

CONNECTIONS

Stories of the SWAC-scattered community



NSW Guidelines for Places of Worship

SCOTT GOODE

We continue to monitor the latest advice from the government and note that the 4m2 rule and need for social distancing means that the capacity of both St Paul's and St Alban's remain at about one third of what they usually are. We are not to mingle and we should be seated for both church and for morning tea/supper 1.5m apart. We are still not permitted to sing inside, although we can have up to 5 singers performing. We are so thankful for your ongoing patience and flexibility in all these matters.

There have, however, been changes for outside services with up to 30 singers permitted AND the audience/congregation allowed to participate if they are wearing a mask (and are 12 years or older). This new development may inform our planning for Christmas services as we now enter the season of Advent. I will advise the parish as soon as is possible.



Coming Up:

SATURDAY 28th NOV

5pm St Alban's EP Service

SUNDAY 29th NOV

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

TUESDAY 1st DEC

10am St Paul's mainly music

WEDNESDAY 2nd DEC

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

THURSDAY 3rd DEC

10am St Paul's mainly music

FRIDAY 4th DEC

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



School Scripture Opportunity

Special Religious Education Teachers needed for 2021! We would love to hear from you if you might be interested in teaching SRE in 2021. We have 4 Public schools in Wagga that have not received any scripture teaching this year.

We need more SRE teachers to be able to enter into these schools to share the good news of Jesus. We are going to be providing training in December, so our teachers can be ready for next year.

For more information please talk to Lexi Ward (Ph:0413 677 040) EMAIL: wiccet2650@gmail.com



Watering the SWAC Gardens

PETER KEITH

During the hotter months of December, January, February and March, the small Chain Gang gardening team would appreciate the specific help of 2 – 3 parishioners willing to offer just one hour each a week to help water the west side established and mulched gardens at St Paul's from one tap and one hose under the large shady tree. This would make an enormous difference in maintaining these gardens well. The team will do all the rest.

Please contact Peter Keith on 0401 204 212 if you'd like to help out!

Coming Events

27th NOVEMBER

10am St Alban's Coffee

28th NOVEMBER

Women's Christmas Wreath Masterclass

6TH DECEMBER

10am Super Sunday

16th DECEMBER

Chain Gang XMAS lunch

18TH DECEMBER

Ladies Link XMAS lunch

CHRISTMAS SERVICES
TO BE ADVISED





Anglican Board of Mission Advent Appeal

This Advent & Christmas, join with ABM in supporting Wontulp-Bi-Buya College and Nungalingya College. Your support will empower Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people to be leaders with the faith, vision & skills to build up their people, their churches & communities. You will also be supporting people with disabilities in Rural Kenya to join in ABM's Sustainable Livelihoods Program as well as supporting men in Eastern Zambia to build strong networks of men who say 'NO' to gender based violence. Envelopes are available in the foyer, or go to abmission.org.au/christmas2020 to give online. Your gift is tax deductible.



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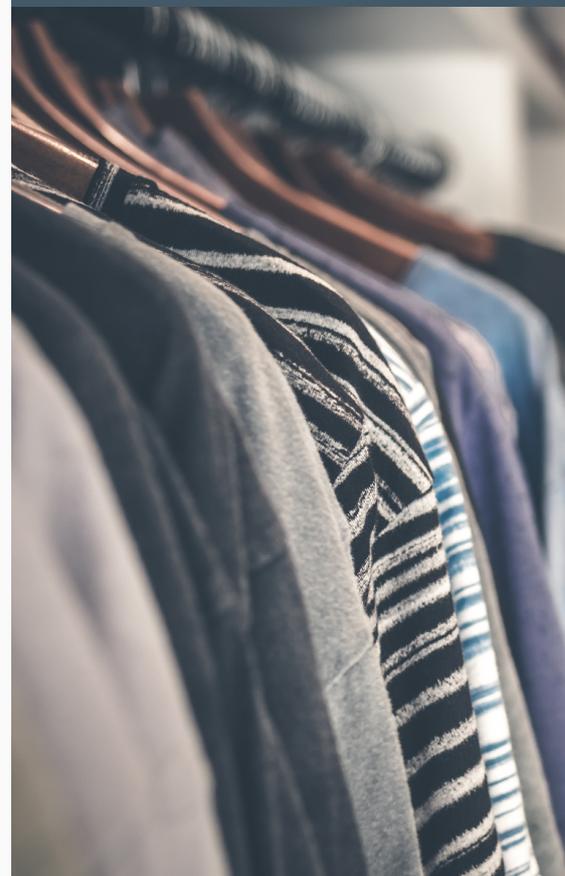
Anglican Op-Shop

