

WELCOME TO St PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH



Our parish's patron is St Paul the Apostle who was one of the early Church's missionary leaders.

BURWOOD

WELCOME TO ST PAUL'S. We are glad that you have come to worship God with us today. If you are a visitor from another parish, or worshipping with us for the first time, please introduce yourself to our parish priest, Fr James Collins, or to anyone wearing a name badge, over a cup of tea or coffee in the parish hall after the service. You'll find the hall behind the church.

What's Happening at St Paul's

- ~ **Tuesday 14th November**
Lunchtime Recital – Music for Violin a Voice
- ~ **Friday 17th November**
Thanksgiving Dinner – 7pm in the Rectory
- ~ **Sunday 26th November**
Christmas Luncheon – 11.45am in the Hall
- ~ **Saturday 16th December at 5.30pm** Carol service, Cardinal Freeman Village, Ashfield
- ~ **Sunday 17th December at 7.00pm**– St Paul's Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols
- ~ **Sunday 24th December**
Midnight mass at 11pm
- ~ **Christmas Day, Monday 25th December** 9am Mass

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- ✦ 8.00 am – Sung Eucharist
- ✦ 9.30 am – Choral Eucharist

Preacher: Fr Atsushi

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... and much more

Things you may need to know



First Aid

First aid kits are located on the wall of the kitchen in the Large Hall behind the church and in the choir vestry.



Name badges

Name badges help make St Paul's an inclusive community. If you need a new name badge, fill in the form inside the pew sheet, send it to the parish office, and one will be made and left in church for you.



Toilets

Toilets are available at the entrance to the parish hall, which is located behind the church.

?? Still got questions?

Ask a member of the clergy or anyone who's wearing a name badge. We're here to help.

In case we need to evacuate



As you take your place in your pew, please make yourself aware of the route to the nearest emergency exit. Should there be a fire, leave quickly, turn right, and assemble by the roundabout on Burwood Road.

Getting inside



People needing wheelchair access can enter St Paul's most conveniently by the door at the base of the belltower.

Switch it to silent!



Please turn your mobile phone off or on to silent before the service starts. It'll save you much embarrassment later on.

Children are welcome at St Paul's



Children are welcome in church at any service. There is a selection of children's books and toys at the back of the church near the font and there are also kids' activity sheets and pencils available at the back of the church where the pew sheets and prayer books are.

Children's Church runs during Term Time. Meet at the back of the church at the beginning of the 9.30am Eucharist.

Please feel free to bring your children to the altar rail to receive a blessing, or to receive Communion if they have been admitted to the sacrament.

Photos



Please do not take photos inside the church or during the services of worship without permission.

Thank you to Fr. Atsushi for preaching

We are grateful to Fr. Atsushi Shibaoka for preaching at both of our Services today.

Fr. Atsushi has had a distinguished ministry as an Australian Defence Force Chaplain and as a Parish Priest and it is a great blessing for us to be able to benefit from Fr. Atsushi's wisdom and experience.

What is Defence Sunday?

Defence Sunday is an opportunity for the whole church to pray for the ministry that occurs within and to the Australian Defence Force. Our Bishop, Ian Lambert has written to the other Australian Bishops reminding them that we “place a high priority in making connections, particularly in encouraging a shared ministry of parishes with chaplains”.

“Defence Sunday” is observed annually on the Sunday prior to Remembrance Day (11 November). We use the day to:

- ✦ draw attention to the spiritual needs and wellbeing of those who serve in the Australian Defence Force (ADF) as sailors, soldiers or airmen and airwomen.

Bible Readings at today's Eucharist

Joshua 24.1-3a,14-25

Ps 78.1-7

1 Thessalonians 4.9-18

Matthew 25.1-13

The First Reading

Psalm

The Epistle

The Gospel

Bible Readings for next Sunday

Judges 4.1-10

PS 123

1 Thessalonians 5.1-11

Matthew 25.14-30

- ✦ foster prayer support within Churches for those who serve the nation through ADF service.
- ✦ encourage clergy to consider service as full or part-time Australian Defence Force Chaplains.
- ✦ build bridges of cooperative partnership between the Anglican ministry to the Australian Defence Force and diocese and parish churches across Australia.

Defence Sunday is important. Whilst Remembrance Day recalls the tragedy of World War 1 and the hope for peace which came with the Armistice on 11 November 1918, the experiences of the 20th and now the 21st Century reveal that this hope remains unfulfilled. Tragically, Australian service personnel continue to die in combat in the Middle East and the numbers of physical, psychological and spiritual casualties continue to increase. Our church has a responsibility to provide ongoing pastoral and spiritual care to serving military personnel. The greatest support that the church can provide to its chaplains engaged in this mission is prayer and understanding.

Anglican Australian Defence Force Chaplains and General Synod Defence Force Board members are available to participate in parish services as guest preachers/speakers.

