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## 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 - January 2020

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

*Combined Service Australia Day - 26 January 10:30am at St John's  
No Service at St Paul'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

## January Sermon Series:

### Matthew 3-4 "God's True Son"

A voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love;  
with him I am well pleased." Matt 3:17

## 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 January

Memorial service Jan 7: 10:30am @ St John's  
 Working Bee Jan 18: 9am @ St John's  
 Man Flu Guild Jan 22: 7:30pm @ Healesville Hotel  
 Combined Service Jan 26: 10:30am @ St John's  
 Parish Council *No PC meeting in January 2020*  
 Ladies Guild *No Guild meeting in January 2020*

## Bible Studies (return in February)

Yarra Glen: Thursdays at 1:30pm led by Berys Nixon  
 Healesville: Thursdays at 7:30pm led by David Green  
 Chum Creek: Tuesday fortnights at 7:30pm led by Matt Smith  
 Youth Group: Friday fortnights at 6:30pm led by Narell 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

### Jan 5

<b>Sermon</b>	The Baptism of Jesus
<b>OT</b>	Exod 14:15-22 p.70
<b>NT</b>	Matt 3:13-17 p.967
<b>Leader</b>	David G
<b>Reader</b>	Margaret
<b>Prayers</b>	Sam
<b>C' Asst</b>	Simon
<b>Data</b>	Brody
<b>Sides</b>	Rita & David G
<b>M' Tea</b>	Norma & Margaret
<b>Clean</b>	Val & Trish
<b>Flowers</b>	Trish

### Jan 12

<b>Sermon</b>	The Temptation of Jesus
<b>OT</b>	Deut 6:13-19 p.183
<b>NT</b>	Matt 4:1-11 p.967
<b>Leader</b>	Matt
<b>Reader</b>	Wendy
<b>Prayers</b>	Barry
<b>C' Asst</b>	Peter
<b>Data</b>	Andrew
<b>Sides</b>	Karl & Doug
<b>M' Tea</b>	Val & Trish
<b>Clean</b>	Delene & David
<b>Flowers</b>	Naomi

### Jan 19

<b>Sermon</b>	The Call of Jesus
<b>OT</b>	1 Kings 19:19-21 p.356
<b>NT</b>	Matt 4:12-25 p.968
<b>Leader</b>	Matt
<b>Reader</b>	David G
<b>Prayers</b>	David G
<b>C' Asst</b>	David G
<b>Data</b>	Erin
<b>Sides</b>	Jan & Norma
<b>M' Tea</b>	Janice & David
<b>Clean</b>	Janice & David
<b>Flowers</b>	Norma

### Jan 26(Combined Service)

<b>Sermon</b>	Counting Our Blessings
<b>OT</b>	Psalms 116 p.608
<b>NT</b>	Luke 1:46-56 p.1025
<b>Leader</b>	Berys
<b>Reader</b>	Andrew
<b>Prayers</b>	Berys
<b>C' Asst</b>	Doug
<b>Data</b>	Brody
<b>Sides</b>	Peter & Rob
<b>M' Tea</b>	Norma & Margaret
<b>Clean</b>	Claire & Susan
<b>Flowers</b>	Val

## Prayers/Collects of the Week

### Sun 5th Jan - Matthew 3: 'The Baptism of Jesus'

Almighty God, who anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son: inspire us, your children, who are born again of water and the Spirit, to surrender our lives to your service, that we may rejoice to be called your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Sun 12th Jan - Matthew 4:1-11: 'The Temptation of Jesus'

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you: mercifully accept our prayers, and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do nothing good without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Sun 19th Jan - Matthew 4:12-25: 'The Call of Jesus'

Almighty God, by whose grace alone we are accepted and called to your service: strengthen us by your Holy Spirit and make us worthy of our calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Sun 26th Jan (Australia Day) - Psalm 116: 'Counting our Blessings'

Bounteous God, we give thanks for this ancient and beautiful land, a land of despair and hope, a land of wealth and abundant harvests, a land of fire, drought and flood. We pray that your Spirit may continue to move in this land and bring forgiveness, reconciliation, and an end to all injustice; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Praying for our Church

Prayer-points: That our church will be making disciples of Jesus; our mission partners; Suse in SEA and her trip back to Melbourne; our youth while away on camp; good rest for our members over the January period; that visitors and newcomers feel welcomed in our community.

