

## Contact Details

St John's & St Paul's (03) 5962 6620  
Postal PO Box 191, Healesville, 3777  
St John's 5-7 Symons Street, Healesville  
St Paul's 43 Bell Street, Yarra Glen  
Website <http://www.stjohnshealesville.org.au>

## Minister - Rev Matt Smith

0421 213 790 Email - [minister@stjohnshealesville.org.au](mailto:minister@stjohnshealesville.org.au)  
(\*New Day off - Thursday\*)

## Newsletter - Sandy Berthelsen

0419 506 784 Email - [sandyphotos@bigpond.com](mailto:sandyphotos@bigpond.com)

## Wardens

Berys Nixon, Rob Colombo, Peggy Marriner

## Parish Council

Narelle Allison, David Green, Simon Green

### Child-Safety Commitment

St John's Healesville & St Paul's Yarra Glen Anglican Church is committed to the welcome, safety, and value of the children under our care and has zero tolerance for child abuse.

Our child-safety officer is Claire Bennett.

For further information please see the Anglican Church Child-Safe Policy available from the information board.

## Giving to St John's & St Paul's

Please give generously to the Mission and Ministry of our church:  
'Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.' (2 Corinthians 9:7)

## Church Banking Details

A/C Name: St John's Anglican Church  
BSB: 063 689 A/C No: 1006 5060



**St John's  
Healesville**



**St Paul's  
Yarra Glen**

*'Making Spirit-filled disciples of Jesus Christ  
who glorify God and enjoy him forever'*

## Newsletter - February 2020

**Holy Communion - 9.00am at St Paul's**  
**Holy Communion - 10.30am at St John's**

A warm welcome to all visitors who are worshipping with us.  
Please join us for a cuppa. We would love to meet you.  
10.00am at Yarra Glen and 10.15am at Healesville

### February Sermon Series:

**Matthew 5-6 "God's Prophet Speaks - Sermon on the Mount"**

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets;  
I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them." Matt 5:17

## Welcome to Visitors and Newcomers

We are so happy you could join us today and we hope you feel welcomed and encouraged by our community. To get more connected with our church, please fill in a blue Welcome Card found on the pews and give it to our welcomers or minister.

We welcome all followers of Jesus to Communion (the Lord's Supper). We have gluten free wafers available upon request, and provide wine in the chalice or grape juice in the small cups. Children are also welcome to come forward for a blessing.

## Coming-up in February

Prayer Meeting: Feb 3: 10:00am @ St Paul's  
 Ladies Guild: Feb 6: 10.30am @ St John's  
 Parish Council: Feb 10: 7:30pm @ St John's  
 Man Flu Guild: Feb 26: 7:30pm @ Healesville Hotel

## Bible Studies

Yarra Glen: Thursdays at 1:30pm led by Berys Nixon  
 Healesville: Thursdays at 7:30pm led by David Green  
 Chum Creek: Tuesday fortnights at 8pm led by Matt Smith  
 Youth Group: Friday fortnights at 6:30pm led by Narelle Allison  
*(Please contact leaders if you are interested in joining a group)*

## Celebrations

If you have a birthday, anniversary or extraordinary event coming up, we would love to celebrate with you, lift you in our prayers and congratulate you on your achievement. Please let us know using the blue Welcome Cards or email Sandy.

## Notices for the Newsletter

If you would like to add something to the monthly newsletter, please forward to Matt or Sandy via email (preferred), text or phone, no later than the 3rd Monday of each month.

## Rosters - Blessed to Serve

### Feb 2

<b>Sermon</b>	A Christian's Character
<b>OT</b>	Exod 34:1-7
<b>NT</b>	Matt 5:1-10
<b>Leader</b>	Matt
<b>Reader</b>	Doug
<b>Prayers</b>	Claire
<b>C' Asst</b>	Claire
<b>Data</b>	Will
<b>Sides</b>	Val & Andrew
<b>M' Tea</b>	Maree & Rob
<b>Clean</b>	Maree & Rob
<b>Flowers</b>	Margaret

### Feb 9

<b>Sermon</b>	A Christian's Influence
<b>OT</b>	Exod 34:29-35
<b>NT</b>	Matt 5:11-16
<b>Leader</b>	David
<b>Reader</b>	Emily
<b>Prayers</b>	Sam
<b>C' Asst</b>	Simon
<b>Data</b>	Andrew
<b>Sides</b>	Cheryl & Norma
<b>M' Tea</b>	Jan & Rita
<b>Clean</b>	Val & Trish
<b>Flowers</b>	Trish

### Feb 16

<b>Sermon</b>	A Christian's Righteousness
<b>OT</b>	Deut 18:15-19
<b>NT</b>	Matt 5:17-48
<b>Leader</b>	Matt
<b>Reader</b>	Wendy
<b>Prayers</b>	Berys
<b>C' Asst</b>	Peter
<b>Data</b>	Brody
<b>Sides</b>	Karl & Doug
<b>M' Tea</b>	Naomi & Peter
<b>Clean</b>	Jan
<b>Flowers</b>	Naomi

### Feb 23

<b>Sermon</b>	A Christian's Piety
<b>OT</b>	Prov 26:23-26
<b>NT</b>	Matt 6:1-18
<b>Leader</b>	Berys
<b>Reader</b>	David G
<b>Prayers</b>	David G
<b>C' Asst</b>	David G
<b>Data</b>	Erin
<b>Sides</b>	Val & Andrew
<b>M' Tea</b>	Janice & David
<b>Clean</b>	Janice & David
<b>Flowers</b>	Norma

## Prayers/Collects of the Week

**Feb 2:** We thank you, heavenly Father, that you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: we pray that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his presence abiding in us he may raise us to joys eternal; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**Feb 9:** Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: give us grace that we may always thankfully receive the benefits of his sacrifice, and also daily endeavour to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**Feb 16:** Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart, and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Feb 23:** Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Praying for our Church

Prayer-points: For the Lord's grace as we seek to reach the Yarra Valley for Christ; our Bible Studies, Youth and Children's ministries as they return for the year; our mission partners (CMS, BCA, ARDF, Ridley & HICCI); Suse and her trip home to Melbourne; our church to be growing in the discipline of prayer and Bible reading.

