

CONNECTIONS

Stories of the SWAC-scattered community



Evening Church moving to 5pm

SCOTT GOODE

With the recent change to daylight saving time I have decided to move the St Paul's afternoon service to 5pm. This makes better use of the daylight hours, avoids the heat of the day (a little) as the summer comes, and allows us to share dinner together in the future. I am very thankful that a number of regulars at the 10am service were willing to move to this afternoon service for this COVID season. The 10am service remains at capacity each week. Thank you for your flexibility and please do feel free to check out other congregations/services throughout the parish to evenly distribute ourselves as much as possible. It is a strange time, and we continue to feel happiness at the opportunity to meet, and yet conflicted at the social distancing and other restrictions placed upon us. It is important that we identify these conflicted feelings inside us, share them with each other, and determine to continue to be Christ's people to one another throughout this time.



Coming Up:

SATURDAY 17th OCT

5pm St Alban's HC Service

SUNDAY 18th OCT

8am St Alban's HC Service
10am St Paul's Family
5pm St Paul's Evening

TUESDAY 20th OCT

10am St Paul's mainly music

WEDNESDAY 21st OCT

8:30am St Paul's Chain Gang
10am St Alban's HC Service
12noon St Paul's Purlers
Knitting Group

THURSDAY 22nd OCT

10am St Paul's mainly music

FRIDAY 23rd OCT

10am St Paul's Gentle Exercise
10am St Alban's Coffee Meet
530pm St Paul's SWAC Youth



Final Call: Marriage Enrichment Course

SCOTT & NAT GOODE

The first session of this course will commence from Tuesday 20th October and continue for five sessions over seven weeks. If you have to skip a session we can provide you with the media file to 'catch up'. We will be covering five keys areas:

1. God's design for marriage
2. What damages our connectedness
3. Building the positive - friendship & communication
4. Building the positives - sex & spirituality
5. Managing conflict gently

Couples will watch DVDs presentations and have a workbook to facilitate discussion. Cost is \$50.



Essential repairs St Paul's hall roof

Over the winter we identified that water was leaking into the St Paul's hall when we had a frost. Further investigations revealed that the sarking underneath the roof was damaged and condensation was leaking through the ceiling. This explains the long mystery of water damage that you can see in areas around the hall ceiling. This week the 1962 original roof is being replaced at a cost of around \$35,000. We will likely access a loan for this and already we have received donations towards this - thank you!

The Marriage Course will be on Tuesday evenings - commencing 20th October. Register via scottg@swac.church





Final call for a name badge!

We are putting another order in! If you would like a SWAC name badge, please let Lisa know asap by emailing: office@swac.church. The cost is \$8 and can be paid via cash in envelope through the offertory box or via: SWAC Partnership Account BSB 702-389 A/c No 05202527

When paying into the account please put your name & the word 'badge' in the description. **Please indicate clearly the spelling and form of your name.**



AGM and Electoral Meeting

Our Annual General (and Electoral) Meeting will be held at St Paul's 11.30am on Sunday 25th October. We are calling for nominations for:

- St Paul's & St Alban's people's Wardens - wardens are part of the Parish Council and have particular responsibility for finances, property and the provision of worship resourcing.
- Parish Councillors serve on the Parish Council which manages the resources and activities of the Parish.
- Parish Clergy Appointment Board (three year term) serve the parish where a new Rector needs to be appointed or where a clergy person is to be appointed in any other capacity.
- Parish Synod Representatives (three year term) attend the annual synod of the entire diocese.

Coming Events

20TH OCTOBER

Marriage Enrichment Course commences

25TH OCTOBER

AGM St Paul's

14th-15th NOVEMBER

5 year SWAC Anniversary
St Paul's Hall Opening
Confirmation Service

18th NOVEMBER

Celebration of Ministry:
John Cohen





New Chaplain: St Luke's & St Mary's Preschool

Congratulations to Matt Bailey who has been appointed as the new chaplain to the two preschools associated with St John's parish. Matt is only a few weeks from completing his theological studies and so the timing of this is perfect. He is now a full time stipendiary lay minister serving 50% of his time at SWAC and 50% as chaplain (three days each). His role will see him develop partnerships with staff, parishes and families, as well as face to face teaching sessions.



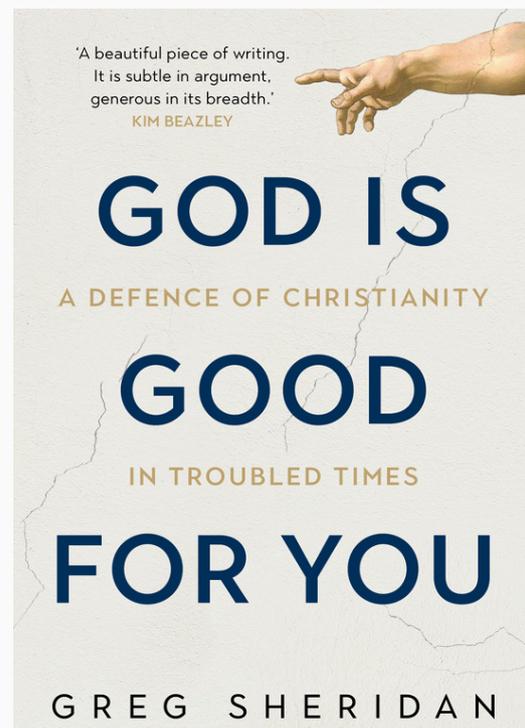
Want to join Scott in an ONLINE reading group?

