

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### AUGUST 2011

Each Sunday we have **KidsnGod** in our church

Each Sunday @ 5pm **Christian Meditation** in our Church

Each Friday @ 11am to 3pm **Church Office** open

Each Thursday @ 10am – 12 noon during the school term:

**Little Kids Playgroup** 

Each Thursday @ 7pm during the school term:  
**Community Choir**

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| Sat 6.8.11    | 1.30 for 2pm: <b>A concert in St John's Chapel</b> , Sydney University, Organist Pastor de Lasala. Cost a gold coin donation, refreshments provided.   |
| Sun 7.8.11    | 9.30am: <b>Communion Service</b><br>There will be a retiring collection for the refugees in our community. Donations which will be channelled through <i>Bridge for Asylum Seekers</i> : an activity of UnitingCare.<br><br>12 noon: <b>first Sunday lunch</b> at Mosman RS Club |
| Thurs 11.8.11 | 12.15 for 12.30 – 1.30pm: <b>Business Network Lunch</b> : Venue: Australian Institute of Management, Level 1, Room103, 215 Pacific Highway, North Sydney. Speaker: TBA. Cost \$20 includes drinks and sandwiches. RSVP Charissa Suli: 0427 939 170                               |
| Fri 12.8.11   | 1.30pm: <b>Church Council Meeting</b> .  |
| Sun 14.8.11   | 9.30 am: <b>Worship Service</b>  |

Tues 16.8.11 2.00 pm: **The Friendship Club** meets

Sun 21.8.11 9.30 am: **Worship Service**

Sun 21.8.11 **11am: The Annual Congregational Meeting of Mosman Uniting Church.** Anyone with an Annual Report please give it to Alison Vickery by Sunday 7th August. The elections for the various positions necessary for the functioning of our congregation will be held at this meeting, please consider nominating yourself or someone else to help in the coming year.

Sun 28.8.11 9.30 am: **Worship Service**

Sun 28.8.11 Interchurch Council's **Visiting Sunday and annual barbeque.** The barbeque will be held at Sacred Heart Mosman at 12 noon. Cost \$10, tea and coffee provided. See flyer on notice board.

Sun 28.8.11 The NCCA world refugee and migrant Day



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## *Junmo's Reflection:*

Some time ago, when I visited the Uniting Theological College I bought a book written by one of lecturers there. The author was William W. Emilsen a teacher of Church History and World Religions at UTC. The book titled: "The Sapphire Blue Light: Prayers of the Early Church" invites us to listen to the 'primary speech' – the prayer – of the early theologians of the church. I would like to share one of them with you:

### **Prayer Before Reading the Scripture**

Lord, who can grasp all the wealth of just one of your words?

What we understand in the Bible

Is much less than what we leave behind,

Like thirsty people who drink from a fountain.

For your word has many shades of meaning,

Just as those who study it have many different points of view.

You have coloured your words with many hues

So that each person who studies it can see in it what he loves.

You have hidden many treasures in your word

So that each of us is enriched as we meditate on it. Amen.

*Ephrem the Syrian, c. 306-373*

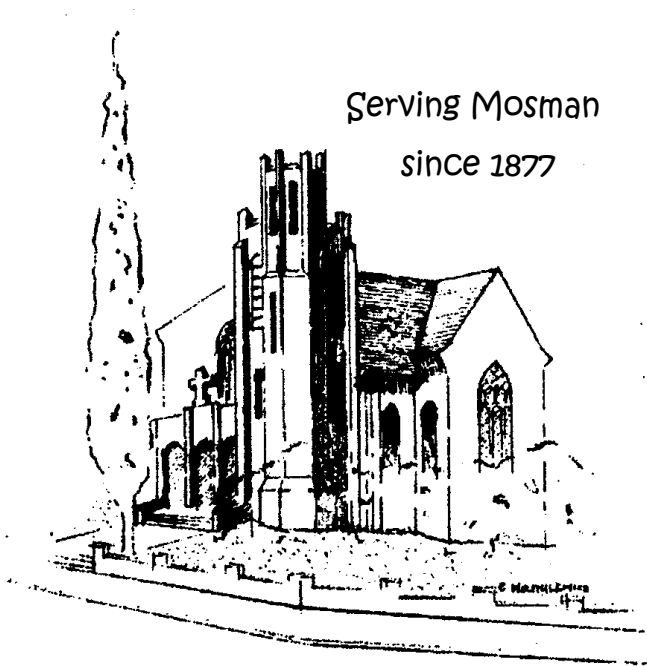
A Long time ago, I often read the Bible and thought I knew it well. But now, I am not sure if I understand the biblical stories properly. As I am getting older and circumstances around me have changed, I have come to have different points of view on the Bible. However, sometimes, I miss the fresh and alive inspirations that I had when I encountered the Bible for the first time. When I turn to the bible today, I hope that the same spirit will inspire me anew. What about you?

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