

CONNECTIONS

Stories of the SWAC-scattered community



Who is this man?

SCOTT GOODE

After many Sundays of sharing Bible Spots (via video) that were somewhat ad hoc, I will be starting a series, from the beginning of May, working through Mark's gospel (chapters 1-8). Mark's gospel is framed around the revelation that Jesus is the Christ - the Son of the Living God. The first half of the gospel portrays the teaching and deeds of this 'mystery man' and after Jesus' unveiling, he turns his face towards Jerusalem to face his betrayal, arrest, execution and resurrection. You might like to read the gospel during the week to go on that journey with me. I will provide a weekly reading guide for you in future editions of this newsletter and we will also provide some downloadable reflections by Bishop J.C. Ryle. You can also join me daily (Tues-Fri) from 930am-10am, via Zoom, to read a *Psalm with Scott*. So far there are about 15 of us who come and go from day to day. This coming Sunday is CMS Sunday, so look out for a virtual deputation with Caroline Evenden.



OFFICE HOURS:

Our office is closed
Food donations and
pastoral care by
appointment

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CMS Connections

CAROLINE EVENDEN

It's been an enormous privilege for me to know you as praying, caring, giving partners in mission over the years I've been serving in France. I'm sad that personal circumstances, and now the corona virus, have meant that I've not been able to thank and farewell you in person. But we trust God with his sovereign timing, as with all things.

Your perseverance in praying and letting me know you were praying, your gifts and encouraging cards in my letter box, your giving to CMS, and your warm welcome when I visited in 2013 and 2017, are highlights of my time as a CMS missionary, and I thank God for you and your faithful commitment to a world that knows Jesus. Please keep asking God to send out workers into his harvest field, and growing in your passion for mission both in Wagga and around the world.



The past eight months have been a challenge for me, with one stressful thing after another, yet I'm convinced that God has permitted these trials in answer to my desire to grow in joy and trust (James 1:2-4) and deeper reliance on his strength in my weakness (2 Cor 12:10). I'm not yet sure what I'll be doing after I finish as a CMS missionary mid-May. I'm looking forward to waiting on God and knowing him better, to growing in prayer, to continuing to recover health and energy, and to being in closer touch with family.

Thank you again dear friends in Christ, and may the Lord bless you and keep you, make his face shine upon you and give you his peace... now in these challenging times, and until Jesus returns or calls you home.

With love in Christ, Caroline

PS. After I wrote the note, I received your thoughtful gift through the mail! The Wagga Water bottle will be treasured and I look forward to reading the Parish History Book. Once again, thank you!





Time to study?

SCOTT GOODE

Moore College are offering a special COVID-19 study price until the end of May. It is only \$25 to undertake a certificate level subject. You don't have to do an exam but successful completions of exams will contribute towards a Certificate in Theology. I am also offering to facilitate small group learning and so you won't be alone. There will be two SWAC subjects for term 2:

1. Introduction to the Bible (and overview of the entire bible story from creation to new creation).
2. Christian Worship (a look at the theme of worship across both Old and New Testaments with contemporary application).

We are enrolling now so please contact me ASAP if you are interested.



SWAC-care Pastoral Team

SCOTT GOODE

During this time of isolation I am keen that we remain connected and growing in Jesus. I have therefore asked our Bible Study Leaders, and some other representatives (from Parish Council and staff and congregations) to meet with me weekly (via zoom) to pray for our parish and undertake together, to be in regular contact with our membership. For your information this team is Scott Goode, Deborah Anscombe, Matt Bailey, Leanne Brown, Robyn Clarke, Narelle Cosier, Bruce Durham, Natalie Goode, Trish/Peter Hilton, Elisabeth Holland, Kylie Polkinghorne, Craig Rogers, Peter/Sue Savage, Susan Starr.

For a limited time subjects are only \$25 which includes material, the online platform and exam enrolment (you do not have to do the exam).