SHOP MANAGER-CINDY

We are in desperate need for some help at our Op Shop at 23 Fitzmaurice Street.

We particularly need volunteers who are physically able to lift and help with the more physical side of the Op shop. If you are able to give a few hours of your time on a regular basis we would love to hear from you. Please call Cindy on 6925 8240 between 10am & 2pm. Thank you!!

**Reminder
for our Ladies Link
Christmas Lunch that
reservations close on
December 11.
RSVP to the office
or phone
Helen:
(0402 904 478)
or Jan:
(0447 191 970)**





Congratulations to Michael & Anne Salway who welcomed a new grandson into their family: James.



Staff Retreat and 2021 Planning

SCOTT GOODE

How many Peters are there in our parish? The answer is ten! Last Friday the Ministry team went to St Martin's College to spend a day together in team building and development, and planning for 2020. We started with a trivia game and learnt that there are ten Peters in our church family - always room for more!

We shared some insights we gained from a 'leading from your strengths' analysis tool, and we watched a vodcast about calm and present leadership in a long term crisis. Importantly we shared some reflections about where our journey as a church is, and spent some time in prayer.

We also did some limited planning for 2020 which is not so easy in light of the COVID variables that remain in play. As we begin to look to 2021 and beyond we can recognise:

1. The retirement village ministries are slowly beginning to resume in limited numbers.
2. The Education Department anticipates a full Scripture program, including assembly modes of SRE, in term 1 2021.
3. Almost all of our ministries and programs have resumed now in some capacity.
4. Members of our church community continue to return each week for the first time since the pandemic began.
5. We continue to offer both physical and online services to cater for the different needs of people.
6. Each service has experienced newcomers visiting or joining their congregations since the COVID comeback.
7. Matt Bailey is planning a new primary school kids club to commence in 2021.
8. Our Youth Group has experienced quite incredible growth in new young people since the COVID comeback.
9. We continue to have conflicting feelings about our physical church gatherings, needing to socially distance and the restrictions around singing.



OFFICE HOURS:

Our office is
now open:
10am - 2:00pm
Mon to Fri

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Warden Contact

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Journey through the Acts of the Apostles

BIBLE READING GUIDE

SATURDAY	Acts 12:1-5	Psalm 95:1-7
MONDAY	Acts 12:6-11	Psalm 19:1-6
TUESDAY	Acts 12:12-19	Psalm 122
WEDNESDAY	Acts 12:20-25	Psalm 72:1-7
THURSDAY	Acts 13:1-3	Psalm 23
FRIDAY	Acts 13:4-12	Psalm 118:19-25

For Your Prayers

Our condolences are with Denyse Melton and her family as they mourn the passing of Denyse's mother Marjorie. Also long term parishioner Olive Barbar passed away suddenly this week with her funeral likely to be the end of next week at St Paul's.

Advent Sermon Series

During term four we enter the season of Advent. The outline below provides a summary.

29th NOV	Mark 13:24-37	Advent 1
6th DEC	Mark 1:1-8	Advent 2
13th DEC	John 1:6-8, 19-28	Advent 3
20th DEC	Luke 1:26-38	Advent 4
24th DEC	Luke 1:67-69	Christmas Eve
25th DEC	Luke 2:1-20	Christmas Day