



Kingsford Church of Christ

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To Know Christ And To Make Him Known

Our Church

HISTORY

In 1897, Kingsford was a stretch of snake infested sandhills, scrubland and grass trees, known as Lillyville. a canvas meeting house was erected on the site of the present manse in Bunnerong Road. This soon gave way to a tin structure roofed with corrugated iron and lined inside with canvas known as "The Canvas Mission House". Communion was first served at Lillyville Church of Christ on 26th May 1907. In 2007 we had the joy and privilege of celebrating the church's 100th anniversary with 3 retired ministers and many former congregation members.

THEOLOGICAL EMPHASIS

The church is a member of the Churches of Christ in NSW, with a strong evangelical, bible-based focus. We practice the ministry of all believers and seek to obey God as revealed in the Scriptures and through His Spirit. Full membership requires baptism by immersion and a profession of faith in Jesus as Saviour and Lord.

WORSHIP STYLE

The current Sunday morning service includes the following components: a time of worship in song, weekly communion, church prayer, a thanksgiving segment, and a sermon.

The morning service is followed by a lunch and fellowship time.

A Childrens teaching/activity time runs parallel to the morning service. Saturday evenings during school/university term, Xalt conducts a bible study which alternates with fellowship every second week. Adult bible study groups meet at various times during the week.

CURRENT LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE

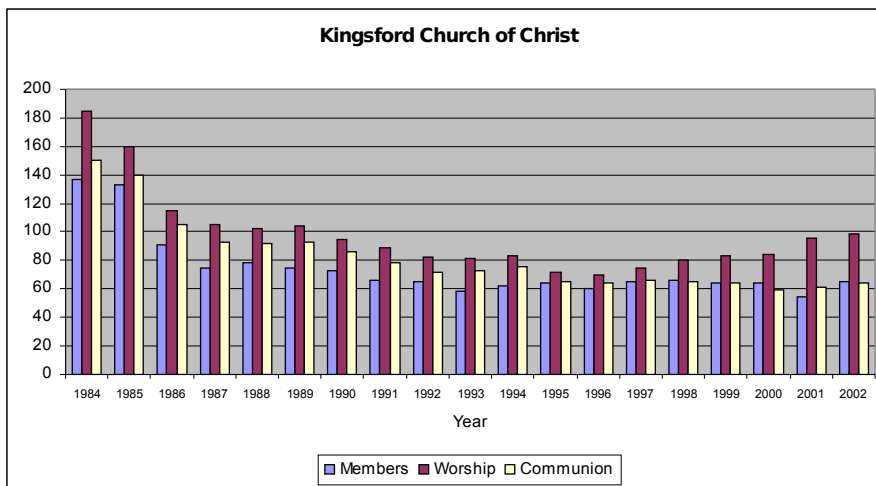
Our church is currently being overseen by a group of 3 elders who work with the Ministry Leaders and Deacons.

Deacons are appointed by the church membership and generally handle administrative issues (such as Treasury and Maintenance). Ministry Leaders are appointed by the eldership and coordinate various ministries (worship, Sunday school, outreach etc)

CHURCH STATISTICS

We have approximately 60-80 regular adult attendees plus 20-25 children aged 2-16 yrs. The average number of communicants each week is 72. Countries represented in our congregation include: Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Hong Kong, China, Greece, Lebanon and Australia. Due to the proximity of our church to the University campus, there have been many congregation members who have been with our church only for the duration of their studies.

The majority of the congregation are aged from 10 years old to 50 years old, comprising mainly students, professionals and families.



MINISTRIES

The Mission Team helps the church to engage with mission workers by encouraging dialogue, raising awareness and overseeing spiritual, practical and financial support. Since March 2009, through a partnership with GMP, our church is supporting the Sunshine Centre for Children in Cambodia, a program that provide opportunities for children from extremely poor families.

Previous missions/outreach focus include: support for workers in Fiji with Overseas Mission Board, as well as assisting newcomers or contacts with the church to learn more about Christianity by doing the "Christianity Explained course.

Sunday Club is our children's ministry program that is focused on bringing the Bible, God's Word and the message of His saving grace, through songs, drama and fun learning activities, to 'churched' and 'unchurched' children of 6-15 years of age. The eighteen children attending are taught in two groups: The Son Seekers for primary school aged children and The J-Space for lower high school teenagers (ie Year 7 to Year 10). Sunday Club operates during the school terms only.

