

CONNECTIONS

Stories of the SWAC-scattered community



The Lord's Prayer

SCOTT GOODE

One of the areas of theological study one covers during bible college is eschatology - the last things. Curiously, my lecturer used the Lord's Prayer as an outline to the study of these 'last things'. I don't think I had quite realised what a radical prayer we were being invited to pray. To ask for God's kingdom to be expressed upon earth, to experience forgiveness and therefore to be declared among the righteous - these are all events that belong to the *Final Day*. It is a prayer that ends with an acknowledgment of God's eternal power and fame, and it begins with our address to God in terms of family, more specifically, divine fatherhood. Jesus is inviting us into a life of prayer which is both familiar and awesome. We are to ask for our daily needs to be met, and yet be occupied with God's honour. It is a prayer for battle with temptation and evil, and yet childlike in the way we address God. It really is a very radical prayer.



Coming Up:

SATURDAY 31st OCT

5pm St Alban's HC Service

SUNDAY 1st NOV

8am St Alban's HC Service
10.00am St Paul's Family
Super Sunday
5pm St Paul's Evening

TUESDAY 3rd NOV

10am St Paul's mainly music

WEDNESDAY 4th NOV

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

THURSDAY 5th NOV

10am St Paul's mainly music

FRIDAY 6th NOV

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

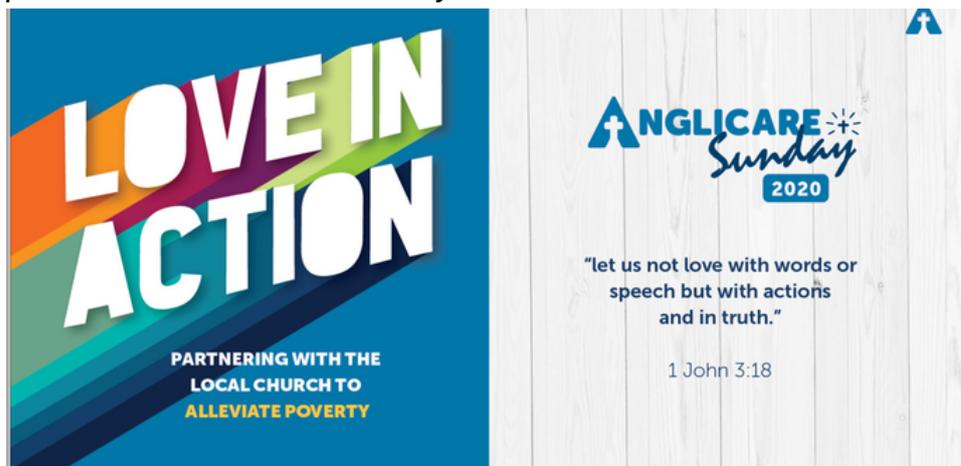


Anglicare Christmas Appeal

KYLIE POLKINGHORNE

Show how big your heart is for families in need this Christmas! The Anglicare food pantry appeal is happening again this Christmas. We will be collecting food items at SWAC to donate, so please do consider purchasing some of the following items and dropping them off to Kylie or Kaysie at the office.

Hot chocolate, tea or coffee, gravy, lollies or chocolate, juice, chips, jelly, Christmas pudding or fruit cake, tinned fruit, pancake mix, relish or chutney, savoury and sweet biscuits, coridal, nuts, wrapping paper, bonbons, Christmas themed plates and serviettes. Thank you!

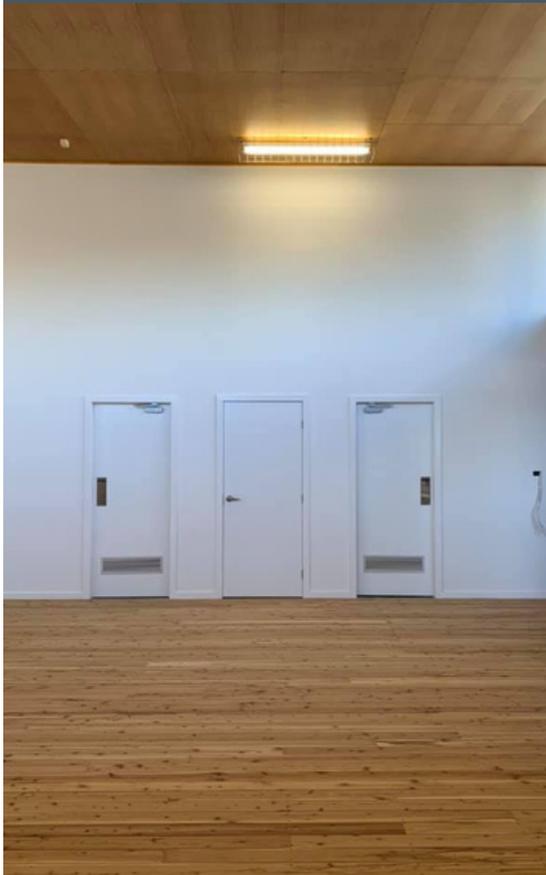


The St Paul's amenities and hall upgrade will be officially opened by Bishop Mark at 3.00pm on Saturday 14th November. RSVP essential.

Official Opening: St Paul's Amenities and Hall Refurbishment

On Saturday 14th November at 3pm, we will be officially opening the St Paul's hall and amenities refurbishment. You may recall that we were the recipient of a \$122,000 NSW Government Stronger Communities Fund grant. Bishop Mark will be officiating and unveiling the new plaque and we have invited various community leaders and major contributors to the project.

