

# ***Epping SDA Church Newsletter***

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*Welcome to our weekly Church Newsletter. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this edition. If you have any items of interest, be it news, special events, or just something you would like to share with the rest of us, please email me via:*

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*This newsletter can also be downloaded on our website: <http://www.eppingsda.org.au>*

## ***Farewell to Pastor Richard and Jill***

*As many of you now know, Epping's Pastor, Pr Richard Carter has decided to leave the ministry to pursue full-time study in a Masters course and follow another career path.*

*He will be working at the Conference office on special projects until the end of June and will not be at Epping during this period.*

*Although we have known Richard and Jill for only a short time, on behalf of Epping I would like to thank them both for all their efforts and work this year. We pray that God will bless and guide them in their future plans.*

*The Conference is working on providing us with some ministerial support for the rest of the year and this newsletter will keep you informed of these developments.*

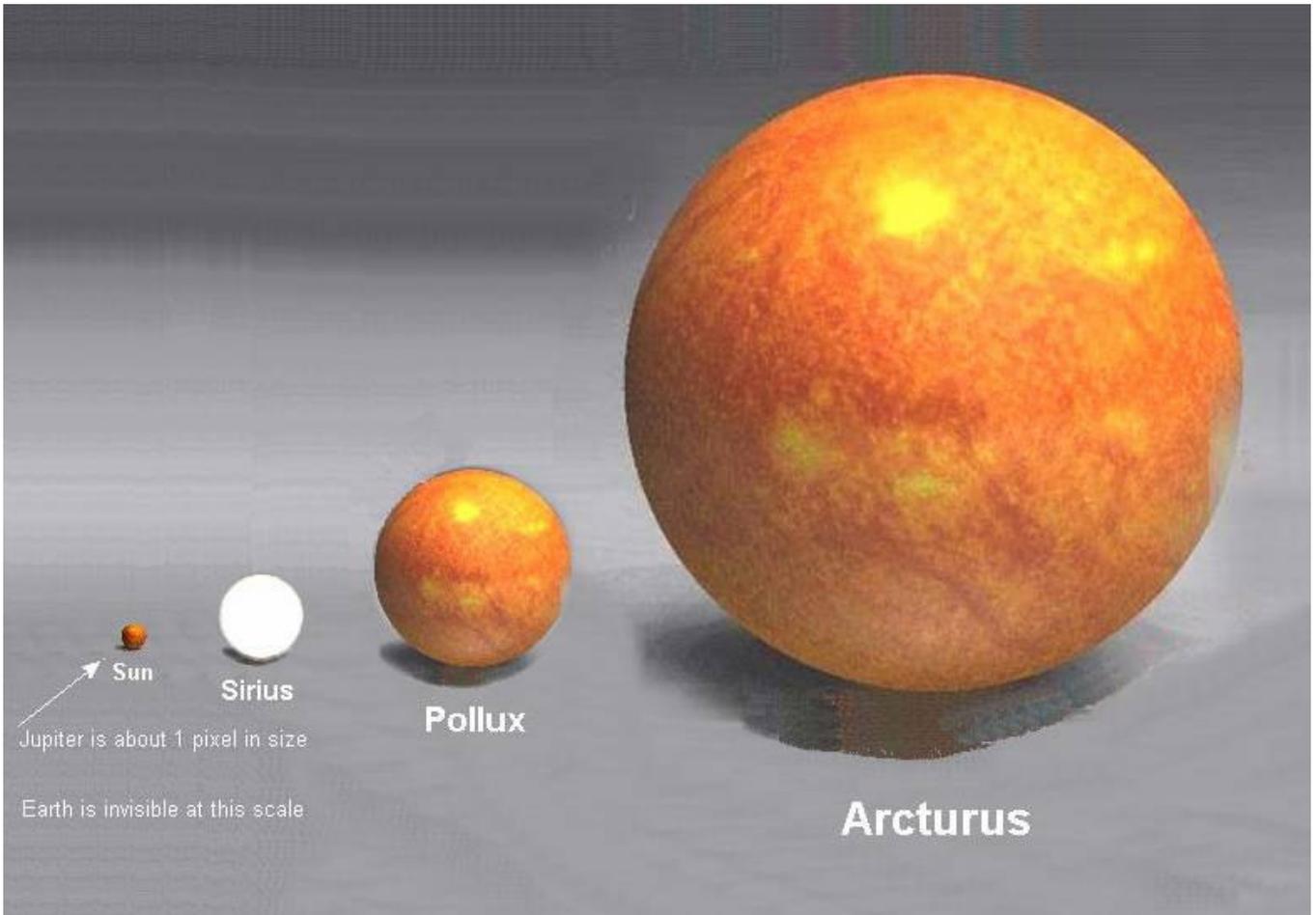
## ***This Sabbath @ Epping***

*This week's service will be taken by **Pastor Rodney Woods** who is involved in Trust Services for our conference. The elder in charge is **Eva Ing**, while the offering is for **Local Budget**. **Greg** will be leading out with the Epping Church Band.*

