

CONNECTIONS

Stories of the SWAC-scattered community



Partnership in Christian Ministry

SCOTT GOODE

The English poet John Donne wrote "no man is an island, entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main." It has been an important part of our Parish strategy, over the last five years, to ensure that we are a church for everyone - from cradle to grave. To this end we have invested resources into children's and youth and young adult ministry, into music ministry, and significantly, we have grown our reach into retirement villages and encouraged groups of all ages and stages. And yet, we are not an island, but part of the great continent of God's Kingdom. It is for this reason that we seek to connect with all sorts of ministries outside of our parish - throughout Australia and the world. One such ministry is AFES: the university ministry at CSU, and as we have sought the blessing of student ministry, so we have been blessed too. We again welcome campus staff team leader Steven Lister with us this weekend and prayerfully support the vital work of student ministry.



Coming Up:

SATURDAY 10th OCT

5pm St Alban's HC Service

SUNDAY 11th OCT

8am St Alban's HC Service
10am St Paul's Super Sunday
4pm St Paul's Family

WEDNESDAY 14th OCT

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

FRIDAY 16th OCT

10am St Paul's Gentle
Exercise Class
SWAC Youth holidays



Building a Safe & Strong Marriage

SCOTT & NAT GOODE

Join us for this five week marriage enrichment course covering five key 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.



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

Volunteers for mainly music

PAM GREEN

To run our mainly music program well, we are needing a few more interested people to join the team! Whether it's cooking or preparing food at home, or serving on the day, interacting with families or running the slides on the computer, every role is able to be tailored to suit what you can give.

Please get in touch with Pam, Kylie or Elisabeth if you would like to be involved. You can even check out a program and see what you think before committing fully. We start in 2 weeks!



mainly music est. 1990





Want to order a name badge?

We are putting another order in! If you would like a SWAC name badge, please let Lisa know by 15th October 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

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Our Annual General Meeting will be held at St Paul's 11.30am on Sunday 25th October. We can host around 70 people on site and we will also provide a Zoom link for electronic 'attendance' and participation.

We have emailed (or posted for those without email) the AGM reports and nomination forms for Parish Council, Wardens, Synod Representatives and Parish Nominators. Nominations will close on 22nd October. Voting will take place by postal ballot. For those present at the AGM they can place their ballot in the box provided and voting will remain open for a further two weeks for anybody else in the parish to cast their vote.

Although the AGM is a business meeting, it is also an opportunity to review the year and give thanks to God for all that has been.

Coming Events

17TH-18TH OCTOBER

Anglicare "Sunday"

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





The Social Dilemma

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This doco-film, available on Netflix, is worth a watch! Let me rephrase that - you need to watch it. The basic premise is that apps and software, which were originally designed to serve us as tools, have become our masters. The purpose of social media companies is to get your attention, keep your attention, and ensure that they keep creating revenue through advertising. The advertising companies are the customers, and we, human beings, are the 'product'. This is a very well produced film, and I would recommend everyone watch it!



Want to join a small group bible study?

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Our small groups are a place of friendship, support and learning. They are places where you can receive, and importantly, where you can give. Some meet at our church buildings, others in homes, and sometimes in neutral locations. Are you new to your faith? Or new to our church? Or perhaps you have been part of our church for a long time, but would like to test out a group. Why not talk to one of the clergy or staff ministry team and see what might suit you? This term, a few of the groups are using Discipleship Explored as a resource - a course designed to strengthen the faith of new and old Christians. Maybe this is an important step you need to take in your faith commitment and connection to your church community?

Dear South Wagga Anglican Church.
Love and greetings. I am very happy to write you again. How are you and your friends at SWAC? In my place, there is the pandemic. We are studying from home. Every time I go out, I have to wear mask and wash hands. I hope you and your family are in God's protection. I always pray for you. Regards, Rizkania.

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Brave Stone

BRAD ADDISON

Sometime in the late nineties, I was working a couple of jobs, including mentoring with kids in care and supervising contact with their parents. I'd been working with one young boy for a while, taking him on visits to see his grandparents. This day we were at the grandparents' house, sitting outside, waiting for his dad to come and see him.

Dad was recently out of jail, so there hadn't been any contact for over a year. My boy was anxious; I could see it in his eyes. I asked him how he was feeling and he said he was feeling scared. I picked up the nearest stone and handed it to him. I explained that this wasn't an ordinary stone, it was a brave stone. I told him to put it in his pocket, and whenever he felt scared, all he had to do was put his hand in his pocket and give it a squeeze, and it would make him feel brave. The visit went well and he was fine, so I guess it worked.

A few weeks later we were having another contact. We were chatting and waiting for dad to arrive, and I mentioned to my boy that I had an interview the next day and I was feeling nervous. Without missing a beat, he picked up a stone, handed it to me, and told me it was my brave stone.

Needless to say, I had that brave stone in my pocket the next day. I guess it worked, the interview went well, I got the job as a post release case worker with Bungarimbal (later known as Anglicare) and kicked off what would be the next 20 years of my career. I still have my brave stone. It's moved house with me, it's travelled around the world with me. It was in my pocket when I spoke at my Nana's funeral. It was in my pocket when I presented at the National Anglicare Conference. It's in my pocket whenever I need to be brave.

Now, here's the thing: I know my stone doesn't really have any special powers. But it reminds me that if the kids I work with every day, who have faced grief and trauma unimaginable to most of us; if they can be brave, so can I.



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Mediatory Prayer of Moses

Exodus 32:11-14 *But Moses sought the favour of the Lord his God. "Lord," he said, "why should your anger burn against your people, whom you brought out of Egypt with great power and a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out, to kill them in the mountains and to wipe them off the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce anger; relent and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac and Israel, to whom you swore by your own self: 'I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and I will give your descendants all this land I promised them, and it will be their inheritance forever.'" Then the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.*

Oh, friends, if we habitually pray, we shall know how to pray when times become more pressing than usual. You cannot go into your chamber, and shut the door, and begin a mighty intercessory prayer if you have never been to the mercy-seat before. There is no man of God if there is no prayer, for prayer makes the man into "the man of God." So, instinctively, though startled and saddened to the last degree, Moses is on his knees, beseeching the Lord his God.

Read more at <https://www.spurgeon.org/resource-library/sermons/the-mediation-of-moses/#flipbook/>

Journey through the miraculous signs

BIBLE READING GUIDE

SATURDAY	John 9:1-41	Psalm 105:1-7
MONDAY	John 11:17-44	Psalm 113
TUESDAY	John 20:1-9	Psalm 119:41-48
WEDNESDAY	John 20:11-18	Psalm 1
THURSDAY	John 20:19-23	Psalm 98:1-7
FRIDAY	John 20:24-31	Psalm 33:6-12

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