

CONNECTIONS

Stories of the SWAC-scattered community



Redemption and Transformation (part four)

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So far I have outlined the fractured world and the wounded self and that 1 Peter 2:24 claims that our healing comes through Jesus' sin bearing death - the wounds of God. We can begin anew because we are forgiven by God. Today I want to explore the nature of our personal healing. In one sense it is instantaneous - we are forgiven and adopted into God's family and have a new standing before God. However, this will be more fully realised in the new creation when sin and death will be ultimately overcome in the return of Christ. The resurrection that Jesus experienced is the firstfruits of what will follow and we await that day of complete healing. In the meantime, we continue to experience woundedness while also becoming like Christ. We experience a redemption from the slavery of sin to live a life of obedience to God. Traditionally this is called sanctification. But it is not just an external change of behaviour, but an internal reordering of what we love. This is how transformation really occurs - we become like the one we love. Personal holiness is an outworking of a deep and abiding love of the God who chose to be wounded for us.



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Bush Church Aid has a heart for people living in remote and regional Australia. Since 1919, our staff and supporters around the country have been committed to going the distance to reach Australia for Christ.



Partnership with Bush Church Aid

NARELLE COSIER

SWAC has recently signed up as a Link Parish with BCA Field Staff. Jacob & Sarah Kelly work with Christ Church Anglican Echuca. Jacob is a student minister there with the main focus on children and youth. He is employed 2 days per week, paid for by BCA and he is also halfway through a course at Ridley College, Melbourne.

Sarah is a Primary School teacher at a small Christian school. She trained at CSU in Wagga. When they have visited family in Wagga in the past, they have attended SWAC. Maybe some of you recognise them.

What Can I Do?

Please pray for them as they currently have the hassle of living on the Moama side of the Murray River, but with the border being closed, it is quite a task for Sarah to go to the school and for Jacob to go to the church, even with the necessary permits.

Please give to BCA – do you have a BCA money box? Perhaps there is a Bible study group which would like to be responsible for a period of time for keeping in touch with Jacob and Sarah? They are a young couple at the beginning of serving the Lord together. I'm sure they would appreciate contact from those who have had more life experience than them. Please contact Narelle for more details.





"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade."

1 PETER 1:3-4



The Future of SWAC Online

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The leadership team is currently working through the best way to continue to provide an online worship service presence while focusing our energies on our physical gatherings. It takes an enormous amount of time each week to provide the current online content and we need a sustainable model going forward.

It is likely that we will begin to record the St Paul's service when it resumes on the 16th August. We are exploring whether we can make this available as a livestream or whether it will be available later in the day after the service. Either way, it can also be 'burnt' to a DVD and distributed.

So please bear with us in this period of transition. There may be some delays to the provision of SWAC-online as we change over to new procedures and content.



Journey through 1 Peter

BIBLE READING GUIDE

SATURDAY	1 Peter 1:17-21	Psalm 69:32-38
MONDAY	1 Peter 1:22-25	Psalm 119:81-88
TUESDAY	1 Peter 2:1-3	Psalm 102:23-28
WEDNESDAY	1 Peter 2:4-8	Psalm 72:15-21
THURSDAY	1 Peter 2:9-10	Psalm 51:15-19
FRIDAY	1 Peter 2:11-12	Psalm 106:49-50

<https://sites.google.com/view/swacresources/resources-home>



We have a registered covid safe plan for our church services.



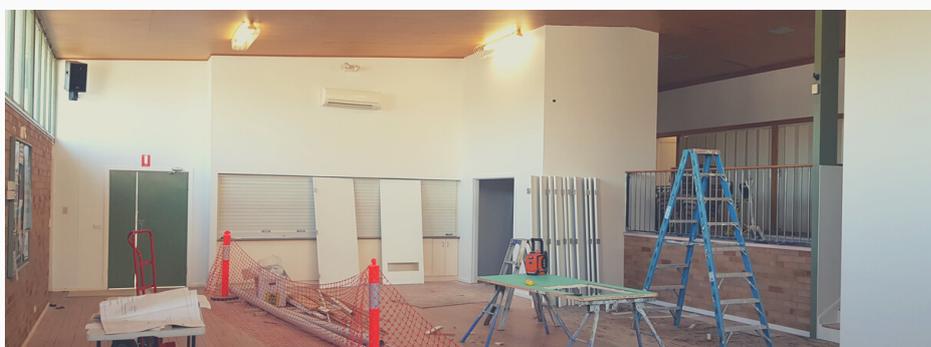
Returning to Gathering

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A big thank you to our St Alban's members who graciously registered for attendance across three services. Quite amazingly, without any intervention from the leadership team, each service has an even distribution of people and we are within our COVID-19 capacities. For the following weeks it would be good to stick with your first choice but if you do want to attend a different service can you just let me or Lisa know? Our three, almost identical St Alban's Holy Communion services are:

- 5pm Saturday evening
- 8am Sunday morning
- 10am Wednesday morning

We are cleaning between each use of the church and hall, and will follow all NSW health guidelines including recording attendees, providing hygiene stations and ensuring social distancing. Please do not come to church if you are unwell.



What about St Paul's? We are aiming to resume Sunday services on the 16th August. We will be holding two identical all age family services (both with Kids Church) on a Sunday:

- 10am Sunday morning
- 4pm Sunday afternoon

I will soon send all those associated with St Paul's a letter outlining a registration process so that we can get an even distribution of attendance across these two services. And please remember that newcomers will never be turned away from church as we will always factor in space for any unexpected attendees.



“You are the
still waters
to my soul
I will rest in Your love
I will be still
and know
You are in control
I will rest
in your love”

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For Your Prayers

We believe there is a God who bends his ear to listen, and so we pray:

1. For Christian missionaries throughout the world, especially in areas with high rates of infection: Lord, provide them with words of hope, and equip them to love and serve those around them.
2. For workers in a variety of industries facing layoffs and financial hardship: Lord, keep them from panic, and inspire your church to generously support them.
3. For families with young children at home for the foreseeable future: Lord, help mothers and fathers to partner together creatively for the care and flourishing of their children. For single mothers and fathers, grow their networks of support.
4. For parents who cannot stay home from work but must find care for their children: Lord, present them with creative solutions.
5. For church leaders faced with the challenges of social distancing: Lord, help them to creatively imagine how to pastor their parish and love their cities well.

SWAC Care and Scouts

KYLIE POLKINGHORNE

Earlier this week, 1st Koorungal Scout leader, and church member, Tracy Osborne invited Kylie to speak at their meeting about SWAC Care. July is kindness month on the Scouts calendar. Kylie shared about how working together both with members of the church and with other organisations in Wagga has meant many people in our community who need an extra hand with groceries have been helped during Covid-19. Members of the scouts then donated a parcel of food items to SWAC Care to pass on the kindness. Thank you Scouts!

We still have many non-perishable food items and hygiene items available at St Paul's for anyone in need. Please get in touch with Kylie if you know someone who would benefit from this.