## ***Last Sabbath @ Epping***

*Last week's service was taken by our very own **Maree Worker**, who gave an amazing and inspiring service highlighting the awesome universe that God created and which we live in.*

*It is at times difficult for humans to comprehend and appreciate God's majesty, or the scale of his creation, but I felt the following slide from Maree's service came close to illustrating this for us*



*The service was preceded by a **Scripture reading**, and **Vanessa** took the Children's story. This involved a very practical demonstration on how God can wash away our sins.*



## *Pathfinder and Adventurer News*

### *1. May 30-31 – Pathfinder Camp*

*Pathfinder Camp is ON this weekend..*

*The Pathfinder Camp is being held at Murphy's Glen in the Blue Mountains this weekend. Follow the links below to see some information. We have Pathfinders coming on Friday and Saturday. It's a drive in so you should be able to set up easily with just a short walk from the parking area. Please invite your friends.*

*From Henry:*

*We will do a couple of modules at the camp and finish off the fire building and camp cookery (for those who started it). You need to cook a full meal on the fire without using any utensils.*

*We need to bring our own firewood so if you can't, please let me know.*

*For those who can make it on Friday, I'll be there, hopefully by sunset. Here are some photos of the area.*



*More pictures and instructions here:*

*<<http://pf1.hmtung.com/mgcamp/index.htm>>*

## ***DIRECTIONS TO CAMP***

*Thanks to Jon, for this:*

*Directions to Murphys Glen, Woodford NSW (Blue Mountains)*

*M4, Penrith to Bedford Rd, Woodford (Murphys Glen) - est. 46 mins*

*Left turn onto Station St is about 200-300m past the "Welcome to Woodford" sign along the Great Western Highway.*

*(In case you miss this turn you would have gone under the bridge called "The Appian Way". Get into the right lane and take the very next right turning lane and turn right. It will take you to the railway bridge if you keep right.)*

*Once off the GWH, turn LEFT at the junction on to the railway bridge (The Appian Way) and a RIGHT immediately after the bridge. About 200 m take a left angle up Bedford road. If you start to go down hill, you have missed the turn.*

*Follow this road (it's a divided one lane road?) for about a kilometre and you'll come to the dirt section, go straight ahead. About another kilometre you'll see the welcome sign to Murphys Glen. Now it's about 3.5 km to the bottom of the hill where you turn left. Follow this for about half a km and you should see the campsite.*

## ***2. Pathfinder Investiture Sabbath June 14***

*The date for Investiture is 14 June. Please make sure you have a full uniform. The cap is not needed for this occasion, but everything else is.*

## ***Investiture Check June 7***

*The date for this will be the week before, 7th June. After the check is over, we will have a practice of the marching in, song singing, etc. We need some pathfinders to do various parts of the service.*

## ***Local Church News and Events***

### ***1. Social Night – Saturday Evening 14<sup>th</sup> June – 7 PM***

*Our social evenings are highly anticipated, and this one is no different. Our games master is planning some new and innovative activities but you have to be there to find out what he has in store. A little hint: bring your voices!*

*More details next week*

### ***2. Board Meeting – Sabbath June 7 – During Lunch***

### ***3. Agape Feast – Friday Night: 20<sup>th</sup> June 7:30 pm Epping Church Hall***

*This is an event to place in your diaries. Everyone (children, youth, adults) is invited to this unique feast where we renew our minds and our bodies. The beauty and simplicity of the Agape Feast is a powerful reminder of the love God has for us. Michael and Maree Worker will lead out on this special night.*

### ***4. Sports Night – Saturday evening 19<sup>th</sup> July***

*This is also a night to note in your diaries. If you can move, you need to come. Activities range from Tennis, Basketball, Squash, Indoor Cricket and Table Tennis. See Matthew for more details closer to the event.*

### ***5. Friday Night Prayer Meeting 25<sup>th</sup> July***

*Epping Church is planning to have regular Friday Night Prayer Meetings and the next one will be held on the 25<sup>th</sup> July. These meetings are focused on bringing the church family together and to provide pray and other support for anyone in need. Please see one of the elders for help with any aspects of these meetings.*

