

18 SEPTEMBER 2020

CONNECTIONS

Stories of the SWAC-scattered community



Term Four Worship Services

SCOTT GOODE

As we move out of an initial return to gathering and into established patterns of worship services and the return of ministries, I will be putting together a roster to take us from 27th September through to the 20th December. This will see a greater variety of people involved in our services (now that I am aware of patterns of attendance) including our lay preachers. I will also be introducing an Evening and Morning Prayer service once a month at the 5pm Saturday and 8am Sunday services respectively in order to manage the load on our clergy. During term four in our preaching series we will be exploring the prayers of the Bible, spanning from Moses through to Jesus and to the Apostle Paul. Bishop Mark will be with us in mid November to officially open the St Paul's amenities and hall upgrade, and to undertake a Confirmation service, and to help us celebrate five years since our parish was combined as SWAC.



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 Service

SUNDAY

8am St Alban's Service
10am St Paul's Service
4pm St Paul's Service



St Martin's College and SWAC Care

BILL ANSCOMBE

A short note to thank you and the South Wagga Wagga Parish for the dinners provided last week, via Carevan. There were none left over and the students were particularly appreciative. The range of meals was excellent. We currently have about 30 students in residence. We appreciate that getting together as St Martins and SWAC is, at present, not possible. For any events on campus we need to follow some very strict COVID-19 protocols including QR code registration and social distancing etc. The provision of the dinners was an excellent response to the present circumstances and continues the connection between us. I look forward to the time – hopefully in March 2021 - when we can resume face-to-face dinners and St Martins - SWAC fellowship. I have had numerous unsolicited comments from students about the value of these evenings!

St Martin's College is a self-catered residential university college operated by the Anglican Church of Australia and jointly supported by the diocese of Riverina and the diocese of Canberra & Goulburn. St Martin's is affiliated with Charles Sturt University and is located on the CSU campus at Wagga Wagga. Applications for 2021 are being taken now.

SWAC Care

KYLIE POLKINGHORNE

SWAC Care food pantry is still ticking along. We continue to collect frozen meals from Carevan each week, and keep a stock of pantry items for when people are in need. We are still taking donations, and the most used items are pasta, rice, longlife milk, cereal and pasta sauces. If you know anyone in need, please do get in touch (kyliep@swac.church) as we'd love to be able to provide a food hamper.

For more information regarding St Martin's College contact Bill Anscombe or visit the website

<https://stmartinscollege.org/>





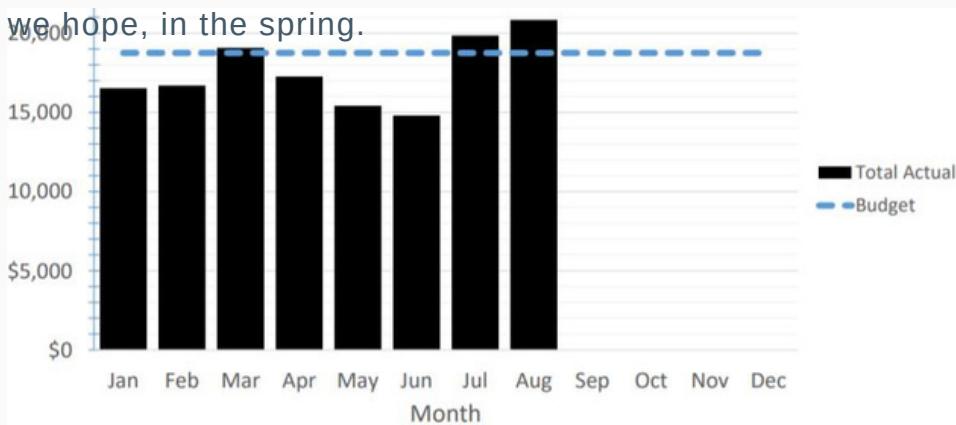
Parish Council Update

FACILITIES

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

Coming Events

11TH OCTOBER

AFES Sunday

17TH-18TH OCTOBER

Anglicare "Sunday"

25TH OCTOBER

AGM (tentative)

14th-15th NOVEMBER

5 year SWAC Anniversary
St Paul's Hall Opening
Confirmation





St Paul's Tech Upgrade

SCOTT GOODE

This week we had the Ministry of Tech onsite to install a fixed camera and properly install our livestreaming infrastructure and software. This included the need to configure our sound desk to ensure a better quality (and easier use) of audio that accompanies our livestream. We have undergone a recruitment drive to help run our growing technological requirements and Dave (from Ministry of Tech) provided two training sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday evening. If you would like to be involved as a volunteer please get in touch with either Scott or Natalie McDermott and we will ensure you are provided with training and a 'buddy' to learn with until you are sufficiently confident.