SCOTT GOODE

I have been thinking about reading Greg Sheridan's 2018 book for some time. Greg is an accomplished journalist and usually writes on national and regional political issues, but his latest book is a defence of Christianity which uniquely addresses the Australian social and political context. The late Bruce Leigh-Cooper recommended it to me every time I visited him, and so it is time for me to now read it.

Would you like to join me? Just email me scottg@swac.church and I will put you on an email group list and/or a private Facebook group for us to read it together and reflect in an online way (via email or Facebook group discussion).

Tomato seedings
for sale!
\$2.50 each.
Varieties include
'Oxheart', 'Roma Egg',
'Grosse Lisse', & "Rouge
de Marmande".
All proceeds from
the sale go to SWAC.
Contact Peter Hilton on
0409 313 599





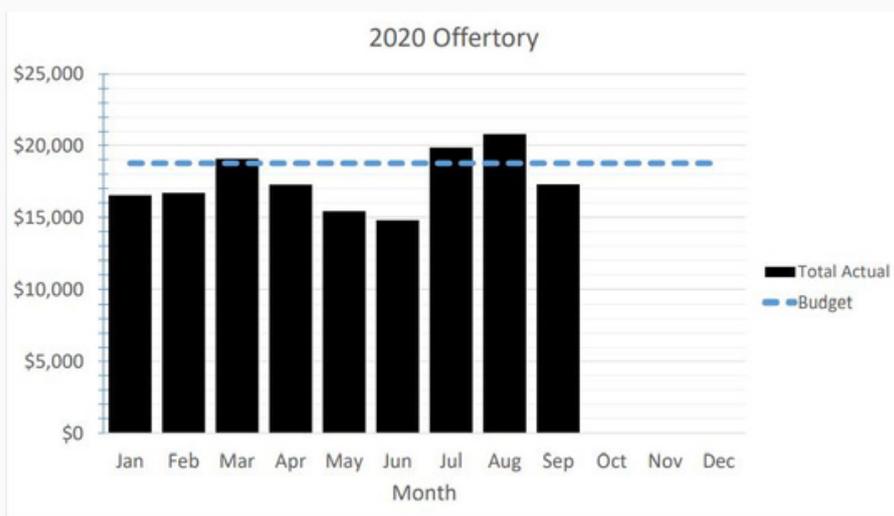
Your October Parish Council Update

PARISH COUNCIL

The October Parish Council meeting took place this last week and discussed the following pertinent issues:

- St Paul's hall roof replacement is imminent.
- We await the St Alban's roof replacement project.
- The St Paul's amenities and hall refurbishment has now been formally completed and within budget. The sanding and polishing of the floorboards was not originally part of the project but has been undertaken at an additional cost (over and above the grant) of approximately \$5000.
- The Fernleigh Cottage has been leased to a parishioner for a six month arrangement.
- Narelle Cosier has resigned from the Missions Committee in order to focus on her increasing responsibilities to care for family. We thank Narelle and await the newly elected Parish Council to appoint a new chairperson of this committee.
- An internal audit of our Safe Ministry compliance is being undertaken.
- Our playgroup ministries are now recommencing but for a variety of reasons mainly play will be suspended for term 4 at St Alban's and two smaller mainly music groups will (re)commence at St Paul's on Tues & Thurs.
- The parish budget and bank accounts remain in a very positive state as a result of the government tax boosts and Jobkeeper, and the suspension of parish contributions to the diocese. The Treasurer will explain our large surplus at our AGM. Thank you for your generosity.

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 family use.
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St Alban's: Robyn Clarke



Journey through the Acts of the Apostles

BIBLE READING GUIDE

SATURDAY	Acts 1:1-11	Psalm 8
MONDAY	Acts 1:12-26	Psalm 100
TUESDAY	Acts 2:1-13	Psalm 85:8-18
WEDNESDAY	Acts 2:14-35	Psalm 121
THURSDAY	Acts 2:36-47	Psalm 33:13-21
FRIDAY	Acts 3:1-10	Psalm 24:1-6

Celebration of Ministry: John Cohen

SCOTT GOODE

On Wednesday the 18th November we will be having a celebration of ministry for John from 10am at St Alban's. John has been a significant part of both St Paul's and St Alban's (and elsewhere) for many decades and has been an important part of our transition to one parish over the last five years. John has been personally very kind to me and I value his ministry very much. With all this in mind, and the complexities of COVID, and some limitations with John's health, I felt it was time to acknowledge his ministry.

John will celebrate the Lord's Supper on this occasion and we will have a special service with a morning tea to follow (in the courtyard and hall). COVID capacity limits apply so you will need to register with Lisa at the office - places are limited to 35.

If you would like to contribute to a gift please place any money into a marked envelope and give to the office direct or via the offertory. Or you can transfer electronically by the usual means.