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St. Matthias'

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New Start For Old Church



Since 1980 we have undertaken the responsibility for St. Barnabas Mill Hill Waverley. This year we commence a new service time of 9:30 am. A group from St. Matthias will be joining with the St. Barnabas congregation.

We will be conducting a morning service followed by morning tea each Sunday morning. After the morning service we anticipate visiting within the parish. Our hope is to visit every home in the area during the course of this year.

Barnie's Club

Since August 1981 we have been conducting a club for primary school boys and girls. The club meets on Wednesday

afternoon at 5 pm for girls and Thursday afternoon at 5.30 pm for boys. We hope to be increasing the activities of these clubs during the coming year.

New Minister For St. Matthias

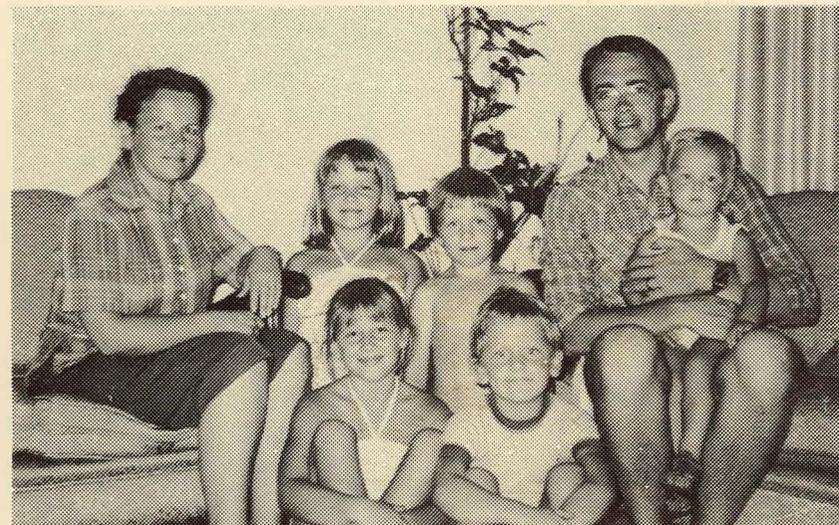
It is with great pleasure that we welcome our new minister, Rev. Deryck Howell and his wife Glenda and their children, Kristy, Penny, Paul, Benjamin and Samuel.

In recent years, the work of our parish has grown to such an extent that it has become imperative to find a minister for the parish. With the growth in the uni church has come an increased number of young graduates settling in the area. We have also been blessed by God in seeing a number of people from the local area coming to join our congregational life. All this has added to the variety of our church life with a growing Sunday School, youth fellowship, ladies Bible

study, marriages and baptisms. It has been a great answer to our prayers that Deryck is able to join our congregation to minister to us.

After curacies at Parramatta and Manly, Deryck has served as the rector of St. Aidan's Hurstville Grove for the past seven years. His example to the believers of that church in speech, life, love, faith and purity as well as his devotion to the public reading of scripture, to preaching and to teaching have been greatly used by God for the benefit of all.

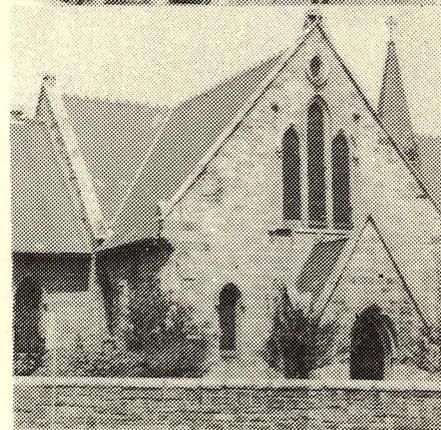
We must prayerfully support Deryck and Glenda as they start their ministry amongst us.



A University Church

History

Originally the university church was meeting in the building of St. Jude's South Randwick, where it continued to grow until the end of 1977. In 1978 we moved to join the congregation at St. Matthias. The university church was founded by the anglican chaplaincy in order to meet the needs of country and overseas students resident for a short time in the eastern suburbs. It has continued to have a ministry to college students and flat-dwellers as well as extending its work amongst nurses and others who, for reasons of study or employment, have been located in the eastern suburbs.