### ***6. Communion Service***

*Our next Communion Service will be held on **August 9<sup>th</sup>**.*

## ***Sew and Tell – Monday June 2 - 7:30 pm***

*The next Sew and Tell meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on Monday, June 2, at Sue's home.*

*Any ladies interested in fellowship or craft are welcome to join in for a relaxed evening and a light supper. Further details from Sue: Tel 9871 7304.*

*Our July meeting will be a dinner on Monday July 7 to celebrate Luna's birthday.*

## ***Postcard from Houston***

### ***News from Frances and Ken:***

*“We have been here 2 weeks tomorrow and I think we have managed to do a fair bit. We now have a bed for us (the kids will stay on the floor) and a sofa and a car! We bought a black Mazda 3 (the SP23 for those who care) 2004 model. It was the best price for fairly good mileage. The insurance though is a killer. It is just over a \$1000 for 6 months! We are going to have to renew every 6 months.*

*The weather is starting to get quite warm although still not really humid yet. Everything is air conditioned so it is not too bad. The city itself is quite nice and I have worked out how to get to most of the places that I need to. It is so green here. No drought issues here. Everyone has a really lush green lawn. The area we are in has lots and lots of trees and the road near us is just like Parramatta Road. It is so patch worked and bumpy. Ken says it makes him feel he is home.*

*The biggest issue I have is with food. Just about everything has something that is not natural. Some even cheerfully tell you on the front of the packaging that it is artificially flavoured, and that is on things like oatmeal and bran flakes! The other thing is that you cannot get all that you need from the one supermarket. So we have to drive to all these different places. Thank goodness 3 are within walking distance from us but I do miss Woolies. The health food place has some great things but it is quite expensive so I am trying to minimise what we get there to Weetbix (yes only at the health food store) and Apple juice as all other apple juice from the average supermarket contains additives! However we will get there, as soon as I locate some Danish feta and beetroot that is pickled.....*

*My second bugbear is the poor internet banking service that they have. They have only just introduced SMS security for their internet banking. Also they don't direct deposit and don't have BPAY equivalent so internet banking is really haphazard and mostly requires you to log onto a website from that particular company and pay that way. We have way too many*

*passwords...They are in love with cheques (checks) too. I have written only 60 cheques in 9 years. I have been asked for about 6 already!*

*In general there are many things that the Americans are actually behind us in, especially technology. Ken has been calling it primitive. I'm worried Ethan is going to repeat that to someone....*

*Anyway enough complaining. We are really having a good time so far and everyone we have met has been very kind. We are going to try a church tomorrow. Not sure what to expect..*

*Would love to hear all about home”*

## ***Prayer Requests:***

*Please remember the following members, and friends in your prayers*

<b><i>Sue Wood</i></b>	<i>Sue is facing some health issues and I ask that you remember Sue, Ken and their family in your prayers.</i>
<b><i>Carlene Bagnall</i></b>	<i>Carlene is recovering from recent surgery and I ask that you remember her in your prayers.</i>
<b><i>Richard and Jill Carter</i></b>	<i>As Richard embarks on a new career path.</i>
<b><i>Ivan Baxter</i></b>	<i>Please remember Ivan and the Baxter family in your prayers.</i>
<b><i>Victims and families of Cyclone Nargis in Burma</i></b>	
<b><i>Families affected by the Earthquake in South Western China</i></b>	

## *Dates to put down in your diary*

<i>May 30,31</i>	<i>Pathfinder Camp – Murphy’s Glen</i>
<i>June 2</i>	<i>Sew and Tell – Sue’s home Tel: 9871 7304</i>
<i>June 7</i>	<i>Board Meeting during Lunch</i>
<i>June 7</i>	<i>Pathfinder Meeting. Investiture Check</i>
<i>June 14</i>	<i>Pathfinder Investiture</i>
<i>June 14 – 7 PM</i>	<i>Social evening, Epping Church</i>
<i>June 20 – Friday evening</i>	<i>Agape Feast – Epping Church</i>
<i>July 7</i>	<i>Sew and Tell – Luna’s Birthday</i>
<i>July 19 – Saturday evening</i>	<i>Sports Night</i>
<i>July 25 – Friday evening</i>	<i>Prayer Meeting – Epping Church</i>
<i>August 9</i>	<i>Communion Service</i>

## *Thought for the Week:*

*If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.*

*John 14:3*