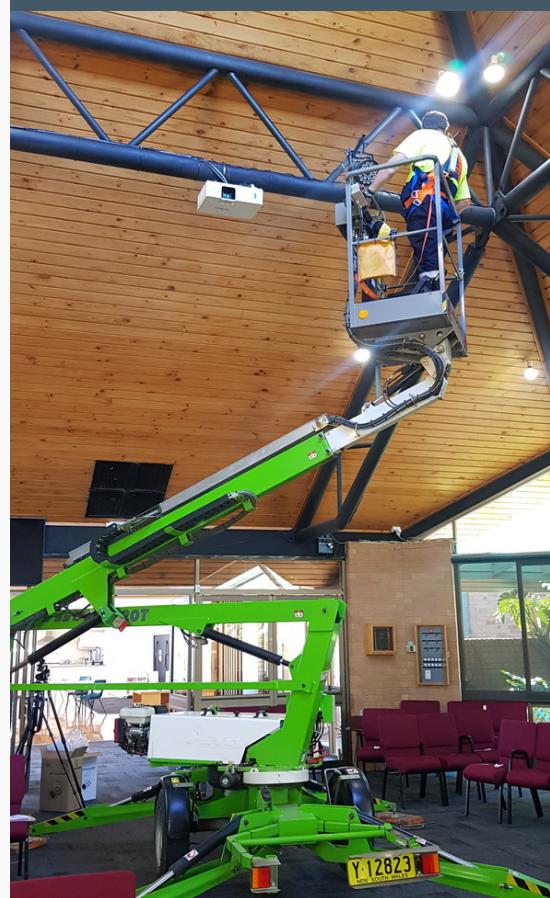


While the technicians were onsite we also attended to the light globes that needed replacing, the projector that needed a new part, and cables and power was supplied to the beams above the sanctuary for better lighting. The hearing loop was also adjusted.

Importantly, we also had a TV screen installed into the hall area so that we can provide an overflow area for our church services. Our 10am St Paul's service is at 100% COVID capacity and the provision of overflow in the hall will serve our COVID needs and also our longer term needs for large services (e.g. funerals).

A big thank you to our volunteers and staff for being onsite throughout this upgrade and for our new volunteers!

We are after a second hand electronic tablet - the brand does not matter. If you can donate one please contact Scott.





Compassion in Indonesia began partnering with churches in 1968. More than 157,000 children registered 725 church partners 1820 mums and their babies supported since then.

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Compassion in Indonesia

NARELLE COSIER

Indonesia's capital city, Jakarta, announced that it will reinstate wide-scale social restrictions as a second wave of infections threatens to overwhelm its health system. Indonesia has officially reported more than 6000 deaths from COVID-19, the highest overall toll in Southeast Asia. The country now has the fastest infection spread in East Asia, with 17 per cent of those testing for the virus testing positive.

Compassion child development centres remain closed for activities, though some have reopened for administrative purposes and preparation for the time when children will be allowed to return.

Mentors and tutors are bringing food supplies to children's homes weekly and are helping some families plant gardens at their homes. Some church partners have been able to provide a space for teens to use Wi-Fi and computers to do virtual learning while remaining socially distanced. Older students have helped tutors and church staff record video lessons for younger children.

Since the beginning of the pandemic, they have distributed 536,867 food packs and 448,539 hygiene kits and provided medical support to 31,139 individuals.

The majority of letters are delayed in Indonesia, which means it may take longer for you to receive letters from your sponsored child. But that doesn't mean you shouldn't write! We encourage you to continue sending your sponsored child letters of encouragement and hope. What a joyful day it will be when those letters are delivered!

Gifts continue to be distributed in Indonesia, although they are currently delayed. Staff members have been given the option to disburse monetary gifts to an appropriate, verified caregiver, if necessary. This applies to family gifts and child gifts (including birthday and final gifts). Families may spend the gift on whatever they consider most important to meet family needs. The caregiver will decide the best use of the money, recognising that sometimes purchasing food or paying rent is in the best interest of a child.



OFFICE HOURS:

Our office is
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Warden Contact

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The Prayer for Today

Almighty God,
whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Grant us, Lord God, a vision of your world as your
love would have it: a world where the weak are
protected, and none go hungry or poor;
... a world where peace is built with justice,
and justice is guided by love.

Give us the inspiration and courage to build it,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Journey through James

BIBLE READING GUIDE

SATURDAY	James 5:13-20	Psalm 56:8-12
MONDAY	Jude 1:1-4	Psalm 19:1-6
TUESDAY	Jude 1:5-7	Psalm 15
WEDNESDAY	Jude 1:8-16	Psalm 119:33-40
THURSDAY	Jude 1:17-23	Psalm 119:97-104
FRIDAY	Jude 1:24-25	Psalm 90:1-6

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