Aims

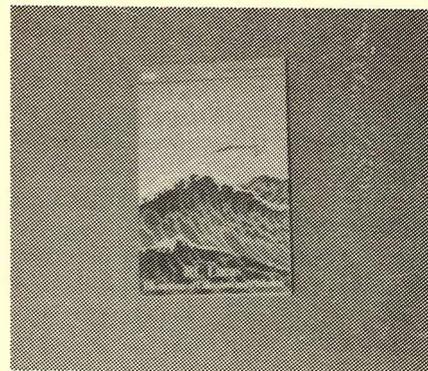
It is the concern of our church to make known the Gospel of Jesus Christ. To this end we have a consistent teaching programme of expository preaching. Chapter by chapter through the Bible, we seek to understand and apply God's Word to our lives.

The congregational life has not only been aimed at edifying Christians but also at sharing the Gospel with unbelievers and enquirers. One of the chief directions of our work amongst Christians is to equip them in the ministries that God has given them to undertake. We also hope through our small groups to provide for people's needs for fellowship and personal encouragement.

Aids To Learning

Conferences

During the year we hold several conferences which aim to teach the scriptures and increase our opportunities for fellowship with each other. These weekend conferences are open to all members of our congregation and we do hope that everyone will be able to attend at least one. The dates for the first few conferences are: 19-21 Feb., 12-14 March, 2-4 April, and 23-26 April. These all have a limit of around 50 people. Please apply early so as not to be disappointed.



Creche

Children are welcome in our church meetings. However, as many mothers find themselves distracted by their children, we provide a creche in the church hall during the morning service for small children. There is also amplification into the vestry for mothers who have restless children or who wish to feed children in some degree of privacy.



Bookstall

Please check our range of quality Christian books available from our bookstall. The books are replenished monthly and new titles constantly featured.

Cassettes

At the rear of our building is the cassette library. Cassettes can be borrowed by members who join the library for a nominal fee. Cassettes of individual talks or series may also be purchased through the library.

Prayer and Bible Groups

Since the foundation of the university church we have been gathering in small groups as well as in the weekly meeting. These small groups are called Prayer and Bible groups, for whatever else is contained within their meetings, there is always an emphasis on prayer and they all aim to live under the authority of the Bible.

The groups meet in various members homes, flats or college rooms. All church members are encouraged to become participants in a Prayer and Bible group. Some meet mid-week, while the majority meet on Sunday, either before or after church.

The variety of groups is a reflection of the individual members of each of the groups. However there are some differences between the groups that has been intentional. We are hoping in 1982 to have some groups which will specialize in much more serious Bible and/or doctrinal studies. Other groups will take a particular interest in some form of cross-cultural evangelism while yet others will be seeking training in specific skills of Christian ministry. All the groups however, will maintain their emphasis on being centres of prayer and biblical understanding.



Prayer and Bible Groups

"It's the place where I could find fellowship and friendship."

"It's easy to get lost in the large crowd. But the Prayer and Bible group gives me the personal friendship that enables me to call church home."

"It's great to be able to dig into the Bible at your own speed with a group of friends."

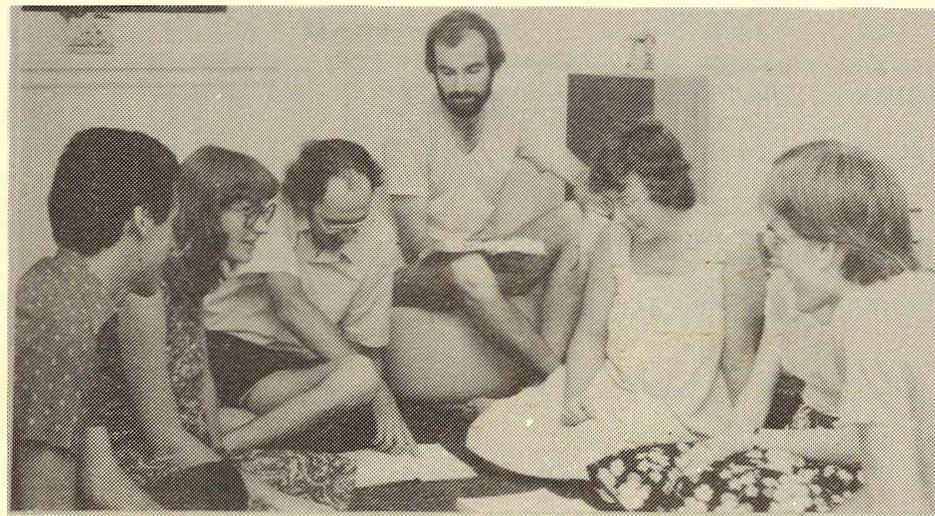
"It's hard at first but by the end of the year you feel as if the group has become like a family."