A Prayer for Australian Defence Force Chaplains

Lord God of Hosts,

We prayer for your clergy whom you have called
to the ministry of uniformed chaplaincy,

and for those who proclaim your love and compassion in battle areas
and defence establishments where Australian military personnel serve.

Lord, strengthen their faith as they seek to witness to you
in a secular world.

Protect them from all dangers and comfort them in the long separations
from families and the familiar things of church that they must endure.

Lord who blessed the peacemakers,
bless especially those chaplains serving overseas,
helping to bring peace to the nations new and old which are struggling
to find their identity and place in the world.

We ask in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God, now and forever.

Amen

News from the Wardens

Dear friends,

Fr James and the Wardens would like to sincerely thank everyone who has so generously responded to the needs of the parish in recent times.

As an example of this generosity, we can inform you that following our last letter to the parish, over \$73,000 has been donated, and many kind parishioners have increased their weekly giving.

We are also grateful to Sheryl and Pam for organising regular fundraising events and to parishioners for their support of these occasions.

Many parishioners have also volunteered to take turns cleaning the church and halls, gardening and mowing the lawns.

We have also identified ways of reducing our printing and telephone bills. These new practices mean that we have reduced our monthly expenditure significantly.

Our next initiatives to further improve our financial situation include increasing hall and church rental fees and installing solar panels to reduce electricity costs (we have received a government grant for this). We will also investigate advertising St Paul's as a wonderful venue for weddings.

Although our situation has improved and will continue to improve, we will only be free from financial stress when we can derive regular income from Blacket House or other business ventures such as the mobile clinic. This may take twelve months or more. In the meantime, we will need to rely on the continuing generosity of all who love St Paul's and wish to see it remain a beacon of care, compassion and God's love for all in Burwood and indeed in the whole of Sydney.

In regards to Blacket House, the trustees have informed the wardens that they have inspected all the units and were pleased to find them generally in good condition with only a few minor repairs required. The trustees are also continuing to carry out the many time consuming administrative tasks necessary to achieve formal recognition and registration of their trusteeships. The wardens wish to thank the trustees for their efforts in that regard.

In gratitude,
Pam, Jane and Elizabeth

Some Good news!

As of last Friday 3rd of November, we have received a very kind gift of \$5,000 towards the Mobile Medical Clinic from a Parishioner.

As of Thursday 9th of November, in a discussion with our federal parliamentary representative's office, we expect the \$20,000 grant towards the Mobile Medical Clinic to arrive just prior to Christmas (which will be a lovely Christmas present).

I expect that we will receive further donations to the Mobile Medical Clinic in particular and to the Parish generally (as is the case with a \$2,000 donation to the Parish last Friday) and an increase in giving generally.

We are seeing more and more people giving of their time, their talents, and their finances.

I thank God for the ongoing and increasing generosity of our Parishion-

ers as they want to ensure that the wonderful things that God is doing in the Parish continue and that the Parish itself has a very healthy financial future.

Thank you, each of you, for our steadfast commitment to participate with God as we work together to build God's kingdom of justice, peace, and love here at St. Paul's and elsewhere around the world (as we support others in Nepal and Zababdeh in the West Bank).

We are also just about to commence work on installing the solar panels and batteries, erecting a new shed for the Parish Pantry, cleaning and repairing the flagstones in the Church, and to re-pointing the exterior sandstone on the Church and making any necessary repairs too.

God is good and it is a joy sharing the journey of faith hope and love with you all.

With my love and thanks.

Peace,
James.

Tuesday Studies

Our study looking at Tom Wright's Surprised by Hope will conclude this **Tuesday night**.

New oven for the Rectory

Thank you to Sheryl and to all who have supported our Parish Recital Series for providing a new oven for the Rectory which has now been installed.

Having the new oven for the Rectory means that the wonderful refreshments after the recitals can continue.

Thank you to our teams of cleaners and gardeners

We sincerely thank our teams of gardeners and cleaners for their hard work that they give to ensure that our grounds and Church continue to look beautiful.

Lawn Mowing

If you can volunteer to help please give your name to Rosemary. A roster has been drawn up but more volunteers would be good, especially if you can help in January.

Mowing Roster –

- ≈ 13th – 18th November – Jason Proctor
- ≈ 20th – 25th November – Jason Proctor
- ≈ 27th November – 2nd December – Andrew West
- ≈ 4th December – 9th December – Martin Cordina
- ≈ 11th December – 16th December – Andrew West
- ≈ 18th December – 23rd December – Martin Cordina

We may need to have someone else rostered to do the edges but we can wait and see how that goes.

Christmas Buffet Lunch

Sunday 26th November 11.45am for 12noon

Tickets available for sale from Pam Brock after the 9.30am Service, or Andrew Connolly after the 8am Service or from the office.

The tickets will be numbered so please make sure we have your name for the lucky door prize.

Dietary requirements: please let us know what your needs are.