St John's: the Mickleborough family who are away for Mark's work; Ceridwen and the safe arrival of her baby; Keira Colombo, Stan & Iris Sewell, Sherrin & Andy, Emma Barnes & Jeanette, Kathryn & Hannah, Trish & Barry Twist, Dorothy Hort.

St Paul's: Nelson Wilson, Roy Andrews, Sheila McKay, Marlene & Robert Milley, Ann & Robert Groat and Mary de Crespigny.

## Reflection from Matt

When walking along a tightrope the key is to look straight ahead to where the rope leads rather than straight down to where your feet are treading.

Vision is vital for determining where we end up. Consider ball sports: If you do not keep your eye on the ball you will not hit the ball. Or driving: if you do not keep your eye on the road, or if your vision is blurry because of too much alcohol, it is unlikely you will reach your destination.

One motivational speaker puts it: "Without vision, you have no direction. Without direction you have no purpose."

So what about our church? Do we have a vision? Do we have a purpose? What direction are we going in and what destination are we aiming for?

Recently, I reflected on the Vision Statements for two of our mission partners.

CMS: *a world that knows Jesus.*

BCA: *to go the distance and reach Australia for Christ.*

If CMS seeks to reach the world for Christ, and BCA seeks to reach Australia for Christ, I believe our church's vision is simply *to reach the Yarra Valley for Christ.* Through the mission and ministry of our church, we want the people of the Yarra Valley to become Spirit-filled followers of Jesus Christ who glorify God and enjoy him forever.

How can our church reach the Yarra Valley for Christ? What better place to start than in prayer for the people of the Yarra Valley? Starting in February, on the first Monday of each month we will hold a church prayer meeting, 10am at St Paul's for those available. We also have a weekly church prayer email chain which members are encouraged to join by emailing me.

Please be prayerful as our church embarks on our vision of reaching the Yarra Valley for Christ. I would love to hear from any one with ideas for next steps we can take towards this vision.



### **You are Invited to Church Morning Tea... Every Sunday!**

Let's all 'Linga Longa' at Morning Tea! Rich blessings can be ours when we share our stories, encourage one another, make new friends and deepen established friendships. Morning tea is after the service at St Paul's, and before the service at St John's.

### **S's Visit**

We are delighted that 'S' plans to visit St Paul's and St John's on Sunday 2 February. For those who wish, please bring some finger food to share over lunch, as we chat with her and hear all her news.

### **Lenten Studies - Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday (Feb 26-Apr 12)**

*To Seek and To Save: Daily Reflections on the Road to the Cross*  
Sinclair Ferguson - The Good Book Company

"Journey with Jesus on the road to Jerusalem with these reflections for Lent by Sinclair Ferguson. As you walk through the second half of Luke's Gospel, you'll meet the people Jesus encountered on the way to the cross—and prepare your heart to appreciate his death and resurrection afresh.

Pithy yet profound, these devotions will hold up a mirror to your own heart and, more importantly, give you a window into the heart of the Lord Jesus—the one who came to seek and to save the lost at Easter.

This is the perfect follow-up to Sinclair Ferguson's highly popular Advent devotional, *Love Came Down at Christmas*."

As with the advent devotionals, Matt will make a bulk order for those interested. Keep an eye out for the sign-up sheet. The book is \$10.

### **Solar Panels on the Vicarage**

The Property and Maintenance Team are considering the economic case for installing solar panels on the vicarage roof. If anyone has particular expertise and knowledge about roof solar panels and government rebates, or are willing to assist and do some research, Rob Colombo would love to hear from you.

### **Anglican Relief and Development Fund (ARDF) - Bushfire Appeal**

For those wanting to donate money for the bushfire relief effort, please consider giving to our mission partner, the Anglican Relief and Development Fund. Information about their emergency relief can be found on their website: <https://ardfa.org.au/emergencies>

### **Wanted: Hall Hire Coordinator**

During the week, St John's hires out our hall as a way of raising revenue, and due to our tight church budget we hope to gain more hirers in the future. If you are available and interested in managing the hall hiring process, please let Matt know.

### **Reflection and Thanks from Erin Allison**

Last week Will, Brody and I went to Summer Under The Son (SUTS). Our main speaker was Erica Hamence who spoke to us about the book of Genesis. We learnt about how we are all part of God's perfect rescue plan to restore the world to the way he created it even though we are not perfect.

Each day we got the opportunity to listen to Erica and discuss her message in our small groups and have time alone with God. After lunch we would have activities in our year levels and free time to do what we liked. Once we had eaten dinner we attended the evening session where we would hear from a CMS missionary. After the evening session we would have our evening activity which would generally try to calm us down so we could go to sleep. Unfortunately the smoke prevented us from doing outdoor activities on Tuesday and Wednesday which I know Will didn't enjoy, but they tried to pack all of the planned activities on Thursday so we got to experience all of them.

I personally really enjoyed the camp and I was inspired by Erica's talks as well as how my small group leaders' got us to complete activities influenced by them. Meal times were hectic and there was always chanting for a leader to sing a song. Thank you for the opportunity and support to attend. - Your Friend, Erin Allison.