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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

# Welcome to Yarra Valley Anglican Church

*Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and from  
Jesus Christ, the Father's Son, be with you in truth and love.*



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

# Church News, March 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**

God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ. 2 Cor. 4:6 NIV

## Welcome to Visitors and Newcomers

We are so glad you could join us today and we hope you feel welcomed and encouraged by our church family. Please join us for morning tea after the service and fill out a Welcome Card. We'd love to get to know you more.

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: March 4th: 10:30am @ St John's  
 Church Lunch: March 7th: 12:00pm @ St Paul's (after the service)  
 Coffee & Chat: March 9th: 10:00am @ Freedom Cafe Healesville  
 Parish Council: March 23rd: 7:30pm @ St John's  
 Man Flu Guild: March 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: TBC. Please see Matt.

*(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

### March 7th

<b>Singing</b>	Everyone
<b>Bible Readings</b>	OT: 1 Kings 12:1-16 NT: Mark 9:30-41
<b>Sermon</b>	<i>True Greatness</i>
<b>Leader</b>	Matt
<b>Reader</b>	Sam Green
<b>Prayers</b>	Matt
<b>Data</b>	Erin
<b>Welcome</b>	Sandy, Emily & James
<b>M' Tea</b>	Maree & Rob
<b>Counter</b>	Simon & Jan
<b>Cleaner</b>	S & S Green

### March 14th

<b>Singing</b>	Everyone
<b>Bible Readings</b>	OT: Isaiah 66:22-24 NT: Mark 9:42-50
<b>Sermon</b>	<i>Enter Life</i>
<b>Leader</b>	David G
<b>Reader</b>	David G
<b>Prayers</b>	David G
<b>Data</b>	Andrew
<b>Welcome</b>	Norma, Brenda, Rob
<b>M' Tea</b>	Val & Trish
<b>Counter</b>	Andrew & Rob
<b>Cleaner</b>	Janice & David

### March 21st

<b>Sermon</b>	<i>God Joins Together</i>
<b>Bible Readings</b>	OT: Genesis 2:18-25 NT: Mark 10:1-12
<b>Leader</b>	Matt
<b>Reader</b>	Doug
<b>Prayers</b>	Claire
<b>Data</b>	Will
<b>Welcome</b>	Claire, Cheryl & Doug
<b>M' Tea</b>	Norma & Margaret
<b>Counter</b>	Doug & Cheryl
<b>Clean</b>	Claire & Co

### March 28th

<b>Sermon</b>	<i>Salvation is Possible</i>
<b>Bible Readings</b>	OT: Psalm 62 NT: Mark 10:13-31
<b>Leader</b>	Berys
<b>Reader</b>	Margaret
<b>Prayers</b>	Barry
<b>Data</b>	Andrew
<b>Welcome</b>	Peggy, Jan & Rob
<b>M' Tea</b>	Jan & Gracie
<b>Counter</b>	Peggy & Val
<b>Clean</b>	Jan & Gracie

## **Prayers/Collects of the Week**

**March 7 Lent 3:** Father of all, who gave your only-begotten Son to take upon himself the form of a servant and to be obedient even to death on a cross: give us the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, that, sharing in his humility, we may come to be with him in his glory; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**March 14 Lent 4:** Almighty and everlasting God, of your tender love towards us you sent your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all should follow the example of his great humility: mercifully grant, that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**March 21 Lent 5:** O Lord, who for our sake fasted forty days and forty nights: give us grace to use such abstinence, that, our flesh being subdued to the spirit, we may ever obey your godly will in righteousness and true holiness; to your honour and glory, who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

**March 28 Lent 6:** 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.

### **Church Prayer List**

I hope to reintroduce a church prayer list with specific prayer requests from church members that we are praying for. This list will be included in our monthly newsletters and weekly prayer emails for those on our mailing list. If you have any specific prayer requests, or would like to be included on our prayer list, please let Matt know. We'd love to pray for you!

