



Arana Hills Church of Christ

21 FEBRUARY 2010

Welcome to Arana Hills Church of Christ today. If you are visiting for the first time it is great to have you amongst us and we pray that you will experience the presence of Jesus as you gather with us for worship.

PREACHING

21 Feb Simon Ward
(9am/6pm)
28 Feb Simon Ward
(9am/6pm)

Please note that up to and including Sunday 28 Feb there will be only one morning service each week, at 9am.

MORNING TEA

There is a combined morning tea after the 9am service this morning. Please stay and chat over tea and coffee.



PASTOR'S POST

This week as I have been praying and preparing to share God's word this Sunday from 1 John 2:18-29, a word that wasn't there jumped out at me! Let me explain. John writes at this point to those who know the truth and who know Christ (because all the others have gone), and loving tender John (as we tend to see him) calls those who have gone a bunch of liars!

The word that jumped out at me – the one that wasn't there – was 'tolerant'. With only the true Christians left, there were now no grey areas and no tolerating of a watered down or different Gospel. A watershed moment had happened, which is why John is now reaffirming their genuine faith.

A big mark in western society is the need to be tolerant of other races and other faiths. But tolerance comes in many shapes and sizes of grey, and at a time where truth is seen as subjective it is extremely dangerous. We need to show grace and acceptance of other people – absolutely – but we cannot afford to compromise the Gospel at any level or at any cost.

Sadly, though, this same tolerance has infiltrated the church. John shows this very clearly and draws a line in the sand, setting various tests throughout his letter to ask the church he was writing to whether they were in Christ or not. First he sets an obedience or moral test, then a love test, and this week we look at his third test: one that has to do with continuing in faith, and continuing to stand up and stand

out for Jesus Christ. I wonder how you and I will do as we take this test? Can we answer the questions as a yes or no, or are we looking for a maybe or not sure or desiring a sliding scale?

My prayer and longing is that we will become wholly dependent on Jesus Christ, as these challenges set by John break down our self-reliance and confront areas where we have tolerated error and embraced compromise.

Your Pastor, Simon.

PRAYER NEEDS

Annette is still progressing well, so praise God for successful treatment.

Please continue to pray for **Rob Meulen**, who still needs to put on weight.

The **elders** and **Church Leadership Council** meet on Wednesday this week, so please pray for them as they come together to discuss and act on God's will for our church.

AGM

Our Annual General Meeting will be on Sunday 28 March. Nomination forms are now available at the back of the church for electing CLC members and elders, so please begin to pray on this issue.

A GENTLE REMINDER

If you have been approached to provide a report for our AGM, this is a gentle reminder not to have it too far down your 'to do' list, as Tina needs these by next Sunday (28th) at the latest. Please email it to Tina Wilkins at: reception@ahcoc.com

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STAFF VACANCIES

We still have three staff vacancies: Youth pastor, Children and Families pastor, and Community Care pastor. Please pray as we re-advertise these roles and seek to find the people of God's choosing to come among us.

CAN YOU HELP?

A single mum with her two children would like to come to Arana on Sunday mornings. Would you be able to pick them up occasionally or regularly? Please speak to Tina Wilkins for more information (3351 4814 or 0407 075 964).

GLOBAL MARKET DAY

Global Market Day is only 4 weeks away!!

Date: Friday, 19 March

Time: 6pm-9pm

Where: AHCOC

What: new stallholders, heaps of ethnic food and drinks, live entertainment, fair trade fun and games and much more!!

How can I help?

GMD is only a success because of the many Arana members who volunteer their time and skills. There are volunteer jobs and times to suit everyone – please write your name on the rosters at the back of the church.

Our main priority at the moment is to get the GMD flyers handed out to our community. If you are able to leaflet drop around your house, take a map and some brochures from the back of the church. Feel free to also take a bunch of flyers and posters to hand out at your workplace, uni or school. Thanks for your help!!

Kate and the GMD Team.

OVERSEAS MISSIONS GROUP

The Arana Hills OMG has been formed and is planning a series of meetings leading up to the AGM in March. Please pray for us that we may be able to see what God has in store for Arana in this area. The group is considering a broad range of options, but initially concentrating on selection and recommendation of an overseas partner church for our ongoing involvement. If you have any particular interest or preferred organisation in this area, please contact Steve Hedges (sghedges@bigpond.com).

CHILDREN AT ARANA

If you are new to the Arana church family, welcome. If you have children of primary school age or below there are four options for you. For primary aged children we have Kidzone in the hall under the main church building (out of the main door and bear left down the stairs). For toddlers, Kingdom Kids meets in the back hall, which is located near the toilets to the left of our main stage area. Thirdly, if you have a baby or small toddler please make use of our creche, situated on the far left of our main church building, next to the kitchen. But finally, if you would like your children or baby to remain with you throughout the whole service that is absolutely fine.

WELCOMING

We are in need of a few volunteers to welcome people at the door at the 6pm service. Please speak to Cam, Simon or Helen Flower as soon as possible if you can serve our church family in this way.

KIDZONE HELP

We are in need of a few parents or other mature adults to help with Kidzone, our Sunday morning children's ministry. We now have a core team of very committed youths who want to serve God in this way and are full of ideas and see the opportunities in this ministry. If you are willing and able to help please speak to Simon Ward, who can explain our procedure for taking on volunteers in this ministry and the kinds of skills and gifts which are needed.

ALPHA COURSE

The Alpha Course is starting this Tuesday at Tim and Gayle Mander's home at 7.15pm. Please let Simon or Tim know as soon as possible if you are planning to come, or if you'd like more information.

ROSTERS

Sunday 28 Feb

Leaders (9am/6pm)	Leanne/
Music/Media (9am/6pm)	/Band4
Door etc. (9am)	Stephen A
Morning Tea (9am)	Haberley, Deb S, Bernice A
	Alison A, Elise W, Rawson

CALENDAR

19 Mar Global Market Day

OFFICE CORNER

Do you want the newsletter and other church news electronically? Please email office@ahcoc.com to be added to the list.

Note: The weekly deadline for notices for the church newsletter is Thursday. Email your notice, headed "Church Newsletter", to either Kim Brough (kbrough@ahcoc.com) or Simon Ward (simon.ward12@gmail.com)