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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 table.

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**

Newsletter - March 2020

St Paul's Yarra Glen: 9am Holy Communion

Morning Tea following the Service at 10am

St John's Healesville: 10:30am Holy Communion

Morning Tea before the Service at 10am

A warm welcome to all visitors who are worshipping with us.
Please join us for a cuppa. We would love to meet you.

March Sermon Series:

Matthew 6-9 Jesus: A Prophet, Powerful in Word and Deed

When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law. *Matthew 7:28-29*

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 March

Prayer Meeting: Mar 2: 10:00am @ St Paul's
 Ladies Guild: Mar 5: 10.30am @ St John's
 Parish Council: Mar 16: 7:30pm @ St John's
 Man Flu Guild: Mar 25: 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)

Prayer Requests & E-mail Groups

Please email Matt (minister@stjohnshealesville.org.au) if you have prayer requests or would like to receive the church prayer emails, monthly newsletter or sermon notes. And please let Matt or Sandy know in advance if you would like something included in the monthly newsletter or Sunday notices.

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.

Rosters - Blessed to Serve

March 1

Sermon	A Christian's Ambition
OT	Eccles 5:10-15 p665
NT	Matthew 6:19-34 p971
Reader	David H
Prayers	David H
C' Asst	David H
Data	Andrew
Sides	Rita & David G
M' Tea	Delene & David
Clean	Delene & David

March 8

Sermon	A Christian's Relationships
OT	Isaiah 55:1-3 p737
NT	Matthew 7:1-12 p971
Reader	Andrew
Prayers	Barry
C' Asst	Doug
Data	Brody
Sides	Peter & Rob
M' Tea	Val & Trish
Clean	Claire & Susan

March 15

Sermon	A Christian's Commitment
OT	Jeremiah 17:5-10 p772
NT	Matthew 7:13-29 p971
Reader	Doug
Prayers	Claire
C' Asst	Claire
Data	Will
Sides	Jan & Norma
M' Tea	Maree & Rob
Clean	Maree & Rob

March 22

Sermon	A Christian's Faith
OT	2 Kings 4:38-44 p366
NT	Matthew 8:1-4 p972
Reader	Margaret
Prayers	Sam
C' Asst	Simon
Data	Erin
Sides	Karl & Doug
M' Tea	Jan & Rita
Clean	Jan

March 29

Sermon	A Christian's Vision	OT	Ezek 34:1-6	NT	Matt 9:35-38
Sides	Cheryl & Norma	Reader	David H	Leader	Matt
Clean	Delene & David	Prayers	David H	Data	Brody
M' Tea	Delene & David	C' Asst	David H	Singing	Everyone!

Prayers/Collects of the Week

March 1: O God, the protector of all that trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy, that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal that we finally lose not the things eternal. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

March 8: Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

March 15: Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent: create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

March 22: Lord God, our Redeemer, who heard the cry of your people and sent your servant Moses to lead them out of slavery: free us from the tyranny of sin and death and, by the leading of your Spirit, bring us to our promised land; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

March 29: Saving God, who called your Church to witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us so to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be reconciled to you; through him who died for us and rose again and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Praying for our Church

Prayer-points: For the Lord's grace as we seek to reach the Yarra Valley for Christ; our mission partners (CMS, BCA, ARDF, Ridley & HICCI); Suse while in Melbourne.

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, 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

On the liturgical calendar, the season of Lent is traditionally seen as a time of preparation for Easter which begins on Ash Wednesday (26 Feb this year). Part of the preparation often includes fasting as a form of spiritual discipline and traditionally lasts for 40 days (excluding Sundays).



According to research by LifeWay, Catholics (61%) remain most likely to observe Lent, while Protestants (20%) and those with evangelical beliefs (28%) are less likely. Of those surveyed, fasting from a favourite food or beverage (57%) and going to church (57%) are the most common ways to observe Lent. Additional prayer (39%), giving to others (38%), or staying away from a bad habit (35%) are also popular. Fasting from a favorite activity is less common (23%). Last year during Lent I 'fasted' from Facebook, which I appreciated so much I never returned to it!

The Bible neither commands or forbids us from observing Ash Wednesday, Lent, Good Friday, Easter, or any other holy day. The important thing is we remain faithful to Christ and the call to follow him, regardless of days and seasons. There's no such thing as a Christmas & Easter Christian, a Sunday Christian, or a Christian through Lent. We are simply Christians ('Mere Christianity' as C. S. Lewis describes it): following Christ, according to Scripture, in the power of the Holy Spirit, for the glory of God.

If you are planning to observe Lent this season, even if just to read through our Lenten Study Book (*To Seek and to Save* by Sinclair Ferguson), may you do so as an expression of your continued faith in our Lord Jesus and your ongoing worship of our Heavenly Father, while avoiding the pitfalls Jesus teaches in Matthew 6:1-18.

Source: <https://www.christianitytoday.com/news/2017/february/eat-pray-lent-what-americans-actually-abstain-from.html>

CMS Boxes

The CMS boxes are due by the end of March. Maree is requesting they be returned to her as soon as possible.

Working Bee and Property & Maintenance Team Meeting

P&M meeting - Sat 21 March. Working Bee - Sat 28 March at 9am.

Earlybirds can enjoy breakfast - cereal, bacon & eggs from 8.15am

S Update

We give thanks and praise to God for clear medical results (specialised & GP) - no concerns. Wonderful news! Please join her in praying for SEA followers to continue to daily depend on the Son, and to grow in maturity, grace and love.

Introducing a New Hymn: Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

In March we will introduce the hymn "Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery" written by Matt Papa, Matt Boswell, Michael Bleecker. The power of this hymn is in its simple folk-like melody, paired with its ancient/poetic and gospel-rich lyric. Why not check it out online?

VERSE 1

Come behold the wondrous mystery
In the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises
Robed in frail humanity
In our longing, in our darkness
Now the light of life has come
Look to Christ, who condescended
Took on flesh to ransom us

VERSE 3

Come behold the wondrous mystery
Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption
See the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory
Grace unmeasured, love untold

VERSE 2

Come behold the wondrous mystery
He the perfect Son of Man
In His living, in His suffering
Never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam
Come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law; in Him we stand

VERSE 4

Come behold the wondrous mystery
Slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain Him
Praise the Lord; He is alive!
What a foretaste of deliverance
How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected
As we will be when he comes

Church Website, Google Information and Facebook Page

We are in the process of updating the church's online presence. It is a great way to engage the community and disseminate information about who we are and what we do. Why not check them out and give us a like on google?

www.facebook.com/stjohnsandstpauls

www.stjohnshealesville.org.au

150th Anniversary of St John's

Next year our church celebrates its 150th Anniversary. A celebration service will be held on Sunday 14th February 2021. For those interested in joining an organising team and help plan the celebration, please let the parish council know.

To commemorate the achievement, parish council discussed the possibility of writing or editing a booklet about the 150 year history of our parish. If anyone is interested in this undertaking, or willing to contribute in some way (particularly long-term members with memories and stories to share), please let parish council know.

St John's & St Paul's Mission Action Plan

As a Christian community which desires to grow God's church and kingdom, it is good for us to have a sense of vision, purpose and direction. In my own reflecting, listening and talking with parish council, I have put together a draft Mission Action Plan.

Vision: To reach the Yarra Valley for Christ

Mission: Making Spirit-filled disciples of Jesus Christ who glorify God and enjoy Him forever

Priorities (areas of focus): Prayer & Pastoral Care, Welcoming, Hospitality, Community Engagement

If you have any questions, reflections, ideas or would like to be more involved in the process, please talk to Matt!