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## CHURCH WARDENS

Peggy Marriner, Berys Nixon, Simon Green (Vicar's Warden)

## PARISH COUNCIL

Geoff Cuckson (Treasurer), David Green, Colin Lewis,  
James Noble, Wendy Warnock.

### 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

# WELCOME TO YARRA VALLEY ANGLICAN CHURCH

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



## NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2021

**9:30am St John's Healesville**

*Open to the Vaccinated  
And Livestreamed on our Website*

**11:00am St Paul's Yarra Glen**

*Open to All*

### December Sermon Series - The Heart of Jesus

Over the next couple of months we are on a journey exploring who Jesus is, what his heart is like, & how he feels towards us.

The sermons will be based on Dane Ortlund's beautiful book *Gentle and Lowly: The Heart of Christ for Sinners and Sufferers*.

## **CHRISTMAS SERVICE TIMES & INVITES**

We hope you may join us, and may spread the word, as we celebrate the birth of our King. Please take some of our Christmas invitations and prayerfully consider who you may invite to our Christmas services this year.

### **COMMUNION & CAROLS**

St Paul's, 7:00pm Sunday 19th (Open to the vaccinated)  
St John's, 8:00pm Christmas Eve (Open to the vaccinated)  
Both services will be followed by a light dessert supper.

### **CHRISTMAS DAY**

St Paul's, 8:30am (Open to all)  
St John's, 9:30am (Open to the vaccinated)

In consultation with the Parish Council, *there will be no church services held on Boxing Day, Sunday 26th Dec.*

### **Annual Church Life Survey**

Our church is participating in the 2021 National Church Life Survey and so I encourage our members to complete this anonymous, 20-minute survey. The survey asks you about your experiences of our church, your thoughts about our ministries and activities, as well as your personal spiritual beliefs and practices. The results of the survey will help our Parish Council to assess our church health, understand our strengths and build directions for the future.

Printed copies of the survey will be made available on request. For those who are happy to complete the survey online, please follow these directions.

Go to: <http://attendersurvey.ncls.org.au>

Enter our unique Church Code:

ANM12601 For St John's HEALESVILLE  
ANM12602 For St Paul's YARRA GLEN

## **BLESSED TO SERVE**

### **Dec 5th**

<b>Leader</b>	Berys
<b>Bible Readings</b>	OT - Hosea 11:7-9 NT - Heb 5:1-10
<b>Reader</b>	Sam
<b>Prayers</b>	Berys
<b>Data</b>	Mario
<b>Welcome</b>	James, Emily, Clifton, Val
<b>M' Tea</b>	Norma, Jan, Annette
<b>Counter</b>	Sandy, Val
<b>Cleaner</b>	Jan

### **Dec 12th**

<b>Leader</b>	Matt
<b>Bible Reading</b>	OT - Job 9:25-35 NT - Heb 7:23-27
<b>Reader</b>	David H
<b>Prayers</b>	David H
<b>Data</b>	Alec
<b>Welcome</b>	Norma, Val, Andrew, Doug
<b>M' Tea</b>	Delene, David
<b>Counter</b>	Norma, Andrew
<b>Cleaner</b>	Hutchins'

### **Dec 19th**

<b>Leader</b>	Matt
<b>Bible Readings</b>	OT - Psalm 63 NT - John 6:32-41
<b>Reader</b>	Colin
<b>Prayers</b>	Claire
<b>Data</b>	Will
<b>Welcome</b>	Geoff, Sue, Rob, Cheryl
<b>M' Tea</b>	Maree, Rob
<b>Counter</b>	Cheryl, Claire
<b>Cleaner</b>	Smith's

### **Jan 2nd**

<b>Leader</b>	Matt
<b>Bible Reading</b>	TBC
<b>Reader</b>	Sam
<b>Prayers</b>	Sam
<b>Data</b>	Alec
<b>Welcome</b>	James, Emily, Jan, Clifton
<b>M' Tea</b>	
<b>Counter</b>	Rob, Val
<b>Cleaner</b>	Colombo's

### **CHRISTMAS ROSTERS**

If you plan to attend our Christmas Services and are available to assist on the rosters, please let Matt or Sandy know ASAP.

## **ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING UPDATE**

Thanks to all who attended and contributed to the Annual Church Meeting, it ran smoothly and quickly. A motion of thanksgiving was moved for our exiting council members - Narelle Allison and Robert Colombo - for their faithful service to our church. During last Sunday's service we also took the opportunity to farewell and pray for Narelle and her girls with their move to Doreen. Thanksgiving was also expressed to the Renovation Committee for their excellent work.

Annual church reports are still available on request. Please keep in your prayers our church office holders for the next year.

<b>CHURCH WARDENS</b>	<b>PARISH COUNCIL</b>	<b>INCUMBENCY COMMITTEE</b>
Berys Nixon Peggy Marriner Simon Green	Geoff Cuckson David Green Colin Lewis James Noble Wendy Warnock	Samantha Green Andrew White Berys Nixon

## **LADIES GUILD CHRISTMAS BREAK-UP**

An open invite from the Guild to anyone who would like to come and share a morning tea/brunch with us on Thursday 2nd December. Please bring some food to share during the meeting.

Before the Guild meeting, there will be a meeting of the flower arrangers at 9:30am for anyone interested in helping out (no experience necessary!)

## **COFFEE & CHAT THROUGH ADVENT**

For the first three Monday mornings in December, you are welcome to join me for a coffee and chat at a local cafe, where we can discuss our Advent devotional book *Come, Let Us Adore Him* by Paul David Tripp. Please let me know if you wish to participate.

## **SUNDAY 28TH NOVEMBER - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

### Collect for the Day

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came among us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### Hymns

Come People of the Risen King    Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus  
What a Friend We Have in Jesus    Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

### Bible Readings

Old Testament: Jer 29:10-14      New Testament: Hebrews 4:14-16

### Message Title:

"Drawn to Our Suffering" by Rev Matt Smith

### The Benediction

Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all. 2 Thess 3:16

## **2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES**

For those who use them, offertory envelopes for the next 12 months are now available. Please help yourself.

### **Church Prayer List**

Please remember in your prayers: Narelle Allison & her girls; Emma Barnes; Rose Brown; Alec Colombo; Naomi & Peter Hall; Margaret Kennedy; Peggy Marriner, Stan & Iris Sewell; Suse Timmins; Barry & Trish Twist; Gracie Valcart; Annette Thomas & Lenny Barton for their upcoming baptisms.