

# *Westview Baptist Church*

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*“people learning to live Jesus’ way”*

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Our purpose is to bring glory to God. We will do this as we:

1. are transformed by enjoying Christ;
  2. love by serving others; and
  3. proclaim Jesus by faithfully living in a fallen world
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## ***Transformed by Enjoying Christ***

### ***35th Church Anniversary***

This community of the Kingdom has two beginnings: the open-air Sunday Schools in the early 60’s led by Harold English who donated the land where we now meet; and Kings Langley Baptist which formed in 1978. In 1989 these congregations came together with a church plant at Quakers Hill and they adopted a collective name at that time: a Vision for the West – Westview.

Today we pause to mark the first Sunday service of the Kings Langley church. On 6th August 1978 in the home of Allan and Sue Hollyock in Joseph Banks Drive, a group of around 30 adults and children gathered around the Lord’s Table with a great deal of freshness, enthusiasm and thankfulness for God’s leading and provision that had brought about this new beginning.

Westview too has had to meet and adapt to many comings and goings, social changes all around us, technological developments, government policies, but

always with the central purpose of our existence firmly in place – to bring glory to God as we are transformed by enjoying Christ, love by serving others, and proclaim Jesus as King by living faithful to Him in a fallen world.

### ***Teaching Series - What we believe***

Today we continue our series in exploring our “Statement of Faith”, clarifying the truths that we hold dear and what it means to our lives. Today we to correspond with our church anniversary, we are going to explore the question: “What is the Church?” This is a subject that we must often come back to so that we conform our thinking to the Scriptures rather than what is commonly thought in our society.

### ***Love and Service***

#### ***Family News and Prayers***

Nellie remains in Mt Druitt hospital. It is a difficult time for her and family. Please keep her in your prayers. Perhaps a visit, card or call.

Keep Colin in your prayers as he recovers from his eye operation.

#### ***Men’s Dinner***

Hawkesbury Valley Baptist Church are organising a men’s dinner at The Richmond Club on Thursday 15th August. The speaker will be NSW Police Commissioner Andrew Scipione who is unapologetic about his Christian faith and is highly respected at all levels of the community. He will be speaking on the theme of “Christianity works because..... and this is the difference it has made in my life.” The cost is \$40 and seats must be

reserved by next Sunday. For more information [online](#) or talk to Tony.

## **Living Faithfully in Our World**

### ***Walk to Water***

Imagine our local community had to walk to get to clean water! Doonside -Prospect Reservoir is a 13km walk! On Saturday 14th September, 9am Westview is hosting a team who are going to do just that! In 2012, over \$72,000 AUD was raised from Walk to Water. This helped supply many people with clean running water, without having to walk (on average) 8km. This year, Open Doors is going back to Northern Nigeria to build more boreholes in remote villages, despite ongoing conflict. We will soon see a video showing the [need](#).

### ***3 Ways you can be involved***

1. Do the walk and encourage friends & family to join you - see Wendy for more info.
2. Sponsor an individual walker or the whole group- this can be done in person or simply [online](#)
3. Welcome the walkers with a sausage sizzle at Prospect Reservoir from 11.30am, 14th September & possibly transport walkers back to Doonside afterwards.

### ***Teaching Notes***

What we believe: What is the Church?

Bible Images of the Church

2.1.9. The church as the body of regenerate believers in the Lord Jesus Christ.

2.1.10. The priesthood of all believers.

1 Peter 2:4-5

Various Gifts for One Purpose 1 Cor 12:12-18

Eph 4:11-15

Greater than Gifts 1 Cor 13

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