Cost: \$30 Adults and Children under 14 free

Christmas Raffle

The tickets will be on sale next week. The main prize will be a wonderful Christmas hamper. Could we have donations of Christmas fair to fill it with? Suggestions - plum puddings, biscuits, canned fruit, Cranberry sauce, Christmas decorations, smoked oysters, serviettes, anything you might like to use at Christmas.

The tickets will be \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

Please place these in the washing basket as of next week which will be at the back of the church at each service or give to Pam or leave at the Church Office and mark for Christmas Hamper.

New Offertory envelopes are now in use

There are a few sets of the new Offertory Envelopes still available at the back of the Church – if there are none left please speak to Graham Norman.

These envelopes run from today until the end of October 2018.

Donations and Bequests

Over the years the parish has benefitted from the generosity of parishioners, not only when they have been active members of the parish, but also at the time of their death. Parishioners are invited to remember the parish in their wills by making a bequest as a thank offering to God and to ensure that generations to come will enjoy worship and fellowship in well maintained buildings.

Those wishing to make a bequest are invited to do so using these or a similar form of words: "I bequeath the sum of \$..... to the Rector and Wardens of the Anglican Parish of St Paul, Burwood, to be used at their absolute discretion for the charitable purposes of the parish."

**Take this pew sheet home and read it –
or give it to someone who hasn't been able to worship with us today.**

Giving to St Paul's

Parishioners are not only giving generously of their finances as we are seeing a large increase in those who are also giving of their time and of their talents.

We have several grants about to come on stream and this means that we are also going to continue to re-build the Parish physically by re-furbishing the entire precinct. This is very important as we have beautiful buildings and grounds and recent research shows that people no longer go to Churches that are run down with poor facilities.

We are also going to continue to be generous as we care for all in our community and defend the rights of those who are massively disadvantaged by the rapacious greed in our society and around the world.

It is very evident at Synod that we are one of a very few Parishes left in the whole of the Diocese that has a sacramental, pastoral, engaging, and intelligent approach to life and faith. The Diocese is becoming more insular, reactive, polemical, and disdainful of anything that looks like 'traditional' worship.

We are an island of hope and I trust that our Parishioners will continue to support the Parish generously to ensure that St. Paul's has a very healthy future.

Thank you for your enormous commitment to working together to ensure that St. Paul's does have a wonderful and healthy future. As you know, I believe that God has called us together to trust God, to work together, and to serve our world. If we stay focussed on God and the gift that we have in each other I feel confident that God will provide for us.

If you value the community of faith here at St. Paul's then please support the Parish financially and with you time and talents.

Thank you.

Michael Sutton's Ordination as a Priest in the Church of God

Michael Sutton has received official notification from Bishop Ian Palmer that he will be Ordained as a Priest in the Church of God at All Saints Cathedral in Bathurst at 11.00 a.m. on the 2nd of December.

This is wonderful news and please hold Michael in your prayers as he prepares to be Ordained as a Priest in the Church of God.

Michael looks forward to seeing you in Bathurst if you are able to attend. If the Cathedral Parish don't put on tea, coffee, or refreshments, the unofficial plan would be to continue the celebrations at some location in the city afterwards.

Michael's first Eucharist will be on Sunday the 3rd of December at Gulgong.

St Paul's Association of Changeringers – Quarter Peal

We have been offering to ring quarter peals as a fundraiser for the parish for anyone who has a special occasion they would like to mark. If you are interested in a special occasion being recognized we can organize a time, which is convenient, so you are able to come and listen to the ringing.

Religious Christmas Stamp

On 1st November Australia Post released this year's special issue for Christmas mail – 3 secular stamps and 2 religious stamps. Christmas cards with in Australia are 65cents and overseas cards are \$2.30. To help uphold the Christmas story, the birth of the infant Jesus, let us ensure we only use the religious stamp on our Christmas card, thus keeping Christ in Christ Mass!

The 65cent religious stamp depicts the Madonna and Child from the painting by Italian artist Roberto Ferruzzi imposed on the floodlit façade of Sydney's S. Mary's Cathedral.

When buying your Christmas stamps from the Post Shop asked for the Religious Christmas stamp and to God be the glory.

THE COMMUNION OF THE SAINTS

As a part of Orthodox Christian belief we affirm in each Service that we believe in the Communion of Saints.

When the Apostles' Creed speaks of the "communion of the saints," it is not just specifically referring to the Lord's Supper/Holy Communion in which believers come together to remember Jesus' sacrifice through the bread and the wine. The communion of the saints is much deeper than this important ordinance.

The communion of the saints refers to believers in the past, believers in the present, and believers in the years to come sharing a common salvation in our Savior the Lord Jesus Christ. Those who have passed from this world into the presence of Christ at the death of their body have the same salvation as believers who are alive today. Those who will come after us will have the same salvation we have.

