

**16 October**

**Preacher:-** Christopher Pears

**Theme :-** Is Jesus the one?

**Readings:-**

Luke 7:18-35 & Isaiah 35:1-7

**23 October**

**Preacher:-** Christopher Pears

**Theme :-** Responding to forgiveness

**Readings:-**

Luke 7:36-50 & 1 John 4:7-12

**Diary Dates.....**

**22/23 October** - Relay for Life

**29 October** - Working Bee

**30 October** - Parish Meeting @ 11am

**12/13 November** - Train Exhibition

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**Deadline for Family Matters -**

**5:00pm every Wednesday**

**GUESTS & VISITORS.....**welcome to St Luke's. If you have any questions or prayer requests please fill out a Feedback Form and place it in the collection bag as it passes. Please stay around after each service for coffee or tea and a chat

**Sunday Services** 8:00am—Prayer Book Service  
9:30am—Family Service & Kid's Church  
6:30pm—Youth Service

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*Sharing Christ - Biblically, Prayerfully, Practically*

**Christopher writes....**

I've been at Synod this week, and while there I learnt of the appalling case of Yousef Nadarkhani. Mr. Nadarkhani is a Christian pastor in Iran, and in October 2009, after complaining to the local school that his two children were being required to read from the Qur'an, he was arrested and subsequently charged with converting from Islam to Christianity, and evangelising others to do likewise. This was despite the fact that Mr. Nadarkhani has never been a practising Muslim, and that the Iranian constitution guarantees its people freedom to practice religion. In September 2010 Mr. Nadarkhani was found to be guilty of these charges and was sentenced to death.

This sentence was upheld on appeal, though in the appeal court's judgment it indicated that Mr. Nadarkhani may be released if he recanted his faith. This Yousef has steadfastly refused to do.

There has been a chorus of international condemnation regarding this case, but it would seem that Iran is nevertheless preparing to carry out the sentence, as just two weeks ago it announced that Mr. Nadarkhani had also been found guilty of further criminal charges, charges which seem to be completely without foundation and which were not even mentioned at any of the court proceedings he has faced.

Please pray for Yousef Nadarkhani, his wife Fatemah, their sons Daniel and Joel, and other Christians in Iran. Last Monday evening our Synod passed a motion requesting that both sides of the house in our Federal Parliament express publicly and privately to the Iranian Government our nation's opposition to Yousef Nadarkhani's imprisonment and threatened execution, and calling on the Australian media to bring the plight of this man to the attention of our nation.

### OUR GIVING TO GOD'S WORK

Aug Ave. per week     \$3,723  
Ave. YTD per week     \$3,444  
Budget need per week   \$4,470  
(Budget incl. \$1,000 towards costs of building work)

Building Fund A/c Balance :- \$??,???  
(plus we have already spent \$42,000)

*(If you would prefer to direct deposit funds into the Building Fund, please indicate 'Building Fund' on the deposit.)*

**Please note that all donations over \$2.00 for the Building Fund are tax deductible.**

If you would prefer to direct deposit your offering, here are the details :-  
St Luke's Anglican Church  
CBA Hornsby 062 106  
Account No 1000 0556

### Prayer Chain

We have a team of willing and discreet pray-ers who are ready to pray for any needs. Please call Sue Mylius or use a Response Sheet. Updated information about ongoing prayer requests are always appreciated.

### Parish Meeting

Sunday 30 October at 11 am at St. Luke's.  
Christopher and the wardens will be going through our proposed building project, showing the latest plans, and talking about how we can progress things.

### The Cancer Council Relay for Life at Rofo Park, Oct 22-23

The Relay for Life, raising money for the Cancer Council, is on next weekend at Rofo Park.

The St Luke's Strollers team are Julie, Christopher and Karen, Rosemary, Rick and Merle, Suellen, Sue M, Linda, Cathy and Diana.

Would you consider sponsoring one of them? If so please approach them!  
Thank you to those people who are coming to help on the stall on the Saturday. There are a few places left, see the list in the church entrance.

Donations of cakes, jams, preserves etc would be greatly appreciated. Please deliver these to the stall on Saturday morning.

There will be lots of stalls as well as jumping castles and a climbing wall in the park.

The moving Candlelight ceremony when we remember those we have lost to cancer is at 7pm on Saturday. Come and join in the plethora of activities as well as raising vital funds for the Cancer Council to continue the work it does in research, counselling and other areas.

### A Gentle Reminder

When using the church & hall facilities, please remember to tidy up, switch off and lock up after your activity so it's safe and ready for the next ministry. As the hall is let at times, all site usage must be cleared with the wardens first. Thanks for your cooperation.

### CWCI Sydney Women's Weekend - 2 - 4 March 2012

Brochures for this weekend are in the church entrance. Please return to Diana Milligan by Thursday, 20/10 for the early bird discount.

### St Luke's Market Day

What a wonderful day we had yesterday. Thank you to everyone who helped set up, ran a stall, made muffins and came and supported us. We have raised about \$2,400 towards the building project so far. There are still items for sale so why not browse the goods and make an offer. There are also muffins available for sale. All proceeds go towards the building project.

### Wanted: Granny Flat to rent (twice a year)

Does anyone have or know someone who has a granny flat that can be rented out to a Grandmother from England who comes out twice a year to visit her son, daughter-in-law and grandchildren? She visits for 4-6 weeks in March/April and September/October each year. Please let Megan Slade know if you can help.

### Working Bee

The next Parish working bee will be on 29 October. Please see the Wardens for more details.

### Some questions to think about for next week

Read Luke 7:36-50

1. What aspects of this passage show Simon the Pharisee in a good light?  
What aspects reflect not so well on him?
2. How does Jesus' use of the story of the two debtors and his question about it to Simon help to make his point in a more incisive way?  
Can you hear echoes of Nathan before David here? (see 2 Samuel 12:1-7)
3. How does Jesus' explanation of the woman's behaviour show it to be justified, while at the same time defending himself from the accusation of verse 39?
4. What does your response to Jesus say about your appreciation of your forgiveness?
5. What the implication of the question in verse 49?