

CONNECTIONS

Stories of the SWAC-scattered community



Singing Christmas Carols... Very Soon

SCOTT GOODE

From next Monday 7th December there will be a considerable easing of NSW restrictions including:

1. Singing will be allowed indoors - masks recommended but not required.
2. The maximum number of people allowed per venue will be doubled (based on square meterage).

The details are yet to be released and there will be much in the 'fine print' that also needs consideration. Parish Council will review these latest changes when it meets next Tuesday and I will advise the parish as soon as possible as to any changes in our parish practice.

I did intend to let you know our plans for Christmas too, but these unexpected changes now open up new opportunities that were not previously available. I will advertise our Christmas services as soon as possible.



Coming Up:

SATURDAY 5th NOV

5pm St Alban's HC Service

SUNDAY 6th NOV

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

TUESDAY 8th DEC

10am St Paul's mainly music

WEDNESDAY 9th DEC

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

THURSDAY 10th DEC

10am St Paul's mainly music

FRIDAY 11th DEC

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



Wreath Making

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Last Saturday, after a long COVID wait, SWAC women gathered for our Christmas Wreath Masterclass! Amanda Bailey's mother Teresa Murphy was our florist instructor who did a wonderful job explaining the art of wreath making! Much fun was had by all, and each and every creation was beautiful and unique in its design. As well as the wreath making, and enjoying one another's company, we were also treated to a delicious afternoon tea and a fantastic gospel message! Our guest speaker, Dianne Whittaker, is a gifted communicator and was until recently the creative arts director at Dapto Anglican Church. Thank you to all those who helped behind the scenes to not only make this event possible, but joyfully created a friendly space for the women of our community to belong and feel welcome.



Kylie Polkinghorne MTS Appointment

Kylie has been appointed to a two year ministry traineeship with a focus on family and community connections. Kylie, along with Jeremy, Reuben and Isaiah have been part of SWAC since 2018 and she first came on staff when covering for a maternity leave playgroup coordinator position. Over time, Kylie's passion for God and people, along with her gifts and capacity for theological thinking, has become increasingly evident. MTS provides a two year structure that allows for ministry mentoring, theological study, and practical ministry. We will have a commissioning service early next year and in time, we will be inviting all in our church to enter into financial partnership with her, in order to fund this commitment.

The plant and garage sale held two weekends ago raised around \$800! Thank you to all who made it happen.





Christmas Messages for CMS

Encourage a CMS missionary with an online Christmas gift! This year, we have put together a new initiative to connect with, inspire, and encourage our missionaries as they share the hope of Jesus. Christmas can feel lonely for missionaries, but you can help fill their celebrations with encouraging messages and a reminder of your support. No need for wrapping paper for this gift – simply head to **cms.org.au/christmasgift** where you can write a personal message, attach a family photo, and make an optional financial contribution to support their ministry.

Our CMS missionaries are Nick & Kysha Davies in Peru.



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

6TH DECEMBER

10am Super Sunday

16th DECEMBER

Chain Gang XMAS lunch

18TH DECEMBER

Ladies Link XMAS lunch

CHRISTMAS SERVICES
TO BE ADVISED





Rev Ian Forsyth serving at SWAC 2021

SCOTT GOODE

I am delighted that Rev Ian and his wife Margaret have agreed to assist our parish in 2021. Ian will be serving at St Alban's across the weekends and on Wednesday at my request - likely presiding and/or preaching at about four services per month. The Forsyth's have served in ministry with BCA and across many dioceses, and usually worship at St John's Wagga Wagga. Interestingly, our families know each other, having resided and worshipped in Penrith during the 1980s and 90s.



Beryl Perkins Featured in Sunday Telegraph

Beryl Perkins is a long term member of St Alban's and the photo on the right appeared in the Sunday Telegraph, Sunday 27th September 2020, on the page featuring "Your Favourite Photos." The caption read "Beryl Perkins at nurse training in the UK in 1952. She now lives in Wagga Wagga with her husband Peter."

Beryl trained at Blackburn Royal Infirmary and did her midwifery at West Middlesex and South London Hospitals and worked as a midwife in Battersea and Clapham in London - as in "Call the Midwife." The photo above was taken in Battersea - Beryl is on the left.

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





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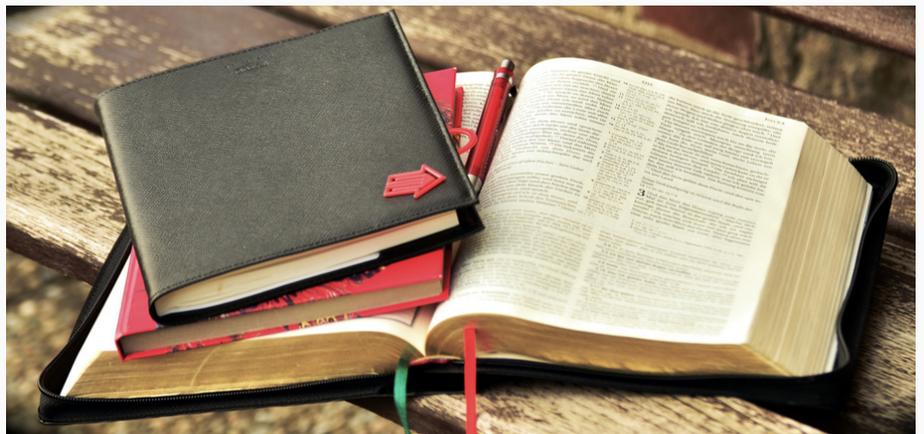
St Paul's: Peter Hilton
St Alban's: Robyn Clarke



Journey through the Acts of the Apostles

BIBLE READING GUIDE

SATURDAY	Acts 12:1-5	Psalm 147:1-6
MONDAY	Acts 12:6-11	Psalm 85:8-13
TUESDAY	Acts 12:12-19	Psalm 96:7-13
WEDNESDAY	Acts 12:20-25	Psalm 103:1-5
THURSDAY	Acts 13:1-3	Psalm 41:13-20
FRIDAY	Acts 13:4-12	Psalm 48:17-19



Advent Sermon Series

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

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
27th DEC	Luke 2:22-40	Christmas 1