St John's: 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

*I found the following article helpful and have adapted it for our church in 2020:*



Don't leave your spiritual growth up to spontaneity. Make a plan. Now that we're in 2020, here are some questions to ask as you formulate ways to grow:

1. Am I going to make regular devotions with the Lord a priority and remove all obstacles that prevent me from doing so?
2. Unless there is an emergency, am I committed to attending church every Sunday to hear the preaching of God's Word, serve the saints, and partake of the Lord's supper?
3. Am I going to preach the gospel to myself and remind myself of the grace that is available to me through Christ?
4. Am I going to confess and repent of my sins quickly?
5. Am I going to live deeply in Christian community and seek to bear the burdens of others?
6. Am I going to regularly share the gospel with nonbelievers in hopes of persuading them to repent and trust in Christ?
7. Am I going to steward my time, talent, and treasure to the glory of God and for the sake of the church?
8. Will this be the year that I join a Bible study?
9. Will I regularly encourage and extend hospitality to others?
10. Will I trust God's providence if things don't go how I want them to?

Source: <http://gospelrelevance.com/2018/01/02/beginning-of-the-year-check-in-questions-for-christians/>

## 2020 Bible Reading Plans

How did you go reading the Bible in 2019? Made plans for reading God's Word in 2020? Once again I will print copies of some Bible Reading plans to kick the year off. Grab one if you think it will help!

- The 5x5x5 Through the NT in a year plan (5 chapters a week)
- The F260 'Bible Reading Plan for Busy Believers', which goes through key parts of the OT & NT (10 chapters a week)
- The 5 Day Reading Plan covers the whole Bible (20 chap p/w)

### **Thank You to Maree Colombo**

After 3½ years, Maree Colombo has decided to stand down as the parish administrator and child-safety compliance officer. We give thanks to God for Maree and all she has done in this role, especially during the interregnum while a new minister was being sought. May the Lord continue to lead Maree and use her gifts in new ways for his glory.

### **Jean Lockwood Memorial Service**

Friends and family of Mrs Jean Lockwood are invited to a celebration of her life at St John's, 5-7 Symons St Healesville at 10.30am on Tuesday 7 January. Following the Memorial Service you are warmly invited to share refreshments and share your memories in the adjoining St John's Church Hall. Please let us know if you are able to come. Andy & Sherrin White - 0427 501 176

### **Youth 'Summer Under the Son' CMS Camp**

From 13-17 January, a few of the St John's Youth will be attending the SUTS CMS Youth Camp at the Phillip Island Adventure Resort. Can I encourage you to consider sponsoring our youth to help cover some of the fees? Please give donations to Matt or Narelle. Please also be praying for our youth, that it will be a fun, formative and faith-building experience.

### **Working Bee & Property & Maintenance Team Meeting**

*Sat 11 Jan - 9am St John's Property Maintenance Meeting*

*Sat 18 Jan - 9am St John's Working Bee*

General maintenance and putting out Hard Rubbish from under the church. Come when you can - go when you must.

### **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.*

### **Update From Parish Council 2020 Panning Meeting**

In December the Parish Council, with a couple of other church members, reflected on where we are and the future focus of our church. Based on those discussions, below is a draft of our Mission Action Plan and Priorities for 2020. Matt welcomes any feedback, suggestions, or offers of assistance in any of these areas.

#### Prayer & Pastoral Care

- Re-introduce a monthly prayer meeting
- Promote 'Thy Kingdom Come' prayer Initiative
- Set-up a prayer email/sms chain
- Keep in touch and follow-up with church members who have been absent or are unable to attend
- Encourage and equip church members to assist in pastoral care

#### Welcoming

- Grow 'first-contact' front-door presence
- Strengthen visitor/new-comer follow-up
- Have resources on hand for visitors and those seeking help: welcome pack, church invites, handouts, booklets, etc.
- Encourage church engagement with Sunday morning-tea

#### Hospitality

- Create opportunities for church and small groups to gather around food
- Encourage a culture of hospitality among church members
- Use hospitality as a way of connecting with non-church members
- Run a preaching series on welcoming, encouragement and hospitality

#### Community Engagement

- Host and assist in events/programs that engage with the community
- Encourage, equip and partner with our members to be light and salt in their neighbourhoods and various community groups.