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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 or domestic abuse.

Our family-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:

Account Name: St John's Anglican Church

BSB: 063 689 Account Number: 1006 5060

'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

Welcome to Yarra Valley Anglican Church

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



Church News, May 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*

May Sermon Series: 1 Corinthians 12-14 A Spirit-filled Church

*1 Cor 12:12-14 Just as a body, though one, has many parts,
but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ.*

*For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body...
and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.*

Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.

Welcome to All Visitors and Newcomers

We are so glad you could be part of our worship service and hope you are encouraged by our church family. Please join us after the service for morning tea and fill out a Welcome Card. We'd love to hear from you and 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 May

Ladies Guild: May 6th: 10:30am @ St John's
 Coffee & Chat: May 4th: 10:00am @ Freedom Cafe Healesville
 May 18th: 10:00am @ Yarra Flats Bakery Yarra Glen
 Prayer Meeting May 13th: 8:00pm @ St John's
 May 23rd: 7:00pm @ St Paul's
 Man Flu Guild: May 26th: 7:30pm @ Healesville Hotel

Bible Studies

Yarra Glen: Thursdays at 2:00pm led by Berys Nixon
 Healesville: Thursdays at 7:45pm led by David Green
(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

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/>

Rosters - Blessed to Serve

May 2nd

Leader	Matt
Reader	Ceridwen
Prayers	Berys
Data	Andrew
Welcome	Sandy, Emily, James, Emily A
Counter	Sandy & David G
M' Tea	Maree & Rob
Cleaner	Maree & Rob
Flowers	Norma

May 9th

Leader	Berys
Reader	David G
Prayers	David G
Data	Will
Welcome	Peggy, Brenda, Rob
Counter	Cheryl & Doug
M' Tea	David & Delene
Cleaner	David & Delene
Flowers	Janet

May 16th

Leader	Matt
Reader	Sandy
Prayers	Sandy
Data	Erin
Welcome	Val, Norma & Andrew
Counter	Norma & Sandy
M'Tea	Val & Trish
Cleaner	Val & Trish
Flowers	Trish

May 23rd

Leader	Matt
Reader	Doug
Prayers	Barry
Data	Andrew
Welcome	Norma, Jan & Peter
Counter	Simon & Jan
M'Tea	Norma & Margaret
Cleaner	Matt & Ceridwen
Flowers	Margaret

May 30th

Reader	Wendy	Prayers	Claire
Data	Will	Counter	Cheryl & Doug
Welcome	Cheryl, Doug, Erin, Natasha	M'Tea	Jan & Gracie
Flowers	Val	Cleaner	Claire & Kids

May 2nd - Ezekiel 34:11-16, Acts 14:21-28 God's Word Encourages

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant that we may walk in his way, rejoice in his truth, and share his risen life; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

May 9th - Ezekiel 36:25-28, Acts 15:1-35 God's Word Saves

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life of all who put their trust in him: raise us, we pray, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; that we may ever seek the things which are above, where he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

May 16th - Psalm 47; 1 Cor 12:1-11 Gifts in the Church

(Ascension Sunday) Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace; and bring all creation to worship at his feet, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

May 23rd - Psalm 133 & 134; 1 Cor 12:12-30 Unity in the Church

(Pentecost Sunday) O God, who taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

May 30th - Exodus 34:1-8; 1 Cor 13 Love in the Church

(Trinity Sunday) Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace by the confession of a true faith to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, and evermore defend us from all adversities, for you live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Ascension, Pentecost & Prayer

On the Christian calendar, Jesus' Ascension to God's right hand in heaven is traditionally celebrated 40 days after Easter (always a Thursday). The date is based on Acts 1:3 which says the risen Jesus appeared to his disciples "over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God." Before Jesus ascends, he commands his disciples: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about.... you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you." (Acts 1:4,8)



In obedience to Christ's command, the disciples return to Jerusalem where "they all joined together constantly in prayer." (Acts 1:14) For ten days they pray. Then on the day of Pentecost (50 days after Easter) the disciples are filled with the Holy Spirit. Now, through the power of the Holy Spirit, the disciples faithfully and boldly bear witness to Jesus Christ, proclaiming the gospel "in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" as we read about in the rest of Acts.

