

## Employment Opportunity

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### Please keep Praying

for these people this week!

Deb Rossi, Marion Leeds, Leanne Fairhurst,  
Kelly Wallis, Dave Wilde,  
Andrew Rivett, Lucy Lyons, Jake Steel.  
They all have ongoing illnesses and need our  
continual prayers.



Account name  
Northmead Anglican Church  
Account No 1008 2734  
BSB 062 279

No names are necessary but please  
include your congregation  
on the details information.  
Thank you



If you have very kindly  
taken tea towels home  
to wash from the church  
kitchen, please return  
them, we are running low.

Remember **nac** in your will

### WHO YOU SEE FOR .....

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# The NAC Churches – Northmead and Winston Hills

**WELCOME!** to India @ NAC Churches

Northmead (Thomas Street, Northmead)

Winston Hills (Winston Heights School)

20th May 2012



If you are new or visiting  
please stay for a cuppa  
after the service.



## Today

**Why Can't Richard Dawkins Find God?**

NAC 11am	Lewis Jones
WHAC 9.30am	Lewis Jones
NAC 6pm	Lewis Jones



### Woodberry Village

1 John 4: 13-21  
Psalm 103: 19-22  
Blair Courtney - O'Connor

## Next Week -It's all About Jesus

**The Temptations of Jesus**  
**Matthew 4: 1-11**

NAC 9am	Steve Cimarosti
WHAC 9.30am	George May
NAC 5pm	George May
NAC 6.45pm	Steve Cimarosti



### Woodberry Village

1 Cor 12:1-13  
Psalm 104: 26-32  
Carol Allen

### The Rev Writes

Last week we saw that **big ideas** shape the way we think about everything. The example I used was the theory of evolution. As a big idea it shapes the thinking of our society. We also saw last week that the Bible wants us to have big biblical ideas. The example I used was from Hebrews 5&6. Big biblical ideas, theology, shape the way we think about things too.

I concluded with the question: what **big theological** ideas shape your thinking?

I think there are at least **three** big biblical ideas – the **gospel**, the **Trinity** and the **sovereignty** of God.

Let's start with the gospel. I recently asked a couple of people in a formal interview: "What is the gospel?" Interestingly, they both said almost the same thing. In both cases their answer focused on us and that Christ dies for our sins and we need to accept him to be forgiven.

I was asked the same question when I was interviewed for the Senior Minister's position here at NAC. My answer was from the opening verses of **Romans 1**:

1 Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God — 2 the gospel he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures 3 regarding his Son, who as to his human nature was a descendant of David, 4 and who through the Spirit of holiness was declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord.

Paul was set apart for the **gospel** and he says **five things** about it.

1. It's God's gospel. God is the source of the gospel. No person or group of people invented it.
2. It was promised in the Old Testament. There is no contradiction between the Old Testament and New Testament.
3. The gospel concerns God's Son who is totally human and descended from King David
4. He is also totally God, God the Son.
5. Jesus is Lord.

There are other biblical summaries of the gospel but, surely, every Christian should know what the gospel is and how to explain it to others.

We should also have a basic grasp of the idea of the **Trinity**. It's this big biblical idea that sets Christianity apart from other faiths. For example, Muslims believe in a god they call "Allah". Muslims emphasise that he is one! Islam has its origin partly in response to the idea of the Trinity. It is important for them that Allah is one.

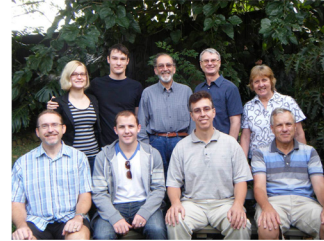
The Bible teaches that God is **one being and three persons** – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The Father is God. The Son is God. The Holy Spirit is God. But there is only one God and the three Persons are all the same God who cannot be divided. So, as the New Testament teaches, Jesus is "the fullness of God." (See Colossians 2:9 For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, ...) You can't have fuller than full!

This big biblical idea helps shape our thinking, for example, about **why we're here**. We exist for relationships. God is relationship within his essential being. We are made in his image. We are purpose-built for relationships. You'd work that out simply by observing our world. Sin, anti-Godness, destroys relationships!

No space left. What big ideas do you want in this list? Next week, **sovereignty** of God is in mine.

Neil

## The India Training Team 2012 Says Thanks You



The team of 9 leaves on **Sat June 23** for 2 weeks to train 100 pastors in 2 locations, Salem in South India and Hyderabad in Central India. They will be teaching two Moore College correspondence courses, New Testament 1 (Mark's gospel) and Promise to Fulfilment.

The India team wants to **thank everyone** who has been praying for us and supporting us with the necessary finances. We greatly appreciate and value this partnership in the Gospel.

Can you please keep praying for the team in the lead up to their departure and while they are in India from June 23 to July 8 as well as for the ongoing benefit of the training in the lives and ministries of the pastors who attend.

Up to date, we have nearly \$5000 and there is still the 'bike ride' sponsorship money to come in. For those who have not already done so there will be another opportunity again this Sunday to contribute to the support of the team.



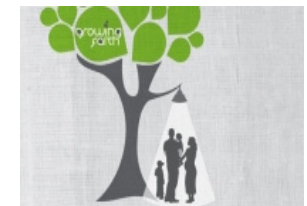
Please pray for Neil, Robyn and family as they mourn the loss of Neil's father who died last Wednesday night.



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**Saturday 1st September 2012**  
**The King's School, North Parramatta**

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- \*Enriching Families

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