Scripture Teaching at a nearby public primary school has been part of the church's community outreach on a weekly basis for nearly 11 years. This involves 6 or 7 congregation members.

Xalt is a youth group for Year 7 to university aged students run by university students. Together they study the Bible, pray, sing praises, have fun, and hear talks from the leaders and guest speakers. It is a time for young people to hang out and get to know each other and God better.

Music Ministry contributes to the weekly celebration worship service, leading singing of hymns to contemporary praise and worship songs. The team comprises approximately 17 people. There are also occasional drama and movement/dance items to celebrate the significant Christian calendar events.

Lunchtime Fellowship continues to be a special ministry of our church since 1975. Each week immediately after the morning worship service, we enjoy lunch and fellowship for whoever would like to join us for fellowship, currently about 40 attendees. Different people take turns to prepare and cook lunch.

Home Groups have been a vital ministry in the church for at least 20 years. Approximately 60% of the church congregation are involved in cell groups which mainly meet weekly for fellowship, the study of God's Word and also prayer.

A **Women's Ministry** exists to encourage fellowship and to edify one another in the Lord's word and blessings, and to reach out to non-believing friends with the Good News of the gospel.

English Assistance and **Christianity Explained** are ministries that are run on an as-needed basis. **Overseas Christian Fellowship (OCF)**– This national student ministry commenced about 50 years ago and focuses on outreach to university students. About a dozen of our congregation are former members of this student ministry. The church provides facilities and some pastoral care to the OCF student leaders in our congregation.

CHURCH PROPERTY

The main church hall can seat about 150 people (theatre style), and is airconditioned, Front of house includes a slightly elevated stage, mounted data projector and screen. At the back of the main hall is the sound desk, crèche and Senior Minister's office. Downstairs is a dining hall which seats approximately 50, with an adjoining kitchen. Situated in the courtyard is the airconditioned multipurpose function room which is used mainly for Sunday Club. The 3 bedroom Manse at the back of the church building is currently used as a rental property.

LOCAL COMMUNITY PROFILE STATISTICS

(Australian Property Monitors Guide, compiled from a variety of sources including the Australian Bureau of Statistics)

Kingsford is located about 7kms South-East of the Sydney Central Business District

Demographics	Target Region	Comparison Region
Population Size	2032	Sydney
All people	14,976	4,095,244
Country of Origin	2032	Sydney
Australian born	44%	60%
Born Overseas - Top 5	2032	Sydney
China	6%	2%
Indonesia	5%	0%
Greece	3%	0%
Hong Kong	3%	0%
Malaysia	2%	0%
Age Statistics	2032	Sydney
20 to 39	39%	30%
40 to 59	23%	26%
60+	17%	16%
5 to 19	15%	19%
0 to 4	5%	6%
Family Statistics - Top 5	2032	Sydney
Never Married	46%	34%
Married	39%	49%
Divorced	6%	7%
Widowed	5%	5%
Separated	2%	2%
Religion - Top 5	2032	Sydney
Catholic	25%	29%
No Religion	17%	14%

Other	13%	10%
Eastern Orthodox	12%	4%
Anglican	9%	17%
Occupation - Top 5	2032	Sydney
Health care & social assistance	11%	9%
Professional\ scientific & technical services	10%	8%
Retail trade	10%	10%
Accommodation & food services	9%	6%
Education & training	9%	7%
Education - Top 5	2032	Sydney
Not Attending (Working)	51%	58%
University or other Tertiary Institution	18%	5%
Infants/Primary	6%	10%
Secondary Education	5%	8%
Technical or Further Education	2%	3%
Transport to Work - Top 5	2032	Sydney
Car (driver)	40%	53%
Bus Only	23%	4%
Walked	8%	4%
Car (passenger)	5%	5%
Train & Other	3%	4%
Type of Dwelling - Top 3	2032	Sydney
Separate house	42%	71%
Semi/Terrace	40%	21%
Flat	36%	17%
Nature of occupancy - Top 3	2032	Sydney
Rented	47%	31%
Fully Owned	30%	31%
Purchasing	17%	33%

Further information on the local community profile can be found on the Randwick City Council website:
<http://profile.id.com.au/Default.aspx?id=305>

The University of NSW

Overseas students populate a large percentage of our local community due to the close proximity of the university.

Prince of Wales Public and Private Hospitals; The Royal Womens' Hospital

These main teaching hospitals are located nearby. Our Minister has on occasion received requests for pastoral visits to the hospital.