

CONNECTIONS

Stories of the SWAC-scattered community



Unexpected Opportunities

SCOTT GOODE

It is a season of mixed emotions for me. Ministry remains restricted in health and aged care settings and our gatherings cannot have singing and are limited to about one third of normal capacity. Administration requirements are larger than normal and the need to respond to a constant number of new challenges can be tiring. And yet, we have had newcomers at both church centres in recent weeks. Our Youth Group has just had its largest attendance in the almost five years I have been at SWAC. We are responding and mastering (slowly) new technological challenges which will be utilised well beyond COVID. Our buildings are being upgraded in these quieter times, and we are planning for a November Confirmation and Reception into Membership service. Our people are taking up new ministries and theological training - God turns everything into good!



Coming Up:

WEDNESDAY

8:30am St Paul's Chain Gang

10am St Alban's Service

12noon St Paul's Purlers
Knitting Group

FRIDAY

10am St Alban's mainly play

10am St Paul's Gentle
Exercise Class

530pm St Paul's SWAC
Youth

SATURDAY

5pm St Alban's Holy
Communion

SUNDAY

8am St Alban's Service

10am St Paul's Service

4pm St Paul's Service



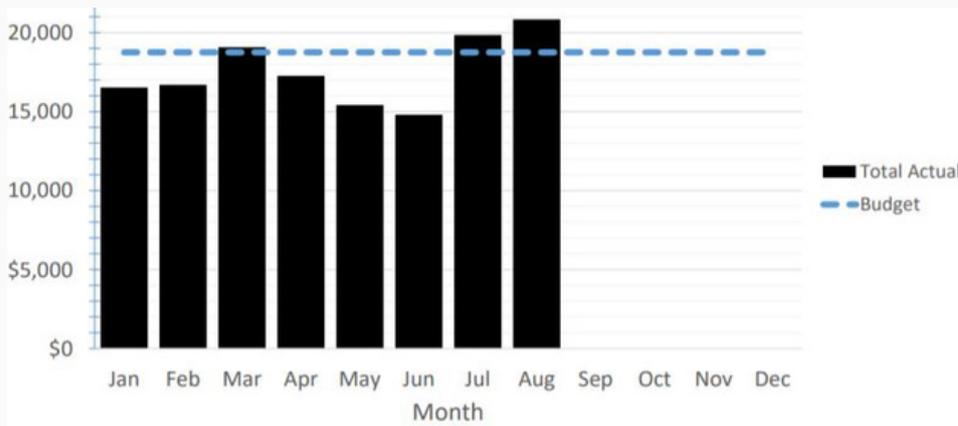
Parish Council Update

FACILITIES

The **St Paul's amenities and hall refurbishment** is all but complete - funded by the NSW govt. and around budget.

Unfortunately, and quite independently of the above project, the **St Paul's Hall roof** is damaged and needs to be replaced - the sarking under the roof has deteriorated with the result that the winter frosts caused significant water leaks into the hall. This is essential (and emergency) work and will be completed ASAP at a cost of around \$35,000.

The **St Alban's roof replacement** project will commence, we hope, in the spring.



FINANCES

Praise God, the Parish finances are in good shape! The return to gathering, along with strong direct deposit support, means that we have exceeded our monthly offertory budgets for July and August. And due to the Federal Government JobKeeper program, our costs are low, and thus we are currently saving money (for a rainy day as our treasurer reminds us).

OTHER

We are making plans to hold an Annual General Meeting during October with options for electronic (Zoom) viewing and postal voting. More information to come.

The St Paul's amenities and hall will be officially opened in November when Bishop Mark is present.

Confirmation and Reception into Membership will take place on Sunday 15th November. Please talk to Scott if you are interested in being involved.





SWAC Youth

AMANDA BAILEY

SWAC Youth returned after its COVID break and had its biggest night ever - 20 youth! After a night out at Laser Tag we returned to St Paul's Hall for dinner and connection. The big emphasis this term is on building our community, inviting our friends and establishing again our regular pattern of meeting. A 'normal' night sees us play games, have a Bible discussion and eat dinner together. Many of the youth are picked up and dropped off via the Anglicare bus which we borrow each Friday evening.

If you would like to get involved, or can go on a roster to drive the bus or provide dinner, please let me know.



Ministry of Tech

SCOTT GOODE

During the week of the 14th September we will have technicians onsite at St Paul's to install livestreaming equipment and a TV into the hall to allow for an overflow area. We need to grow our pool of volunteers to run our tech ministry: lighting, audio, projection, and livestreaming. Would you like to be involved? We will provide training and ensure you are rostered with someone until you feel confident.

While the technicians are onsite, we will attend to the projector and also the hearing loop problem at St Paul's.

**Ladies Link-up
will not be
returning YET,
but we will keep
you posted -
aiming for a
November restart.**

JAN FITZSIMMONS





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Though I May Speak...

Though I may speak with bravest fire,
and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love;
my words are vain,
as sounding brass,
and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess,
and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within,
the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
by this we worship, and are freed.

-Hal H. Hopson

Journey through James

BIBLE READING GUIDE

SATURDAY	James 3:13-18	Psalms 116:11-18
MONDAY	James 4:1-6	Psalms 40:6-11
TUESDAY	James 4:7-12	Psalms 100
WEDNESDAY	James 4:13-17	Psalms 33:1-5
THURSDAY	James 5:1-6	Psalms 118:14-19
FRIDAY	James 5:7-12	Psalms 17:6-13

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



"Having patience is the capacity to accept a slower pace as a part of the bigger picture."

MORGAN HARPER-NICOLS



Returning to Gathering

SCOTT GOODE

St Paul's

Every week I notice that people are returning to church for the first time since COVID, and we are even seeing some newcomers - welcome!

10am All Age Family Service with Kids Church

4pm All Age Family Service with Kids Church

The 10am is close to capacity so we are installing a TV screen in the hall and will provide for an overflow area.

The 4pm service is at about 75% capacity and can have some more people register for it.

You do not need to register each week - just let us know your overall intention to attend one of these services for the foreseeable future.



St Alban's

Our St Alban's services are:

5pm Saturday Holy Communion

8am Sunday Holy Communion

10am Wednesday Holy Communion

We are also seeing new people come to church at St Alban's which is just delightful - welcome to you! There is no need to register your attendance - just come to whichever service suits you.