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Wardens

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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

Welcome to Yarra Valley Anglican Church

*Grace and peace be yours in abundance
through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.*



St John's Healesville and St Paul's Yarra Glen

Church News - February 2021

9:30am Every Sunday at St John's Healesville
Followed by Morning Tea

11:00am 1st Sunday of the Month at St Paul's Yarra Glen
Followed by Church Lunch

February & March Sermon Series

Mark 8-10: Seeing Jesus Clearly

"What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked him.
The blind man said, "Rabbi, I want to see." Mark 10:51 NIV

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 Welcome Card and give it to our welcomers or minister.

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

Coming-up in February

Ladies Guild: Feb 4th: 10:00am @ St John's
 Church Lunch: Feb 7th: 12:00pm @ St Paul's (after the service)
 Alpha Course: Feb 11th: 2:00pm @ St Paul's
 Parish Council: Feb 23rd: 7:30pm @ St John's
 Man Flu Guild: Feb 24th: 7:30pm @ Healesville Hotel

Bible Studies

Yarra Glen: Thursdays at 2:00pm led by Berys Nixon
 Healesville: Thursdays at 7:30pm led by David Green
 Youth Group: Term 1 Alpha: Date & Time TBC. Led by Narelle
(Please contact leaders if you are interested in joining a group)

Church Prayer

For any prayer requests or to receive the church prayer emails, please contact Matt. You are also welcome to pray with us:

Morning Prayer Wednesdays 9:00am on Zoom
 Evening Prayer Wednesdays 8:00pm on Zoom
 Zoom ID - 5962662000
 Password - 123

Notices

Please let Matt know in advance if you would like a notice included in the monthly newsletter or Sunday service.

Rosters - Blessed to Serve

Feb 7th

Sermon	All of Life to the Glory of God
Bible Readings	OT: tbc NT: Eph 1:1-14
Leader	Matt
Reader	David H
Prayers	David H
Data	Erin
Welcome	Cheryl & Norma
M' Tea	Delene & David
Clean	Delene & David
Flowers	Norma

Feb 14th

Sermon	Take Up Your Cross
Bible Readings	OT: tbc NT: Mark 8:27-38
Leader	David
Reader	Doug
Prayers	Claire
Data	Will
Welcome	Claire & Doug
M' Tea	Jan
Clean	Claire & Co
Flowers	Val

Feb 21st

Sermon	God's Kingdom Coming In Power
Bible Readings	OT: tbc NT: Mark 9:1-13
Leader	Matt
Reader	Andrew
Prayers	Barry
Data	Andrew
Welcome	Rob & Peter
M' Tea	Val & Trish
Clean	Val & Trish
Flowers	Trish

Feb 28th

Sermon	I Believe, Help my Unbelief
Bible Readings	OT: tbc NT: Mark 9:14-29
Leader	Berys
Reader	David G
Prayers	David G
Data	Will
Welcome	Jan & Norma
M' Tea	Naomi & Peter
Clean	Jan
Flowers	Janet

Prayers/Collects of the Week

Feb 7: O Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are worth nothing: send your Holy Spirit, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you; Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Feb 14: 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 17 Ash Wednesday: 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.

Feb 21 Lent 1: 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 28 Lent 2: 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.

Reflection From Matt

Late last year I conducted a survey of our church members. One of the questions I asked was 'what is your preferred worship style'. My interest in asking this question was to get a sense of how our church members most naturally approached God in worship and whether our services were aligned with these preferences.



The survey results were as follows:

- 22% Prefer modern worship
- 13% Prefer traditional worship
- 47% Prefer worship somewhere in the middle
- 19% Happy with any worship style

Given these results and the worship preferences of our members, my aim is to continue running Sunday services that mix both traditional and modern forms of Anglican worship. For example, sometimes I will dress more formally, sometimes less so; sometimes our services will be more liturgical, including more corporate prayers and creeds, sometimes less of these; sometimes we will sing traditional hymns, sometimes modern Christian songs.

Given the different tastes and preferences of our members, some aspects of our services will not appeal to everyone. However when this happens, let us remember that ultimately worship is not about us but about God. In the end what matters is God's preference for worship and he isn't concerned about whether we use traditional or modern forms of worship, but that we worship him in the unity of his Holy Spirit and through faith in his Son.

John 4:23 [Jesus replied] the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks.

New Sunday Service Times for St John's & St Paul's

After an extensive discussion at our last parish council meeting and reflecting upon recent survey results from our members, we have made the decision to trial new Sunday services times.

9:30am every Sunday at St John's Healesville

Followed by church morning tea in the hall

11:00am first Sunday of the month at St Paul's Yarra Glen

Followed by a church Lunch in the cottage

If you have any questions or feedback - both positive or negative - please pass this on to pastor Matt or a member of parish council.

The Alpha Course Launching 11th Feb at St Paul's

After the great feedback we received running Alpha online, we will be running the course again at 2pm Thursday afternoons at St Paul's Yarra Glen. Each session will focus on a specific Christian theme and will run for 90 minutes: 30 minutes for the video, 30 minutes for discussion, and 30 minutes for afternoon tea.

I'd like to encourage all our church members to give Alpha a go, and to prayerfully consider who they might invite to join in as well. I'm confident it will be a great blessing to everyone who does it! You're welcome to join us for the first week to check it out before committing to the course! Sign-up online or contact pastor Matt. www.stjohnshealesville.org.au/alpha/

Church Working Bee: 9:00-11:00am Saturday 20th Feb at St John's

Come when you can, leave when you must. All are welcome to join us as we do some maintenance on our church building and gardens. Many hands make light work.

Also, if any church members have time during the weeks to assist with administrative tasks or projects to do with freshening up our church buildings, pastor Matt would love to hear from you!

Great Opportunity to Serve on Church Rosters

As we get back to 'normal' Sunday services, we are seeking more members to serve on rostered ministries. In particular we are seeking more people to help out as welcomers on the door, morning tea assistants, church cleaners, powerpoint helpers. If you can assist in any of these areas please let pastor Matt or Sandy know (we can provide training if you're not quite sure how to serve in these areas!)

Covid-safe Morning Tea at St John's

With our Sunday service at St John's now starting earlier, morning tea will be held after the 9:30am service. I would like to encourage our members to join in for morning tea, and use this as an opportunity to build relationships and encourage one another. However, please do so in a covid-safe manner: Please no sharing of food or utensils; no self-service of food or drinks (our morning tea servers will assist); and maintain physical distancing and good hygiene practices. For the sake of social distancing, I'd also request more of our members sit closer to the front during church :)

Lenten Studies - Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday (Feb 17-Apr 4)

An Ocean of Grace

A Journey to Easter with Great Voices From the Past - Tim Chester

\$10 - Sign-up sheet at St John's

"An inspiring collection of daily devotions and prayers from great Christian writers of the past, including Augustine, Charles Spurgeon, John Bunyan, Catherine Parr and Martin Luther.

The heart-warming words of these saints of old exalt the grace and glory of Christ's work, and will encourage and inspire readers as much today as they did when they were first written.

Each daily reading has been selected, edited and introduced by Tim Chester to make these treasures accessible to every reader. They will help you reflect on Jesus in the run-up to Easter. Ideal to start at the beginning of Lent."