



# Arana Hills Church of Christ

22 AUGUST 2010

**W**elcome 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

This week:

8am	Cam West
10am	Can West
6pm	Can West

## MORNING TEA

There is a combined morning tea after the 8am service at 9.15am for our morning congregations. After the 10am service you are also welcome to stay and chat over tea and coffee.



## PASTOR'S POST

It's great to be back at Arana amongst friends; I enjoyed the warm welcome from so many people last week. Thank you!

I love meeting people, but even I was caught by surprise at the ease with which I made friends along my travels on the Camino – good friends. I think it had something to do with being on the road, walking the same path, heading for the same destination. Fellow travellers share not only the same geography, but the same weather, the same discomforts and joys, and – importantly, to me at least – the same cuisine. I stayed with new friends in Paris, Cologne, and London, and have invitations to Amsterdam and Montreal. And of course, I hope to return this hospitality in sunny Brisbane!

it means: in Christ, we can become God's friends! Yes, we can share the road with Jesus, share his destination and those things that nourished him. We can share his sufferings, his joys; his death and resurrection!

For me, this painting illustrates perfectly Jesus' own words:

"Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me – watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly." (Matthew 11:28-30 Msg)

Yes, God gives us the opportunity to show similar grace to each other, in friendship.

Cam West.

## PRAYER NEWS

Please pray for **Dawn West**, who is home from hospital and on trial medication. She is amazingly positive but still quite unwell.

**Francis Smith** has a one week break from chemotherapy next week. Please pray for relief from nausea and effective chemotherapy to combat the cancer.

Please pray for **Alison Anderson** and the hamper ministry, that people who receive a hamper will also be touched by the Spirit of God.

**Kitchen and building refurbishment:** please pray for wisdom and creativity for the building design meeting this week.



Even more amazing though, was the discovery of the painting above at the Taizé community in France. It's called 'The icon of friendship' and depicts Jesus embracing St Minas, a fourth-century martyr. It happens to be one of the oldest surviving Christian paintings, but even before I found out this fact I found it striking because of what

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Pray for **Tony and Cheryl Brooks**, who are preparing for their trip to the Democratic Republic of Congo. The DRC Immigration Department has changed the visa rules in the last few weeks, which will have an impact on their trip.

Don't forget to put your name down for a time to be at Arana for this Saturday's **Prayer Day**. Even if you can't be here, there is a sheet to put your name down to commit yourself to prayer wherever you may be!

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## KIDZONE THEATRICALS

As part of our current focus on Old Testament Heroes, the children and leaders of Kidzone will be practising a play, *Joseph's Journey*, over the next three Sundays. This will be performed on Sun 12 Sept during the 10am service.



### Would parents please note:

- It will be helpful if your child/children can attend each week for the next four weeks.
- We will have our first and only practice in the church on Sat 11 Sept, 3.30-5pm: please mark it on your calendar now!
- Costumes will be minimal but we'd like children to wear plain-coloured clothing on Sun 12 Sept, i.e. no obvious logos, pictures or patterns if at all possible.

Thanks for your help with this. Queries to Helen (3351 4788).

## PLEASE BRING TO KIDZONE

On Sunday 5 Sept, all children will need:

- a 6" x 4" photo of themselves with Dad
- an empty cracker biscuit box (eg. Shapes box)
- two clean milk bottle lids.

Please bring them in a plastic bag with your name on it.

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## NEEDS

Global Market Day: Susan Meegavel is looking to borrow two more large sets of fairy lights for the Chai Tent. If anyone is willing to lend their lights for the night of 15 October, please see Susan or contact her on 3311 6920.

The Craft-Tea-Time group would like to place some of their handmade items on display at the church for sale. They need a display cabinet for this purpose. If anyone has one to donate, please contact Laura (3851 2215) or Liz (3351 2076). Proceeds will go toward the new kitchen.

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## CHAPLAINCY POSITION

Ferny Grove SHS is thankful for our church's ongoing support of chaplaincy. Damon, their male full-time Chaplain, has decided to pursue further studies, so the school is urgently looking for a new full-time Chaplain to replace him. If you are aware of any suitable people who might be interested and would meet the SU employment criteria, please encourage them to apply. For further information please

contact Melanie Minichiello on 3550 5818 or 0434 857 284, or our LCC Chair Peter Hull on 0413 455 793. Your prayers would also be a great support at this time.

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## IT SUPPORT OFFICER

SU Qld is seeking an IT Support Officer for our Fortitude Valley head office. Reporting to the IT Manager, the IT Support Officer is responsible for being the first point of contact for the IT Department via the IT Help Desk. This role is also responsible for on-site support in conjunction with the Technical Officers.

The successful candidate will have:

- 2 years' IT experience;
- Excellent customer service skills;
- Ability to work well in a team environment;
- Sound knowledge of technology;
- Ability to quickly learn and understand software products;
- Ability to instruct, train and equip people;
- Experience with Microsoft Products (Desktop OS, Office, Server).

Applicants must be committed Christians and able to work within a clear Christian framework. For more information and to apply, please visit [www.suqld.org.au](http://www.suqld.org.au) *immediately* as last Friday was the closing date.

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### AHCOC Banking Details

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### Newsletter Deadline

The weekly deadline for notices to the church newsletter is 2pm on Thursdays. Email your notice, headed "Church Newsletter", to [arana.reception@gmail.com](mailto:arana.reception@gmail.com)

## NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

Thanks to all who have checked and updated their contact information. Anyone who hasn't yet checked their information, please do so and use BLUE PEN for any changes. (Changes in red pen have already been made on the office computer.) If the information is correct, please put a tick next to it, and if your information does not appear, please add it.

We plan to have a section for people who are no longer regulars at our church, but whose information we'd like to have available for members to keep in contact. We'd also like to keep family information together, unless a person would prefer to have their own listing.

## RAY POOLE

Ray Poole from Ma Ma Creek Church of Christ passed away last Friday, 13 August. Ray was a stalwart of and Elder at Ma Ma Creek Church of Christ. He was for many years not only a board member of Churches of Christ Care but also an integral pillar of local services of Churches of Christ Care. Ray gave great encouragement and inspiration to many. He has contributed hugely to Churches of Christ in Queensland over many years.

## 96.5 @ YOUTH GROUP

96.5's Nite Alive is coming to hang out with our Youth Group this Friday night 27 August. It will be a great night of fun and music, and you may even get to be on the radio. Bring your friends!

## POLITICAL SURVEY

Grant Power from the University of Queensland is researching the impact of Australian political leaders' religious membership and religious activity on the voting intentions of different Christian denominations. He would really appreciate your participation in an online survey. It is completely anonymous and it only takes 5 minutes. You can learn more or participate at: [www.religionandpoliticssurvey.com.au](http://www.religionandpoliticssurvey.com.au) Many thanks, Grant.

## ROSTERS

### Sunday 29 August

Speaker	Simon W
Leaders	Wendy F/Nathan W/ Jenni G
Band	Simon W/ Band 2a/ Band 4a
Sound	/Steve A/Kyle J
Media	
Welcoming	Kerry & Joe/Paul, Helen & Marg/Angie & Brian
Morning Tea	/Alison & Elise
Offering	Joe & Joyce M
Counters	
Cleaning	Janet B

## CALENDAR

27 Aug	96.5's Nite Alive at Arana, 7-9.30pm
28 Aug	Prayer Day at Arana, 6am-6pm
27-29 Aug	Men's camp at Glengarry (Speaker: Phil Smith)
14-16 Sep	ACOM children's ministry course at Arana
27 Sep – 1 Oct	SMASH camp at Sunshine Coast
15 Oct	Global Market Night

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