The communion of saints is what each one of us has in common with all other believers. We have been forgiven through His death and saved by His life (Romans 5:10), set free from the law of sin and death (Romans 8:2), and passed from spiritual death to eternal life (1 John 3:16). We have all been permanently adopted as children of God by the will of God (John 1:12-13). We have become God's handiwork to do good works that He has prepared for us (Ephesians 2:10), and we have all been given an eternal home in the New Jerusalem in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ, our Lamb, our Temple, and our Light (Revelation 21:22-27). These are only a few of the blessings we have in common with all other believers.

So when we refer to a person's year's mind, it's a phrase that went out of popular use several centuries ago and survives only in this very special ritual situation.

OUR STORY

The parish pantry started some 6 or 7 years ago with people knocking on the Parish door asking for help. There were just a few tins of food on a little 3 shelved book case left over from the old 'tin bin' days. Soon the shelves were being filled and then a little later another bookcase was added and then another, until we had used every square inch of our office space. Now we keep refilling the shelves as need dictates, with donated food.

But the need has kept growing and now we have to limit the days and hours that people come in if we are to get anything else done.

It is time to expand and so with the help of a CBP Grant we are now putting up a shed in the grounds with an awning for shelter that will become our new Parish Pantry. This will enable us to increase both the volume and the variety of food, as well as opening the parish pantry more often.

We hope to branch out into fresh fruit and vegetables next year which would never have been possible with the current facilities.

Because this site is removed from the office we will need to have the Pantry staffed by volunteers. Their availability will dictate the days and time of day that it will be open but it should mean that it can be open more frequently and for longer hours.

Some of the people that the Pantry serves are:

- ~ Those sleeping rough
- ~ The homeless, eg those sleeping in garages and those couch surfing.
- ~ The mentally challenged
- ~ Single parents (both men and women) with children, some very young children
- ~ Those in boarding houses

- ≈ Those who are out of work, or on limited contract or casual work, those who have been retrenched and are looking for work.
- ≈ Refugees and migrants, who are often without assistance or without knowledge of how to access the resources that are available to them.
- ≈ The elderly many of whom have trouble managing on an age pension, esp. with the recent rise in electricity bills.
- ≈ Those who have just been released from prison, and from mental health wards. They are given very little in the way of assistance to re-establish themselves and get back on their feet.

Poverty is no respecter of race or culture of age or class. Some of the people have been professionals eg jeweller, bank manager, IT specialist, ancillary staff in our schools, the list goes on.

We don't have a fancy mission statement because we never started out to do this. But the need has kept growing and we won't turn people away if we can find a way to help them. The sad thing about this, is that the need keeps growing.

There are many people that we no longer see because they are back on track, which is very exciting but their place is filled by another, and then another.

For a long time we kept the Pantry going without any help from anyone other than our parishioners. Then the Mayor, Cr John Faker made the Pantry the recipient of the Mayor's Christmas appeal and people started to take notice. The next year Anglicare started to contribute, as did local business men. Chalmer's Rd Special School and Burwood Baptist Community Church and The Brighton Retirement Village at Croydon have also got on board. Individuals have made it their personal project. Just as the need increases and we think we are not going to manage, more food comes in and we are open for another week.

Our clientele is changing. We still have our regular street people and the Pantry is catering well for them, but we have an ever increasing

number of people who can manage to pay rent for a room in a boarding house

but by the time the bills are paid there is little left for food.

The way forward is to build the shed and stock it and then for volunteers to open it as often as possible. What do we need for 2018? –

VOLUNTEERS!

What qualities do you need – just a willingness to help others in a practical way. Being a good listener also helps and 2 or more hours of your time on a week day.

The Mobile Medical Clinic so we can go where there is a need.

We have 2 doctors and a practice nurse who will get it up and running. Then we have 2 young doctors from another church who have offered to do some relieving work, and a pathology lab has also come on board. We have most of the equipment that will be required but we don't have the vehicle.

Realistically speaking we need between \$65,000 and \$95,000 to purchase a suitable vehicle. Such a vehicle would need enough height to stand up in, a long enough wheel base to fit a stretcher and room for a consulting table and chairs. And it would need to be automatic so that anyone with a normal drivers licence could drive it. A short trial was held in a set locality to determine both need and whether or not people would use it. It was a huge success with people lining up. It was obvious that there is a need in our community for such a facility.

Who would use it?

- ≈ Those sleeping rough
- ≈ Those who do not have identity papers or no Medicare card,
- ≈ Those who find it difficult to find somewhere that bulk bills.
Unfortunately many medical centres don't like street people hanging out in their waiting rooms

≈ Many people who, for a variety of reasons are too self conscious to go to a normal medical centre.

When would the Clinic be on the road?

This would depend on a number of factors.

It would go out with “Life Jacket” (see below for explanation of Life Jacket) and accompany the Exodus Food Vans.

It would go to areas identified as areas of need, eg inner city, most often at night and on the weekends when it is most difficult to get medical services.

WHAT DO WE NEED to make this happen? - A VAN!