"Prayer takes on such meaning when you know the people with whom you pray and can see the way in which God is answering your prayers in their lives."

"It can provide such an opportunity for developing your gifts and skills in leading studies and prayer meetings and caring for others."

"The weekend away with each other really helped us to appreciate each others gifts and what God is doing in each of our lives."

"Christianity without personal fellowship is like abstract reasoning. The Prayer and Bible groups gives me just that kind of personal fellowship."



Teaching Programme: St. Barnabas, Mill Hill Rd.

The Church

14 Feb.	Church: what it is and is not	
21 Feb.	Church: what it does and does not	
28 Feb.	Church: who contributes how	
7 Feb.	Godly church membership	Philippians 2:1-4

Life After Death

14 Mar.	The focus of history	I Corinthians 15:1-11
21 Mar.	What! Us too?	I Corinthians 15:12-34
28 Mar.	Every day in every way. . . .	I Corinthians 15:34-49
4 Apr.	Apocalypse then	I Corinthians 15:50-58
11 Apr.	Drawing the sting of death	Easter

Revelation

18 Apr.	The time is near	Revelation 1:1-3
25 Apr.	The assassinated Judge	Revelation 1:4-1:8
2 May	A deadly sight	Revelation 1:9-20
9 May	The Jesus letter	Revelation 1-3
16 May	Participating in the divine nature	II Peter 1:1-4
23 May	Effective and productive living	II Peter 1:5-9

Revelation cont.

30 May	Zeal without love	Revelation 2:1-2:7
6 Jun.	Faithful and faithless	Revelation 2:8-17
13 Jun.	Tolerant and dead	Revelation 2:18-3:6
20 Jun.	Victorious and revolting	Revelation 3:7-3:22
27 Jun.	A rich welcome	II Peter 1:10-11

Teaching Programme: Evening

Christianity and Cultural Imperialism

7 Feb.	Christianity and other religions	Acts 19
14 Feb.	The Universal Religion? One message to all people	Acts 20
21 Feb.	Christianity and Judaism	Acts 21
28 Feb.	Christianity and religious intolerance	Acts 22

The Teaching of Jesus

7 Mar.	The conquest of heaven	Luke 9:51-10:24
14 Mar.	Why good people go to hell	Luke 10:25-42
21 Mar.	Why seekers go to hell	Luke 11:1-13
28 Mar.	How to be more blessed than Mary	Luke 11:14-36
4 Apr.	Why religious people go to hell	Luke 11:37-12:12
11 Apr.	Drawing the sting of death	Easter

The Bible as a unit

18 Apr.	The history of Israel	
25 Apr.	The theology of Israel	
2 May	The fulfilment of Israel	
9 May	A case study in unity	Psalms

Alive and Free

16 May	Understanding God's generosity	Colossians 1:1-14
23 May	Peace for the alienated	Colossians 1:12-23
30 May	God's great mystery	Colossians 1:24-2:7
6 Jun.	The captivating nonsense of religion	Colossians 2:6-19
13 Jun.	Wanted Dead and Alive	Colossians 2:20-3:17
20 Jun.	Marriage, Family, Work, Pagans and Christians	Colossians 3:18-4:18

Whose Am I and Whom Do I Serve

27 Jun.	Why is Christianity Pharasaic?	Acts 23
4 Jul.	Who rules Rulers?	Acts 24:1-25:12
11 Jul.	Who judges Judges?	Acts 25:13-26:32
18 Jul.	Who serves Servants?	Acts 27:1-28:10
25 Jul.	What hope for the Hopeless?	Acts 28:11-31

Training in Ministry

One of our chief concerns is to train people in the ministry of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Both on the campus and around the church we offer courses to help people in ministry. Some of these courses are about Personal Evangelism — how to share your faith with others, or how to follow-up new Christians and help establish them in the faith of Jesus, or how to do investigative Bible study with enquirers.

Colin Marshall and Jill Williams have particular responsibility for the training of people in Christian ministry. They organise ministry groups on the campus at New South Wales University. Over 150 students are engaged in gaining these skills of Christian ministry. They also organise courses that are run through the Prayer and Bible groups of our church to help people in their ministries.