## **Reflection From Matt**

What advice do you give a budding young employee seeking to advance in his career and workplace? One wise man suggests: "Come to work 15 minutes early and leave work 15 minutes late." Don't just do the bare minimum. Showing management and your colleagues a strong, reliable work ethic speaks volumes; you are willing to go the extra mile, above and beyond what is asked for.



I wonder if this wisdom works in a Church setting? Obviously church isn't a workplace with career advancement opportunities. Nonetheless, it is a place where we can be blessed and be a blessing to others. If our church members were to arrive at our services 15 minutes early and stay back 15 minutes late, what impact would this have on our church and her members? On a surface level, I think more relationships and friendships would form and grow. On a deeper level, I think our faith and Christlikeness would also grow... surely an attractive prospect to followers of Jesus!

Perhaps we could explore a similar question: what time does church finish? We know what time church begins (9:30am or 11:00am). We know the formal part of our services lasts about 75 minutes. But does church end immediately after we say 'Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, in the name of Christ, Amen', or does church continue into morning tea, and the conversations we have with other members after the service?

My encouragement is this: Church isn't just the formal service. Church is the gathering of God's people, including the informal conversations before and after the service and at morning tea or lunch. It's in these informal moments where loving relationships are formed and grow, and where we encourage and support one another. It might just be that the most significant part of church, when we are most built up in our faith, takes place even before the service starts, and well after the service ends... so why not commit to coming to church early and staying back for morning tea so you don't miss out?

### **Save the Date - Easter!**

Last year our Easter celebrations were thwarted by a pandemic and subsequent lockdowns. So this year let us celebrate Easter with double the joyful enthusiasm. Our Easter service times will be:

#### Good Friday Services

#### Followed by Hot Cross Bun Morning Tea

9:00am at St John's

10:30am at St Paul's

#### Easter Sunday Holy Communion

#### with Hot Cross Bun Morning Tea

9:30am at St John's (morning tea after the service)

11:00am at St Paul's (morning tea 10:15am before the service)

Please prayerfully consider who you could invite to our Easter services. Invitations will be available and you are welcome to take as many as you need.

### **Missed a Sermon?**

If you miss a Sunday, or would like to revisit one of our sermons, audio recordings are available from the church website. You can also request sermon notes from Pastor Matt. <https://stjohnshealesville.org.au/sermon/>

### **Sunday Service Times for St John's & St Paul's**

After an extensive discussion at parish council, we are trialling 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.

### **High-School Breakfast - Wednesday Morning 24th March.**

The Healesville High School Bacon and Egg Breakkie Bonanza is back on after a hiatus in 2020 due to the pandemic (the last one was December 2019). Donations and volunteers gratefully received.

From Claire, our church representative: 'Donations towards other food items are also gratefully received. I currently have a small supply of long life items but would love to add a few other items.' Please contact Claire Bennet if you would like to assist.

### **Celebrating our 150th Anniversary**

On the 24th of October this year our church will celebrate its 150th Anniversary. To mark God's faithfulness to our church we would like to celebrate in style, but what those celebrations will look like, we haven't yet decided. If you have ideas, or would like to be part of the organising team, please let one of our Parish Council members know.

In preparation for this special anniversary, and to launch us into the next decade of mission and ministry, we are planning to freshen up the St John's building. If any members are available to assist with repainting parts of St John's, please let Matt know. The more helpers we get, the more bold we can be with our vision for the building we meet and worship the Lord in each week.

### **Serving God and His People on Church Rosters**

As we get back into the swing of physical services and morning tea, there are plenty of opportunities to serve on rosters. I am hoping we will see more people (especially more young people) welcoming each Sunday, and we are introducing the role of 'counters' who are responsible for counting offering and attendance. I have also rostered everyone on as a 'singer' each week. If you attend one of our services, I trust you will faithfully play your part in joyfully singing God's praises :) To help out on roster, please talk to Sandy or Matt!