We have been promised \$20,000 which is expected to come through just before Christmas. We are hopeful of another \$25,000 each year for four years , but this still has to be confirmed. A parishioner has just donated \$5,000. So we are well on the way. But in addition to the van we will need to register and insure it and keep it fuelled up and regularly serviced.

Why do we persevere with this project? Because we have seen what a huge need there is out there and because we have the people with the necessary qualifications and experiences to meet this huge community need, and we have the will to do it.

Life Jacket is just that – the provision of warm jackets and blankets to street people, especially in the depths of winter, when a jacket can save a life.

Over the last two winters we have accompanied Exodus food vans to the inner city and after people are fed we have given out blankets, sleeping bags, jackets and jumpers. We have also asked what they needed and the requests were for torches and socks and jocks. Each winter we have gone out four times with these donated goods and a number of committed people who help to distribute them to those in need.

These are our major projects for the local community

Internationally we work for 3 major projects

St Matthew's Zababdeh, Jerusalem

A Christian Church in the West Bank that has outreach programs to all people in its immediate neighbourhood; for all ages, and all religious backgrounds. Each year they run a holiday camp for all the local children, about 100 in all, many of whom are Muslim. We endeavour to contribute to this activity in order to defray costs as we believe such initiatives are needed to bring about peaceful understandings of each other.

In their basement they run a medical clinic, "The David Penman Clinic". (named after a former Anglican Archbishop of Melbourne. Everyone who comes in is seen and treated by a member of staff, some Christian, some Muslim. This clinic meets a very real need in their community.

Then there are 2 different projects in NEPAL

HIV+ Clinic for newborns and very young children

The parish supports the New Life Centre in Nepal by helping to providing money for food for children born HIV positive. The residential clinic provides medical and dietary care for these children so as to improve their health and quality of life. This is the only place of its kind in Nepal and it is doing amazing work with a heavy emphasis on diet.

Rising Nepal is the project at the forefront at the moment. It arose as a direct result of the two major earthquakes in 2015. They help two groups in particular - a village called GYACHCHOK and SMD school in Kathmandu.

The village of Gyachochok was at the epicenter of the first earthquake of 25 April 2015 and as a result was raised to the ground. A whole village of very courageous people has been conscientiously rebuilding every since. Rising Nepal supplied funds towards sanitation and repair of their hydro electric plant and now seeks to raise money towards the rebuilding of their school.

St Paul's has taken a very active role in the work of Rising Nepal and the parishioners gave very generously to this appeal.

In December of this year a group of 12 teachers from schools around Sydney will travel to Kathmandu to work with teachers from SMD. This is a completely new concept being trialed for the first time. The model being put together by one of St Paul's Parishioners, retired Principal Mrs Barbara Stone. It will work on the basis of each teacher having already had extensive dialogue with a partner teacher in the school, mainly via email. Together each pair will work on aspects of the Nepali curriculum in the day to day running of the school.

Whilst each teacher is self funding Rising Nepal will be paying for equipment and resources for SMD as required by staff and/or as the need arises. Since the earthquakes, there has been major structural damage. As a result there has had to be major rebuilding, part of which is the library. This may well be a an avenue that we can help with, but we will be wiser when we get there. When we return to Sydney, just before Christmas, we will no doubt have many ideas of things that we would like to follow up on.

This is an outline of what we are doing to give you a flavor of our outreach programs. But it is not comprehensive. There are other groups such a Chalmers Rd Special School and our most successful Play Group and the soon to be Community Library. Then there is the Social Cohesion hub that is scheduled for 8th March next year where we will bring a large group of service providers together in the same space at the same time for those having trouble accessing agencies such as Centre Link and Legal Aid, Births, Deaths and Marriages, etc.

We hope you have enjoyed reading this and may find something that you would like to become a part of.

– Rosemary King

PARISH PANTRY

A special thank you to those who are bringing food every week. You are the life blood of this project. More and more people are needing your help; from the elderly, to the young, the retrenched and the casual workers, those out of work and the homeless. Poverty is no discriminator. We now have nearly as many women coming in as men, and several with small children.

Thank you for your help.

Here is the list of items most needed for the parish pantry:

- ✦ **Sun Rice Meals** e.g. Butter chicken, Green chicken curry, Chicken satay, etc
- ✦ Tins of **corned beef**;
- ✦ Tins of **spam**;
- ✦ Tins of **ham**;
- ✦ Instant **Coffee**;
- ✦ **Sugar**;
- ✦ Boxes of **Cereals**
- ✦ Tea;
- ≈ All Day Breakfast by Heinz;
- ≈ Chunky soups – Heinz & Campbells;

- ≈ Tinned tuna;
- ≈ Tins of sardines;
- ≈ Tins of salmon;
- ≈ Rice
- ≈ Savoury biscuits;
- ≈ Sweet biscuits;
- ≈ Tea Bags;
- ≈ Long life Milk;
- ≈ Up & Go – All flavours;
- ≈ Tinned fruit
- ≈ Rice Cream
- ≈ Drinks
- ≈ Pasta & Spaghetti;
- ≈ Instant potato, cuscus
- ≈ Currently we do not need any tinned spaghetti, or baked beans
- ≈ Safety razors
- ≈ Toothpaste
- ≈ Toilet Paper
- ≈ Shampoo and conditioner
- ≈ Deodorant for both men and women

(* we run out of these items very quickly)

Christmas Hampers

Your generosity is a great blessing. The last month we have just scraped by, but thanks to each of you we have kept the doors open and are now back on track. I think the reason for the upturn in demand on the pantry has been the increased electricity bills.