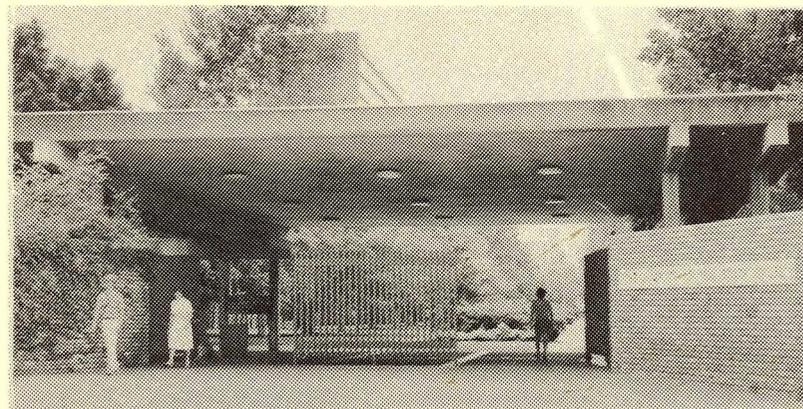


Short-Term Training Scheme

Many of our members are considering full-time Christian ministry. Each year we employ some members of our congregation who are interested in full-time Christian ministry in our short-term training scheme. In this coming year we will be employing **Michael Blake, Stephen Hooper, Rosemary Mason, David Miles** and **Richard Gibson** on this scheme.



We aim over a two-year period to provide these members with experience and training in Christian ministry before they undertake their theological studies at Moore College. During this period of time these members work on our staff: leading Bible study groups, conferences, ministry training courses; being involved in the organising and running of our services and meetings; as well as being engaged in personal ministry around the colleges, the campus and the church.



Teaching the Bible on a Secular Campus

Since 1975 Phillip Jensen has been conducting lunch time Bible studies on the campus of New South Wales University. Commencing with fourteen people studying the first epistle of Peter, the campus Bible studies have grown to well over 300 students coming weekly.

The studies basically work through a chapter of the Bible each week. The same study is repeated on four different lunchtimes. On Tuesday, Thursday and Friday the Matthews 'C' or 'D' lecture theatre is used, while the Murphy lecture theatre in the Chemistry building is used on Wednesdays to reach people on the lower campus. Outlines of the studies are provided each week and each study is tape-recorded.

Over the years a tape library has developed and a bookstall has been

established so that people can be encouraged to study the Scriptures.

Ministry Groups

In conjunction with the campus Bible studies, there have been established a series of ministry training groups.

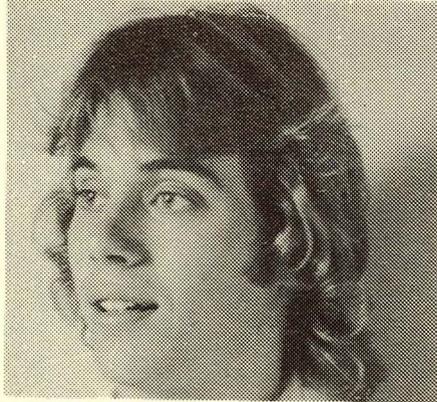
Mid Year Conference

Each July, during the Mid Year Break, we conduct a Mid Year Conference for members of the lunchtime Bible study. The conference is a 5-day study programme. Many students have found this a challenging experience as they seek to grapple with the text of the Scriptures for themselves. The studies at the conference usually revolve around major concerns for people who are trying to find God's will for their career, their marriage, their ministry, their life. Last year some 190 students came away to Galston Gorge with us to study God's Word. This year we have booked the Stanwell Tops sites which will hold nearly 300. We are hopeful that Dick Lucas will be with us for some of the time for this year's Mid Year Conference.

The Import Industry

Each year we gain many new members in our congregation. You may be one of them. Often people from Christian backgrounds have moved into the city, and are looking for a new church. It is our aim and hope to be a friendly and welcoming congregation where people can easily find spiritual help and encouragement in their walk with God. In a congregation our size it is not always easy for us to meet the needs of newcomers quickly. However, if you care to leave your name and address on one of our newcomer's cards, we would be glad to welcome you and help you find your way into our family.

