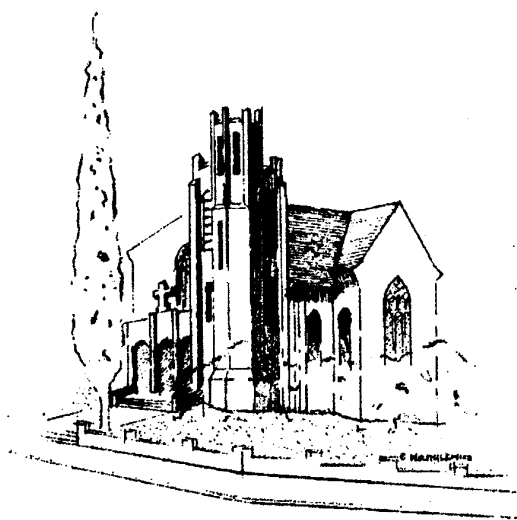




MOSMAN UNITING CHURCH



Serving Mosman
since 1877

“HARBOUR VIEWS” AND CALENDAR FOR JULY 2009

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JULY 2009

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

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

Once again in July we will have the **annual collection for Life Line**. Get together clothes, household linen and goods, books etc that you no longer want. Electrical goods and furniture cannot be accepted. Please bring your contributions on the 3rd and 4th Sundays in July.

Sun 5.07.09 9.30am: **Communion Service**. There will be a retiring collection for the Campbelltown Regional Mission, (the most depressed area in Sydney, indeed on the whole eastern seaboard.)

Noon: **First Sunday Lunch**

Thurs 9.07.09 12.15 for 12.30 – 1.30pm: **Business Network Lunch**:
Venue: Australian Institute of Management, Level 1, Room 103, 215 Pacific Highway, North Sydney.
Speaker: Colonel Michael Mahy DSC: *Leadership at the Birthplace of Abraham*. Cost \$20 includes drinks and sandwiches. RSVP Vivienne Soo Tel 4333 3989.

Fri 10.07.09 2.30pm: **Church Elders Meeting**.

Sun 12.07.09 9.30am: **Worship Service** including **KidsnGod**

Sun 19.06.09 9.30am: **Worship Service** Second last Sunday to bring your goods for Life Line

Tues 21.07.09 2.00pm: **Friendship Club** meets. Activity... a play reading
All welcome

Fri 24.07.09 10.30am: **ACW Fellowship Day** at St Clements.
Speaker: Rev Mamie Long, Chaplain at St Vincent's Hospital. The theme will be: *Our God is ever faithful*

Sun 26.07.09 9.30am: **Worship Service** Final day to bring your goods for Life Line

ADVANCE NOTICES for AUGUST 2009

Sunday August 2nd at noon, **Soup and Sandwich Lunch** in the Fellowship Room in aid of The Harris Centre.

On Tuesday August 18th **The Friendship Club** will host *An Afternoon in Vietnam* with speaker Miss Anna

Dean. Miss Dean will speak about her recent stay in Vietnam working as a vet in rural and city areas. All welcome.

Sunday August 23rd **Annual Congregational Meeting**. Please give your nominations for the Church Council and Elders to Alison Vickery by Sunday August 2nd. Also please give Alison the Annual reports of congregational activities by mid-July.

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Junmo's reflection

Is That Cremorne?

A few days ago my children wanted to eat pizza for their dinner. I ordered pizza on the phone. The automatic answering machine asked me to say the area I would like to pick up the pizza. I said "Mosman". The machine didn't accept that name. I said "Cremorne". The machine responded to me in a tone of correcting my pronunciation, "Is that Cremorne? (The machine made an accent at the sound of 'mo') is it correct?" I answered "Yes, it is."

After I hung up the phone, I laughed loudly. My wife asked me why. After a quite long time of hearty laughing, I told my wife "Even the pizza answering machine corrects my pronunciation"

I have lived in Australia for 13 years. The most difficult part for me as an immigrant is the language problem. I studied English for quite a long time but I still look for a dictionary to find the meanings of words I read in newspapers or hear from others.

I have some wrong pronunciations that native English speakers can pick up easily but I can't recognize them myself. I am perplexed when my wrong pronunciation makes me unclear and causes misunderstanding.

These days, I find myself very flexible when others talk about my funny sounding pronunciation. As time passes, I am coming to believe that language is just a medium to communicate. When people are open to each other, language doesn't matter. If you want to hear and understand others with your heart, you would see the things beyond the language.

Whenever I preach my sermon, I come to give thanks to God for our congregation. They have great patience and endeavour to understand my speech. They are really people of God who understands every language and is in every language and works through every language. In God's grace, we can communicate with one another beyond the barrier of my English. Let's keep it up. Thanks be to God. Amen.