Dare I mention that Christmas is upon us!

Anglicare will give each person a box of basic food items that will see them over the Christmas/ New Year period

Last year we made up some Christmas hampers that we gave out in the two weeks before Christmas. They were received with great joy and delight and people were happy to have been that thought of.

This year we have been given some things in anticipation so we do not need Christmas puddings but **we do need:**



Christmas cake, custard, short-bread biscuits, cans of soft drink, Christmas lollies/chocolates, tinned ham, tinned turkey or anything else that says Christmas to you such as serviettes, plates and bonbons.



Remember that it has to be food that does not need refrigeration and that has a good shelf life.



This year we will also have a toiletry pack for each person. We have had so many really nice things come in that we can make up a gift pack for everyone.



Share the Joy – TOYS 'N' TUCKER

Christmas is coming and this year we are going to support Anglicare's Share the Joy with their Toys and Tucker Program.



What is it?

Through Toys 'n' Tucker Anglicare Sydney provides a way for churches, schools, businesses and community groups to share the joy of Christmas and demonstrate God's love by providing food and gifts for those who would otherwise go without.

Christmas can be a particularly difficult time for many people and Toys 'n' Tucker provides a way for us to let them know they're not forgotten.

How does it work?

Groups collect and donate new toys and non-perishable food for Christmas hampers. We pick everything up and take it to the Anglicare warehouse where it's sorted and packed by teams of volunteers. Food hampers and gift parcels are then distributed to people in need through Anglicare's emergency relief and family support programs and by local churches.

Thanksgiving Dinner

There will be a Thanksgiving Dinner on **Friday 17th November at 7pm**, to be held at the Rectory.

Everyone is invited to bring something to share from their own cultural/ethnic background. The purpose is to give thanks to God for all his blessings and enjoy good company and fellowship.



Shopping list –

Food

Here are the things we include in a food hamper. Standard sizes (as indicated) are preferred to help fit everything in neatly

- Christmas cake
- Christmas pudding
- Dried pasta (500g)
- Jam (500g)
- Lollies (200g)
- Long-life milk, custard or cream
- Packet of biscuits
- Pancake or cake mix
- Sugar (500g)
- Tea (50pk) or coffee (100g)
- Tinned fruit (825g/425g)
- Tinned ham (450g)
- Tinned salmon (415g)
- Tinned vegetables (425g)

Gift ideas

- ♦ Pre-school
- ♦ Age-appropriate games
- ♦ Educational toys
- ♦ Picture books

- ♦ Children
- ♦ Good-quality toys
- ♦ Outdoor games
- ♦ Sporting equipment
- ♦ Teenagers
- ♦ Gift cards/vouchers
- ♦ Sporting equipment
- ♦ Toiletry packs

Sadly we can't include chocolate as it's likely to melt.

OFFERTORY

Collection given at St Paul's on Sunday 5th of November: \$3899

Other collection given:

New Life Centre Nepal: \$70

Parish Pantry: \$100

Mobile Med Clinic: \$5000

General Donation: \$2,500

Donations for Ordination

Gift– Rev'd Michael Sutton: \$290.00

Total: \$11,859

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OPPORTUNITY to HELP

There is assistance needed to maintain the church and Rectory gardens, flower arranging, choir, bell ringing, morning tea assistance, greeting and welcoming roster, assistance at special functions e.g. fetes, Sunday trading table, selling raffle tickets, making jams & pickles to sell, collecting bread, to name a few.

Please speak to the Sheryl (regarding choir) Wardens or the Church Office so we can direct your efforts.

Cleaning the Church

Are you good at dusting or pushing a vacuum cleaner? We are looking for volunteers to make up a roster for cleaning the church and there is a space just waiting for your name. We have now 3 volunteers but it is a big job so your help would be appreciated.

If you think this is a way that you can help the parish could you please give your name to Rosemary.

Anointing of the sick is available at any of our Services

In James 5: 14-15 we read:

14 Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord 15 The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. (NRSV)

If you would like to be anointed and to be prayed for then please ask one of the Priests in the Parish so that you can be anointed during any of our Services.



The Wednesday mid-week Eucharist includes prayers for healing every week.