Coming up in May, for 10 days between Ascension Thursday and Pentecost Sunday, I am calling on our church members to join together in praying for the Holy Spirit to empower us for God's mission in our community.

Ascension Thursday Prayer: 13th May, 8pm at St John's
Pentecost Sunday Prayer: 23rd May, 7pm at St Paul's

Please try to attend at least one of our church prayer meetings. And if anyone would like to meet for prayer at other times, days or locations, please come and speak with me.

Church Prayer List

Please remember in your prayers: Narelle Allison & girls; Roy Andrews; Emma Barnes; Alec Colombo; Naomi & Peter Hall; Dorothy Hort; Ern Johnson; Marlene Milley; Sarah Nolan as she is baptised this month; Stan & Iris Sewell; Suse Timmins; Barry & Trish Twist.

ReFrame Course & Bible Studies

Our lives are increasingly complex and so is our modern world. As a result, Christians often struggle to connect what they believe with what they do day by day. ReFrame addresses this challenge through a free, 10-week, film-based series that helps Christians connect faith with all of life; whether that be tending a garden, caring for children, pastoring a church, or negotiating a business deal.

The course invites participants to *encounter* Jesus in their everyday circumstances, *understand* the meaning of Jesus's life and work in the biblical story, and *respond* to Jesus in practical and creative ways. ReFrame is not simply an intellectual exercise. Its primary goal is to help Christians open their eyes to see Jesus in new ways and then be filled with joy and confidence to live every aspect of life fully for him.

We are planning to run ReFrame in term 3. Please register your interest with Matt Smith or Andy White. For more information, check out www.reframecourse.com/

Come & Paint With Us, Sunday 30th May @ St John's

It is often said, "Children and youth are the future of the church". Whilst I appreciate the sentiment, it's a misleading statement because children and youth are members of the church now (not just in the future). A healthy church will value and minister to all her members, not just the adults. This is why our church seeks to incorporate children in our services and empower them to serve on rosters.

As a way to love and serve the children of our church, you are invited to help us paint the side room connected to the hall, turning it into a new meeting room for the Sunday Kids Church Program.

If you're available, please join us Sunday afternoon 30th May. BYO painting gear.



Parish Directory & Name Tags

Coming out in May is an updated version of the parish directory. Church members can also pick up their name tags. We encourage you to bring your name tags and wear them for church.

Entrust Women's Conference

8th May 2021, 9.30am to 2pm. Cost: \$20. BYO catering.

This year we will be looking at John 6 and 9, and the world altering claims of Jesus, that he is the Bread of Life, AND the Light of the World. www.entrustwomen.com.au If you are interested in attending, please talk to Ceridwen.

New Hymn: Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

"What is your only comfort in life and in death?" For centuries, believers have learned the Christian faith beginning with that question. It's the first article in the *Heidelberg Catechism of 1563*. Why start there? To find comfort in life, we must know how we can face death. Hope comes only in trusting the one who died to take the curse of death and who crushed the power of death by his resurrection. "Christ has been raised from the dead." (1 Cor 15:20) That is the only statement that can transform how we live each day, how we prepare for our earthly life to end. The hope of the resurrection spurs us to sing! I look forward to heartily singing this new hymn with you all.

Verse 1

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.
What is our only confidence? That our souls to him belong.
Who holds our days within his hand?
What comes, apart from his command?
And what will keep us to the end?
The love of Christ, in which we stand.

Chorus

O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;
O sing hallelujah!

Now and ever we confess Christ our hope in life and death.

*Music by Keith Getty, Matt Boswell, Jordan Kauflin, Matt Merker, and Matt Papa
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