Due to COVID venue capacity limits, attendance is limited. Every member of the parish is invited but you must register your attendance with Lisa in the office by 11th November - and once we reach capacity we will be placing you on a waiting list.





Electoral Meeting Results

Congratulations to those elected into parish leadership roles. The St Paul's Wardens are Leanne Brown (Rector's Warden), Peter Hilton and Stuart Gamble. The St Alban's Wardens are Robyn Clarke and Cheryl Wheeler. Parish Councillors are Bill Boydell, Peter Keith, Adrian Hallam, Peter Caspersonn, Tracy Osborne, and Mat Fitzsimmons . Rector's appointments are Judith Cottee and Ireen Cherian and a further appointment TBA. The Clergy Appointment Board is Peter Keith, Peter Caspersonn and Lucille Fitzsimmons. The Synod representatives are Robyn McPherson, Mat Fitzsimmons and Bill Anscombe (alternatives are Peter Holland and Stuart Gamble). It is anticipated that the Parish Council will serve until mid 2021 when another AGM/Electoral will be called before returning in 2022 to our usual March schedule.



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. Places are strictly limited for COVID reasons so you will need to register your attendance with Lisa in the office. All regular members of the 10am Wednesday congregation do NOT have to register though - we have already counted you in. We will be presenting John with a gift - if you would like to contribute to it you can place your money into a marked envelope in the offertory box.

Coming Events

14th-15th NOVEMBER

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

18th NOVEMBER

Celebration of Ministry:
John Cohen

28th NOVEMBER

Women's Christmas
Wreath Masterclass





Mission Update BCA

NARELLE COSIER

In regional Victoria, stage three restrictions stopped the return of face-to-face ministry. This meant that online services have continued during this time along with predominately over-the-phone pastoral care. One blessing of these online services is the kids' talks which have been made possible with the wonders of technology.

In other news, it was recently announced that the Rector of Christ Church, George Hemmings, is finishing his stint in Echuca to join the BCA team as the Youth and Families Ministry Development officer for the Diocese of Bendigo.

In the last few months, the Echuca/Moama community has experienced one of the biggest changes from COVID-19; the NSW/Victoria border closure. Thankfully, both Jacob and Sarah have had permission to cross the border for work. One of the biggest trials has been the increased travel times due to the closure - up to an hour for a trip that used to take only five minutes!

Jacob has continued to study Ministry and Theology at Ridley College online and Sarah continues to teach at River City Christian College, sometimes online, sometimes face-to-face.

Women's Christmas Wreath Masterclass

NAT GOODE

Christmas is just around the corner, and what better way to celebrate the season than joining your friends for a fun afternoon of friendship, food and crafting!

Come along and be treated to a Christmas Wreath Masterclass, join in some fun Christmas games and trivia, hear about the hope of the season, and enjoy feasting on lots of yummy Christmas treats!

Tickets are \$40, and include all materials.

You can also purchase a "just helping a friend" ticket for \$5 (to cover costs), but due to COVID restrictions, you would need to be related. COVID capacity limits apply, so places are limited.

Registration closes on Sunday 22nd Nov.





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Meet Kaysie du Plessis

My name is Kaysie du Plessis and I'm a 3rd year Bachelor of Social Work student at Charles Sturt University. I live in Wagga Wagga with my fiancé, Todd, and daughter, Miley. For most of my life my parents have been foster carers for Anglicare, fuelling my passion for child welfare. While I considered both law and psychology as ways of bettering the lives of disadvantaged young people, I eventually settled on Social Work and began my degree in 2018.

As part of the accreditation requirements of the AASW, social work students are required to complete 1000 hours of field education in an approved real world work site under the supervision of an accredited social worker. I am undertaking my first 500 hours with South Wagga Anglican Church. My primary role while here will be to evaluate SWAC's response to COVID-19 and the support and services they were able to provide to you all during this difficult time. I will also be taking part in many of the programs run by SWAC while I'm here, including Mainly Music, Youth Group, the Marriage Enrichment Course and Church Services to gain a sense of the work SWAC does on a day-to-day basis and the support they provide to parishioners and the community.

When not at work or university I enjoy being active, working in my veggie garden, making my own bread or pasta (or any type of cooking and baking!), reading fiction and spending time with my little family.

I look forward to meeting you all over the next few months and you'll hear from me again when it's time to start evaluating!



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Journey through the Acts of the Apostles

BIBLE READING GUIDE

SATURDAY	Acts 5:12-16	Psalm 42:1-7
MONDAY	Acts 5:17-26	Psalm 131
TUESDAY	Acts 5:27-42	Psalm 22:26-32
WEDNESDAY	Acts 6:1-7	Psalm 27:11-14
THURSDAY	Acts 6:8-15	Psalm 105:1-7
FRIDAY	Acts 7:1-16	Psalm 122



Current Sermon Series

PRAYERS OF THE BIBLE

During term four we are focusing on some of the great prayers of both the Old and New Testaments. The outline below provides a summary - the up and coming sermon is in **bold**.

4th OCT	Exodus 32	Moses: Mediation
18th OCT	1 Kings 8	Solomon: Dedication
25th OCT	Lamentations 5	Jeremiah: Restoration
1st NOV	Matthew 6:5-15	Jesus: Kingdom
8th NOV	John 17:1-26	Jesus: Unity
15th NOV	1 Thess 1:1-10	Paul: Thanksgiving
22nd NOV	Ephes 3:14-21	Paul: For You