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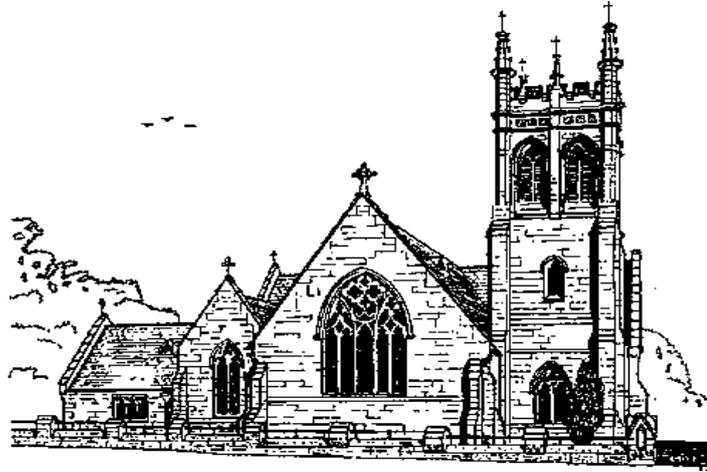
**Tuesday, 14 November 2017
1.15pm - 1.45pm**

**Thomas Hallworth - Tenor
David Carreon - Violinist
Gregory Kinda - Accompanist**

**Entry by donation
Light refreshments
will follow in the Rectory**

St Paul's Anglican Church Burwood

Christmas luncheon



Let's celebrate Christmas with a buffet lunch
in the Parish Hall

Sunday 26th November 2017

11.45am (for 12pm start)

\$30 per person / children 14 & under free

(BYO)

Looking forward to seeing you all there!



FOR YOUR CALENDAR – EVENSONG

THE MATER CHORALE conducted by **Fr Michael Deasey**, will be singing Evensong on **Sunday 11th of February 2018** at 3pm in the Church.

A JOYOUS CELEBRATION

On the Feast of Saint Matthias, 24 February 2018, our Rector, Fr James Collins, will celebrate the 30th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Sacred Priesthood – a significant milestone in the life of any priest. It is planned to hold a celebration of thanksgiving to God to mark this important occasion and all parishioners and friends of St Paul's are warmly invited.

At 6.00 pm in the Parish Church there will be a Procession, and Festival Choral Eucharist followed by a Reception and Refreshments in the Parish Hall.

Please mark this date in your Diaries now so you and your family and the friends of St Paul's may be present.

(For further information please speak to Graham Norman)

Pew Reflections REFLECTIONS BGM

Joshua 24.1-3a, 14-25; Psalm 78.1-7;
1 Thessalonians 4.9-18; Matthew 25.1-13

We have the flavor of the Advent coming through the Gospel reading today. What is the message of this parable – that half of us will be locked out of the banquet of the Kingdom? No, verse 13 is the core of one simple message – *be ready* – 'Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour'. Now is not the time for complacency – the banquet is yet to be.

- ✦ Pray for ourselves and others when we feel discouraged and tired as followers of Jesus.
- ✦ Give thanks for the work and witness of the *Nippon Sei Ko Kai*, the Anglican Church of Japan.

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The first thing to realise is that mind here is a reference to remembrance or commemoration. It's a relative of phrases like time out of mind (time immemorial), or the old English proverb out of sight, out of mind, or when you say "that puts me in mind of ..." or in the idiom to call to mind (which gives the clue why mind should be equated with memory).

A mind was once an act of memory or recollection, though it became obsolete in this sense about five centuries ago (a related sense survives in Scots and in some English dialects). It survives in this ecclesiastical phrase to refer to an act of commemoration of a departed soul, in year's mind for a requiem sung on the anniversary of his or her funeral, or perhaps a mention in prayers. There was not only a year's mind but also twelvemonth's mind and month's mind.

Outdoors..

Join in for the Feast of Nicholas Ferrar

In the early seventeenth century Nicholas Ferrar and his extended family retired to Little Gidding in Huntingdonshire in England to live a life of prayer and service. In 1913 the Anglican Oratory of the Good Shepherd, meeting at Little Gidding, chose Nicholas as their patron. The Sydney Oratory will keep his annual feast with a Eucharist in Christ Church St Laurence on **Monday, 4 December at 6 pm**. You would be most welcome to attend the Eucharist, which will be followed by supper and an address in the hall. The speaker this year will be the Reverend Dr Daniel Dries, Rector of Christ Church St Laurence. Fr Daniel will speak on the contribution of the English Puritans to Anglican spirituality in an address entitled 'Puritanism and Prayerfulness'.

For further information if required: The Revd Ronald Henderson OGS: rhenderson@ogs.net

St James' Institute 2018 Season Launch

Come and hear about SJI's 2018 Programme of events, workshops, seminars, talks and study groups. You'll receive a complimentary glass (or two) of sparkling wine from our sponsor Coriole, a copy of the 2018 programme and a chance to buy your tickets or subscribe to the entire year.

