train.

January Calendar

As normal, January will be a quiet month. Many of our members will be travelling during the month with a large number attending the **Annual Camp** between the 10th and 16th. Having all these people away in Queensland, including the pastor and his family, means there will be **no church services** on two consecutive Sundays, the **9th** and the **16th**. 10:00 am services will resume as normal on the 23rd. If you can, please join us on January the 2nd for our quarterly **Holy Supper** celebration, which will take place at the end of the morning's worship service.

Birthdays

Happy Birthday to **Margaret Heldon** (9th), **Rachel Heldon** (15th), **Garry Walsh** (19th), **Kerry Lockhart** (24th) and **Kaye Macfarlane** (30th)

January 2005 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 pastor **Rev Garry Walsh** on (02) 9580 1589 for more information or email Garry at newchurch@optusnet.com.au

All are welcome and refreshments are served after church each Sunday.

Sunday	January 2nd	10 00 a.m. Worship & Sunday School (Holy Supper)
Sunday	January 9th	<i>No Service</i>
Sunday	January 16th	<i>No Service</i>
Sunday	January 23rd	10 00 a.m. Worship & Sunday School
Sunday	January 30th	10 00 a.m. Worship & Sunday School