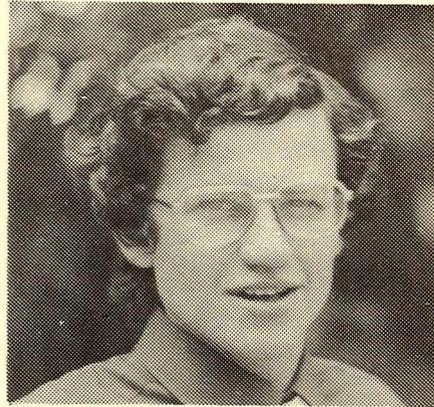
Many of our newcomers are not only newcomers to the church but also to the faith in Jesus Christ. They come from many and varied backgrounds with little and sometimes almost no knowledge of the Scriptures. We are particularly concerned to help people who are enquiring about the Christian faith or



David Miles

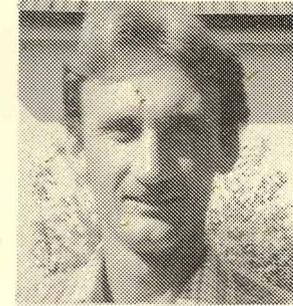
who have only recently become Christians. We offer to meet with people personally and privately, to answer their questions and to help them seek to serve the Lord Jesus.

Occasionally we welcome in new members of staff. **Deryck and Glenda Howell** and their children have come to join us in order to work amongst us. **Tim Thorburn** who has been a member of our church, is returning for one year to work as catechist with us during 1982. **Richard Gibson** and his fiancée **Tracy Balzer** are joining us as short-term workers for the next two years. Two other members of our congregation are commencing work with us in this coming year; **David Miles** will be working part-time for the first half of the year, and full-time in the second half; **James Davidson** has offered his services to us to work in our short-term ministry scheme without cost to us.



James Davidson

The Export Industry



Dealing with a large congregation of students and young graduates, means that we have a church which is constantly losing its members.

Many of these members go to jobs in other parts of the city, into the country, interstate or overseas. As they establish themselves in their new homes they seek to find churches where God's Word is ministered faithfully. Their support for the ministry of God's Word has been greatly appreciated in many churches. It is our hope that over the years we will see Christians leaving us to take up responsible positions of Christian ministry in churches throughout our land and throughout this world.

We also have had the privilege of seeing people leaving us in order to go into full-time Christian ministry. This year we have seen the first ordination of one of our church members. The Rev. **Chris Moroney** and his wife **Judy** have now started their ministry in the church of St. Swithun's, Pymble. Other members of our church are in training in Moore

College; in 4th year, **Ian Harper** and his wife **Josephine**, in 3rd year, **Tim Thorburn**, in 2nd year **David** and **Noreen Coy**, **Ray** and **Jenny Vassallo**, **Peter** and **Terry Blowes**.

Several of our members are leaving us this year in order to enter college. **Peter** and **Barbara Bolt** have worked on our staff in the short-term training scheme for the past two years. Peter will be working as a catechist at St. Martin's Georges Hall. Barbara intends to undertake the one year Bible and Missionary Course in Moore College. Three other members of our congregation are planning on doing the one year Bible and Missionary Course. They are **Howard Spencer**, **Louise Howard** and **Jenni Payne**.

We must continue to pray for these members of our congregation as they further equip themselves for the ministry of God's Word. It is important that they rightly understand God's Word and that God would guide them into the fields of service that He has prepared for them.

A Minor Incident Leads to a Major Change

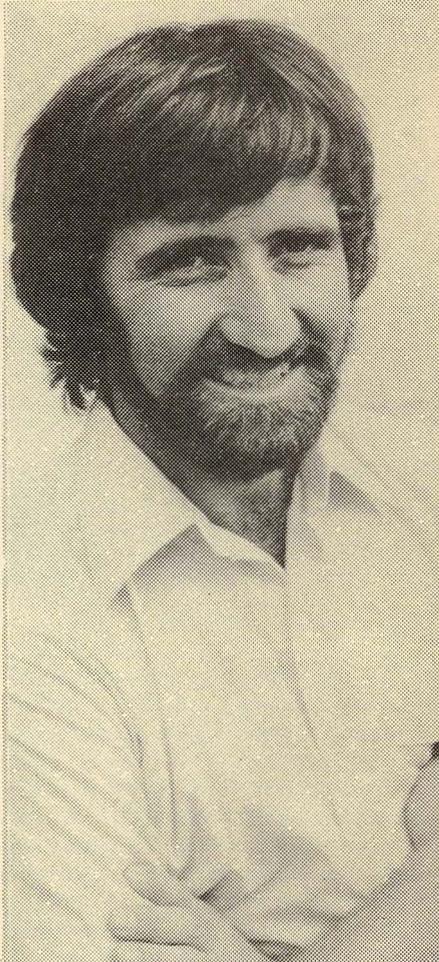
Before coming to university my church attendance was regular; once every Sunday.