2020 Rotary Trip to Nepal

DANIELLE OSBOURNE

Danielle is a member of our 10am St Paul's congregation and was part of a Rotary team serving in Nepal during February and March. When the COVID-19 virus was declared a pandemic she quickly returned to Australia and self-isolated for the required time frame. Below are two of her stories.

All the equipment and materials needed for our projects are packed in Wagga and shipped over to Nepal via Kolkata in India and on to Kathmandu in Nepal. This is a very expensive and time consuming experience. At one of the schools where Rotary supplies the students with a hot lunch, the team converted an empty container into a spanking new kitchen and servery. Previously the cook had to slave over a hot wood fire which has been now replaced with two gas stoves, an electric fridge, floor coverings, benches and cooling fans - all freshly painted inside and out. It even now has a servery for student access. Much appreciated by all!



Classes have been set up for older women, some with children in tow and young teenage girls who are being taught how to sew using a treadle sewing machine. The course is run over several weeks and they are taught how to draft a dress pattern for themselves to the finished garment. Hopefully when they gain more experience they will be able to purchase a machine on loan (micro-finance) and become self employed. This has worked in other areas and it means they can successfully work from home or set up a workshop in their local areas.

Rotary is an international service organisation who bring together business and professional leaders in order to provide humanitarian service and to advance goodwill and peace around the world.





For inclusion in the parish prayers for those in need please email

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Regular updates of people will ensure latest information.



Prayer for those in need

NATALIE MCDERMOTT as she now recovers from radiotherapy and anticipates her next scans.

BARBARA SLADE as she recovers from a second surgery for breast cancer. Thanksgiving for early diagnosis.

STUART GAMBLE in his recovery and rehabilitation after his knee replacement.

LAUREL WILLIS as she recovers from a second surgery since Christmas.

GWEN WOOHAM (mainly music team member) as she undergoes chemotherapy for leukemia.



PAM DENTON (Dorothy Munro's friend) who suffers from Motor Neurone Disease.

RIZKA our Compassion child - that God would preserve her and her family's health during this time and for all Compassion staff who now provide care at a distance.

SUSAN LEATHAM recovering from surgery.

GOD OF LOVE, WHOSE WILL IT IS THAT EVERYONE SHOULD BE SAVED, BLESS THE WORK OF THE CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY AND ALL WHO HAVE GONE OUT IN ITS FELLOWSHIP TO PREACH, TO TEACH AND TO HEAL. GUARD, GUIDE AND USE THEM: RAISE UP MORE PEOPLE IN YOUR WORLDWIDE CHURCH TO PRAY AND TO WORK, TO CARE AND TO UNDERSTAND, TO GIVE AND TO GO FOR YOU, THAT YOUR KINGDOM MAY GROW AND YOUR WILL BE DONE. AMEN.



Send your pics and messages via email, text (or snail-mail) to scottg@swac.church and be a blessing to our scattered church community.

SWAC Kids' Corner

Every Wednesday Colin Buchanan is doing a livestreamed Facebook show for the kids. Colin is unique and outrageous and tailors it especially for the children. You can even pop song requests in his comment feed. So tune in by visiting his Facebook page and clicking on his videos. Past episodes are available and a live one will be ready to go at 5pm each Wednesday.

@HomewithColin
 Wednesday 22nd April,
 5 pm AET
TGC AU

Colin Buchanan



SCATTERED MESSAGES

SUSAN LEATHAM

Thank you for all the correspondence via email, I am getting a lot out of it, and look forward to receiving the newsletters and other correspondence regularly. I feel like I am not alone and away from my home. I am laid up at my sons on the Central Coast. I had to have surgery on the 25th March and am now not able to physically travel back to Wagga, until early May - and that will be if travel is allowed then!! My son's and daughter in law are taking good care of me as I am still not moving freely yet. I saw my Specialist Surgeon yesterday, in Newcastle, and he was pleased with my recovery to date. All the pressure bandages were removed which make things a bit more comfortable. My daily prayers include all my church family, and I hope every one can stay safe and well through these extremely testing times. May our GOD BLESS EACH ONE AND HOLD US IN HIS HANDS!!!