

# Welcome to Yarra Valley Anglican Church

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



## Church News, June 2021

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

*11:00am Sunday 13th June at St Paul's Yarra Glen  
\*\*\*Lockdown Permitting\*\*\**

### **June Sermon Series: Building Up the Church**

*1 Corinthians 14:12 Since you are eager for gifts of the Spirit,  
try to excel in those that build up the church.*

## **Welcome to All Visitors and Newcomers**

We are so glad you have joined us and we hope you are encouraged by our time together. Please join us after the service for morning tea as we would love to get to know you. If you have any questions about our church, would like to become a member or simply need a name tag, please fill out one of our Blue Welcome Cards.

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

## **The Alpha Course - Coming to St John's in Term 3**

*Alpha* is a course where conversations about faith, life and God can be enjoyed in a friendly and open environment. *Alpha* is perfect for anyone wanting to grow in their relationship with God and their understanding of the Christian faith.



I encourage all our members to do Alpha if you haven't done so recently. Our next course will run on a weeknight in term 3 along with wine, cheese and dessert. To register, please contact Matt or see the church website for further information. Friends, family and neighbours are welcome to join the conversation. [stjohnshealesville.org.au/alpha/](http://stjohnshealesville.org.au/alpha/)

## **Parish Directory & Name Tags**

Name tags and the 2021 Parish Directory are now available. Please contact Sandy if you need a copy of the Parish Directory or a replacement name tag. To help with welcoming, we encourage our members to wear name tags whenever we gather together.

# **Coming-up In June** \*\*\*Lockdown Permitting\*\*\*

## **Midweek Coffee & Tea with the Pastor**

15th June, Tuesday 10:00am @ Beechworth Bakery

22nd June, Tuesday 10:00am @ Yarra Glen Cafe

## **Ladies Guild - 10:00am on the first Thursday of the month.**

Arrive at 10:00am for a cuppa, with the meeting to start at 10:15am.

## **Man Flu Guild - 7:00pm Wednesday 16th June**

Men's Winter Curry Night @ St John's. Please RSVP to Matt.

## **Parish Council - 7:30pm Tuesday 22nd June**

Parish Council welcomes any suggestions regarding the St John's renovation or our 150th Anniversary Celebration. Just let us know!

## **Church Afternoon Tea - 2:30pm Sunday 27th June**

Everyone is welcome to St John's for afternoon tea and a discussion on how to become a more welcoming church. We will also explore how the pandemic has affected church life and what the future of our church may look like. I hope you can join us!

## **Bible Studies**

Yarra Glen: Thursdays at 1:30pm led by Berys Nixon

Healesville: Thursdays at 7:45pm led by David Green

*We would like to start a second Healesville Bible Study.*

*Please contact Matt if you are interested in joining a Bible study.*

## **Church Zoom Prayer Meeting**

Morning Prayer Wednesdays 9:00am on Zoom

Evening Prayer Wednesdays 8:00pm on Zoom

Zoom ID - 5962 6620 00 / Password - 123

## Giving & Building for the Future

On the 27th April 1889 the Lilydale Express reported the opening of the new St John's Anglican Church building. The building was described as 'the prettiest in the district' and a 'beautiful Anglican church to worship in.'



Of course, since that time the building has undergone renovations and improvements, including the addition of the church hall in the 1980's. At the time it was a step of faith, but the Lord provided and the hall was paid off within six years.

Thanks to the hard work and generosity of past and present members, 130 years later we continue to worship in the St John's building, and 40 years later we continue to enjoy morning tea in the hall. However, over time our church building has lost some of its charm and beauty, instead looking a bit dated, dusty and tired.

In discussion with the Parish Council, we believe that now is a good time to step out in faith once again and invest some money to freshen up the church interior. It was agreed that the following projects would be worth pursuing, listed in order of priority and with estimated costings:

- Repaint Church Sanctuary - \$23,000
- Repaint Church Hall - \$11,000
- Upgrade lights and fans in the sanctuary and replace projector with a large-screen TV - \$8,000
- Replace existing carpet with new carpet tiles - \$10,000
- Install artistic feature in the cafe area - Cost TBC
- Reupholster pew cushions - Cost TBC

Obviously these projects represent a significant investment for a church our size, so why should we renovate our building?

Firstly, this building is important because it is where our church - the body of Christ - gathers week by week to worship the Lord. As we renovate and upgrade the building it is my hope and prayer that our Lord will be honoured, our worship will be inspired and our fellowship will be blessed.