While in sixth form, I remember visiting a family with a friend of mine. They were having tea, and started talking to us about Jesus, and invited my friend and I to face up to Jesus, and commit our lives to him. My friend left; I said "yes", but was unwilling to submit to Jesus then. I knew what they said was true and realised that I didn't know Jesus at all, despite my years of church attendance.

Arriving in the big smoke one of my first steps was to stop attending Mass regularly. Still knowing I wasn't right with God, I'd occasionally stop swearing and getting drunk, and head off to church. It didn't work and I knew it.

Eventually I met a christian family who gave me a Bible and some books, which I started to read. They also fed me now and then, and turning up one Sunday night (about tea time) I found myself giving their daughter a lift to church.

Walking into the building, I was struck by the eager faces; people were actually interested in what the Bible had to say. The next week I went again and that night committed by life to God, to trust Jesus and live his way.



Since then I've learnt a lot about Jesus, and how God has worked in history, and how he makes sinful people his friends through faith in his Son.

Since then church hasn't just been the hour and a half each Sunday. It's a whole new friendship with God and other people. Meeting with christian friends, apart from Sundays has been a part of my life (and not just at tea time!). It has been good to encourage fellow believers, and be encouraged by their lives.

Geoff Piggott

Dick Lucas Visit 1982

In August 1982 we have the enormous privilege of having the Rev. Dick Lucas as guest speaker for an evangelistic mission on our campus and in our church. Dick has been the rector of St Helen's Bishopsgate London for more than 15 years.

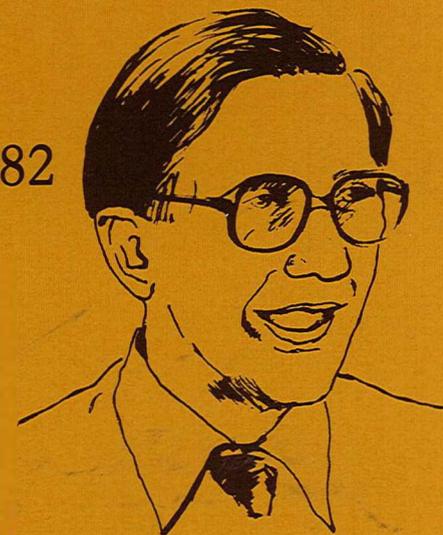
In 1975-6 one of our churchwardens, Robert Tong, was a parishioner at St Helen's, and he says this about the church and Dick Lucas's ministry:

"Dick Lucas is a very clear preacher, and is thoroughly Biblical. He uses illustrations carefully, and he is easy to follow and easy to listen to. He's much easier to follow than John Stott, for instance.

"One of the most interesting things about St Helen's and Dick Lucas's ministry is the mid-week service catering for businessmen. This is a lunchtime service, and began about 15 years ago. On Wednesdays at lunch-time, he gets about 500 to 600 people, mostly men. There is a short service, then a 15-minute sermon, then they eat lunch in the church and go back to work."

The church also has a strong ministry to students in the nearby teaching hospitals. Dick is a gifted preacher and evangelist whose previous visits to Australia have been greatly used by God for the benefit of Christian people. His commentary on Colossians, "Fullness and Freedom" will be used in Bible studies during the first half of this year.

Dick will speak at our August Houseparty (30 July - 1 August) at Stanwell Tops. We have booked all four sites in order to cater for more than 300



members.

We are planning to hold lunchtime meetings on Tuesday 3 August to Friday 6 August in Mathews 'A' lecture theatre at UNSW. We are also planning to hold evening meetings in the Clancy auditorium on the same nights. We will be holding evangelistic services in church on the evenings of 1 and 8 August and on the morning of 8 August. We hope that we will be able to use the first half of this year in prayerful preparation for this major evangelistic opportunity.

Budget News

It appears that God has blessed us again in that we have been able to meet our budget for 1981.

In 1982 our total budget is for \$147,800 of which we are hoping \$132,600 to come in the form of offertory in the plate. We intend to continue the policy of inviting visitors to ignore the offertory plates and by asking our members to remember to act responsibly. To meet our bills we need \$2,650 in the plate each week.

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