This event is free to attend. All welcome.

When: Sunday 26th of November at 5.15pm

(Following Choral Evensong at 4pm)

Where: Covered Courtyard, St James' Church

RSVP: registrations@sjks.org.au or phone (02) 8227 1305



All Saints' Tide –

The Communion of Saints connects us to all the faithful past, present, and future.

This connection, as we are joined to Christ in Baptism, unites us to God, others, our deepest self, and to our world.

All Saints and All Souls are reminders to us of a reality that transcends the ephemeral banalities that pass for everyday existence but that fail to understand the deeper truths that unite all being in God.

Lesser understandings lead to the division, hatred, violence, stupidity, and all that tears down rather than builds up.

Our vision of all people united under God is not an Orwellian dystopian vision but one that leads to wholeness and healing for all people and for our whole world.

May our worship this All Saints' tide give us a glimpse of the vision that we have of all things being made whole once more.

Are you a new parishioner?

Have your details changed recently?

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- I'm new to St Paul's
 - I'm already on the roll – my details have changed
 - I'm already on the roll – I just need a new name badge

Pray throughout the week

Pray for the Anglican Church – for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Phillip, Primate of Australia; Glenn, Archbishop of Sydney; Michael Stead, our Regional Bishop; and for all the bishops, priests, deacons and Religious of the Anglican Communion.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we are asked to pray today for the Diocese of Ughelli - (Bendel, Nigeria) for its Bishop, The Rt Revd Cyril Odutemu and for all his clergy and people.

Pray for Fr James and for Fr Michael as well as for Helen and Antonia. May God bless them and their ministries and may we support them as they work among us in Christ's name.

Pray for St Paul's: God of mercy, strengthen us to help shape a parish where diversity is a source of enrichment, compassion is common, life's poetry realized, suffering lightened through sharing, justice attended, joy pervasive, hope lived, the hum of the universe heard, and together with you and each other we build what is beautiful, true, worthy of your generosity to us, an echo of your kingdom. Amen. (Ted Loder)

Pray for, St Matthew's, Zababdeh, (West Bank, Palestinian Territories), our Anglican Communion Partner: We remember especially their Parish Priest, Fr Saleem Dawani, and his ministry in the parish. We remember also Jameel Maher, who acts as the St Matthew's partnership link person with us. May both our parishes be blessed by the link we are establishing.

Pray for the Church's mission: Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honour of your name. Amen. (Author unknown)

Pray for our Children's Church: The Lord said, 'Let the little children come to me and do not forbid them for such is the kingdom of heaven'. Bless, Lord, your children who now stand before you in prayer. Help them to understand the depth of your love. O Lord, bless our Children's Church and all its future endeavours, that through it we may glorify you with your Father and the Holy Spirit, now, always and forever. **Amen.**

Pray for peace: Lead me from death to life, from falsehood to truth; lead me from despair to hope, from fear to trust; lead me from hate to love, from war to peace.

Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe.

Pray for all in need, We remember especially this week all those those people suffering from dementia and for their families and cares who look after them.

Pray for the sick and their carers:

Sally Banducci; Joyce Bannister; Margaret Baseley; Tim Bolton; Wendy Bolton; Barry Brandy; John Burns; June Cameron; Scott Cameron; Di Campbell; (Sir) John Carrick; (Lady) Angela Carrick; Chace; George Cepak; Rodney Chesham; David; Beth Davidge; Hilary Davies; Debbie; Manish Dhakal; Dave Ernst; Mark Fisher; Ena Gillespie; Joyce Gorman; Fr Brian Harker; George Harvey; Mary Harvey; Gerry Hayes; Margaret Hayes; Heather; Margaret Hurley; Joyce; Lee; Sandra Macleod-Miller; Chris Mannix; Bishop Ken Mason, Bruce May; Jim McManus; Gae McMillan; Jean Millar; Barbara Moreton; Jan Morgan; Michelle & Caerl Murray; Tas Murray; Narelle; Nicole; Nicola; Nola; Alister & Sally Palmer; Valerie Perrin; Paul Phillips; Elisabeth Prasad; Jason Proctor;

Deidre Reid; Joanne Roberts; Jenny Rorich; Florence Rouwendaal; Tony Sheffield; Elsa Sorenson; Stephanie; Daphne Storey; Jean Storey; Susan; John Telek; Pauline Thomas, Nancy Thompson; Margaret Wheatley; Lynne West; Megan West; Bill Whittle, David Windsor; Valma Woolfrey; Bob Woods; Peter Ying.

In love and charity please remember the recently departed especially,

Fr John Spooner and Lerola Meyers that God may grant them a place of refreshment, light and peace.

Pray, too, for Sadie Gough, Liberato Ieronimo, Gwendoline Jean Brunton, Bonnie Chan, Betty Mary King, Susan Kelly, Dorothea Whittome & John Jagger and for any others whose year's mind falls around this time.

Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them!



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