Secondly, the mission of our church is to make Spirit-filled disciples of Jesus Christ. Meeting in a building that is beautiful and functional will help attract new members and lead to future growth.

Thirdly, in October this year our church celebrates her 150th anniversary. As we come through the pandemic and embark on a new season of mission and ministry, this investment represents an opportunity to thank God for his faithfulness in the past, and to seek his ongoing blessing into the future. Indeed we have been blessed by the generosity of past members of our church, and now we have the opportunity to pay that blessing forward to the future members of our church. Instead of allowing our building to get run down, we can ensure that it is maintained and looked after for years to come.

Thanks to financial assistance we have recently received - JobKeeper, government grants, assistance from the Anglican diocese - we have some savings that we are willing to spend. However, we are also requesting that our members contribute to the renovation effort through a one-off donation so that we can complete as many items as possible from our priority list.

*On Sunday the 27th June at our 9:30am St John's Service we will take up a one-off Thanksgiving Offering, with all money going towards the renovation effort.*

Please prayerfully consider how much you are able to contribute and please come to our Thanksgiving Service prepared with your offering. Giving through electronic banking is also possible (bank details on the back of this newsletter), however include 'Thanksgiving' in the description so we can direct the money towards the building project.

## **Blessed to Pray**

### ***June 6th - Psalm 122 & 1 Cor 14:1-25 An Encouraging Church***

Lord, we beseech you to keep your family, the Church, in continual godliness, that through your protection it may be free from all adversities, and devoutly given to serve you in good works, to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### ***June 13th - Exodus 25:1-9 & 1 Cor 14:26-40 An Orderly Church***

Grant, O Lord, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### ***June 20th - 1 Chron 29:10-20 & 1 Cor 6:18-20 God Owns Everything***

O Lord, from whom alone all good things come: grant that by your holy inspiration we may think those things that are good, and by your merciful guiding may perform them; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

### ***June 27th - Exod 36:1-7 & 2 Cor 9:6-11 God Loves a Cheerful Giver***

Almighty and everliving God, increase in us your gift of faith, so that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before us, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Church Prayer List**

Please remember in your prayers: Narelle Allison & girls; Emma Barnes; Rose Brown; Alec Colombo; Naomi & Peter Hall; Dorothy Hort; Ern Johnson; Margaret Kennedy; Stan & Iris Sewell; Suse Timmins; Barry & Trish Twist; Gracie Valcart.

*To be added or removed from the prayer list please contact Matt.*

# Blessed to Serve

June 13th

June 20th

<b>Leader</b>	Berys
<b>Reader</b>	Rev Geoff Milton
<b>Bible</b>	OT = Exodus 25:1-9 NT = 1 Cor 14:26-40
<b>Prayers</b>	David H
<b>Data</b>	Erin
<b>Welcome</b>	Rob, James, Emily, Emily A
<b>Counter</b>	Simon & Narelle
<b>M'Tea</b>	Delene & David H
<b>Cleaner</b>	Delene & David H
<b>Singing</b>	Everyone
<b>Encourage</b>	Everyone

<b>Leader</b>	Rev Geoff Milton
<b>Reader</b>	Margaret
<b>Bible</b>	OT = 1 Chron 29:10-20 NT = 1 Cor 6:18-20
<b>Prayers</b>	Rev Geoff Milton
<b>Data</b>	Will
<b>Welcome</b>	Jan, Cheryl & Doug
<b>Counter</b>	Jan H & David G
<b>M'Tea</b>	Val & Trish
<b>Cleaner</b>	Janice & David G
<b>Singing</b>	Everyone
<b>Encourage</b>	Everyone

June 27th

<b>Leader</b>	Matt	<b>Bible</b>	OT = Exodus 36:1-7 NT = 2 Cor 9:6-11
<b>Reader</b>	Sandy		
<b>Prayers</b>	Matt	<b>Data</b>	Erin
<b>Welcome</b>	Val, Norma & Andrew	<b>Counter</b>	Simon & Sheila
<b>M'Tea</b>	Norma & Margaret	<b>Cleaner</b>	Claire, Will & Lily
<b>Singing</b>	Everyone	<b>Encourage</b>	Everyone

## 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 and sermon notes are available from Matt on request.

<https://stjohnshealesville.org.au/sermon/>

## **Contact Details**

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## **Minister: Pastor Matt Smith (Day off Monday)**

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## **Administrator: Sandy Berthelsen**

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## **Parish Council**

Berys Nixon, Rob Colombo, Peggy Marriner (Secretary),  
Narelle Allison (Treasurer), 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 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.

## **Blessed to Give**

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*