

CONNECTIONS

Stories of the SWAC community



Easter 2021

SCOTT GOODE

Easter is an immersion into the story of Jesus' betrayal, death, burial and resurrection. Please do join in that narrative through our Easter services and discover your own story of death and new life. This is also an important time to invite family and friends to church and there are lots of opportunities to do so. Easter blessings, Scott.



Easter
SERVICES
AT SOUTH WAGGA ANGLICAN

<p>MAUNDY THURSDAY 7PM ST PAUL'S HOLY COMMUNION</p> <p>GOOD FRIDAY 8AM ST ALBAN'S HOLY COMMUNION 9AM ST PAUL'S FAMILY COMMUNION</p>	<p>EASTER SATURDAY 5PM ST ALBAN'S EVENING PRAYER</p> <p>EASTER SUNDAY 8AM ST ALBAN'S HOLY COMMUNION 10AM ST PAUL'S FAMILY CELEBRATION</p>
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Coming Events

WEDNESDAY 31st MARCH

10am St Alban's John Cohen's
Celebration of Ministry

MAUNDY THURS 1st APRIL

7pm St Paul's Holy Communion
& Service of the Shadows

GOOD FRI 2nd APRIL

8am St Alban's Holy
Communion
9am St Paul's Family
Communion

EASTER SAT 3rd APRIL

5pm St Alban's Evening Prayer

EASTER SUN 4th APRIL

8am St Alban's Holy
Communion
10am St Paul's Family
Celebration

THURSDAY 29th APR

St Martin's Student Dinner



Ministry in our Retirement Villages

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We hold services and ministry in six of our local Retirement Villages. Some are quite active such as the Grange which functions as a 'fresh expression' of church for that community. Others are more traditional, providing a music and simple communion ministry for those suffering from dementia and other frailness. Thankfully, after a long 'Covid pause', all of these ministries will have resumed by May.

Would you like to be involved? We need people willing to help with music or singing or even leading the prayers or bible talk, and certainly talking to the residents afterwards. Please speak to Scott Goode.



Mt Austin Public Uniform Drive

KYLIE POLKINGHORNE

Our recent uniform donation drive was a real success! Thank you to everyone who supported that initiative. We were able to donate a large number of uniforms to Mt Austin and when Matt Bailey dropped them in to the school he was met with very positive surprise at our generosity! What a wonderful way to strengthen the relationship between SWAC and our local school. Matt runs Scripture at the school and we are seeing new families come along to the Friday afternoon Kids Club so the link into the school community is developing nicely this year.

We are looking to grow our volunteer teams that minister in our local retirement villages. Speak to Scott Goode.





St Martin's Dinner

The first St. Martin's Student Dinner was well attended both by SWAC and the students of the college. The evening began with a commissioning and welcome to Sue Bazzana as the new Head of College. Then we enjoyed delicious food so generously provided by many, and got to know the students. Some lovely connections were made and one of the students came along to the Men's shooting event as a result. Our next student dinner is in late April and everyone from SWAC is welcome to come along and contribute to our partnership with St Marty's.



SWAC Youth Growing

AMANDA BAILEY

Youth group has been fantastic so far in 2021! Each week I, along with a team of seven other amazing leaders, have the great privilege of pointing our ever growing youth community to Jesus. We have seen more youth in attendance on Friday nights than ever before due to our connection with Scripture in our local schools, as well as a renewed passion in our young people to invite friends each week. Friday nights consist of Growth Groups, where we spend time in God's word, games and community dinner. Please pray for our young people that Jesus would have a profound impact on their lives - these youth are indeed the next generation!



Republished church member directories are now available in church foyers - these are to replace February editions in which there were mistakes.



Women's High Tea

KYLIE POLKINGHORNE

On Saturday the 13th of March we held a very enjoyable High Tea event. It was well attended, with 70 women gathering together for afternoon tea, fellowship and to hear from Elisabeth Holland on the topic of faith during uncertain times. It was wonderful to have women of all ages together, from both St Alban's and St Paul's, as well as some from bible study groups, mainly music and friends and daughters of regular attenders. Thank you to Nat Goode for her leadership, to Leanne Brown and the team who served us in the kitchen, and to Elisabeth, Amanda and Susan Moi who shared during the talk.



MOCLAM is the name of the course that we know as Moore College's Preliminary Theological Certificate (PTC). The Davies teach this course to Pastors (both practicing and those in training).

CMS Link Missionaries in Peru

NICK & KYSHA DAVIES

It has been a year since Peru entered a strict lockdown and in that time there have been varying increases and relaxes of restrictions, terrible death rates, two changes in government, society and churches hammered, and the recent slow roll out of vaccines. But there have been many students undertaking MOCLAM (theology) courses by themselves, in small groups or online with us. God has blessed us by raising up brothers and sisters in Christ who want to study despite hardship.

Give thanks for those studying throughout Latin America and for the vaccine roll out.

Pray for God's kindness to end the pandemic, for those studying and our preparation for courses as we juggle various responsibilities.





Vision 2025

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It has been said that if you aim for nothing, you will be sure to achieve it. To have a church vision is to have a future picture of ourselves, and it is time to revisit our SWAC vision for the next five years. Over the next six months we will be undertaking a visioning or MAP (Mission Action Plan) process, with the assistance of retired Bishop Trevor Edwards:

May - a series of meetings with parish groups to reflect on where our church is at, and to begin to pray.

June - an invitation to participate in a survey.

August - Parish leadership to undertake a MAP workshop with Trevor Edwards.

September & October - further prayer, reflection and communication with the parish.

November - Formulation of vision statement

February 2022 - Vision launch.

“I define a leader as anyone who takes responsibility for finding the potential in people and processes, and who has the courage to develop that potential.”

BRENÉ BROWN

Mens Ministry 2021 went off with a 'bang'

SCOTT GOODE

After a twelve month delay due to COVID, the men of SWAC finally went on their shooting event. We shot .22 calibre rifles and were also treated to some bigger guns including a classic muzzle loaded rifle, and a .303 Enfield. There was lots of opportunities for talking and friendship too as we car pooled out and back, and also enjoyed a bbq on site. Our thanks to Club President and member of SWAC, Arthur Robinson, for the generous hospitality he and his team showed us.





**Our Purlers
knitting group
meets every
Wednesday at St
Paul's from
midday and is
always ready to
welcome new
members.**



Beginners Ukulele Group

LEE CASPERSONN

Have you always wanted to play a musical instrument and never had the opportunity to learn? If so, this is your chance to learn, to meet new people and have fun at the same time.

A ukulele group for absolute beginners will be starting up soon. There are two or three ukuleles available for you to try, but if you have your own, or can beg or borrow one, that would be good.

Where: St Paul's

When: 11am on Friday mornings (except on Ladies Link-up days) - starting after Easter

Contact: Lee Caspersonn (0488 952 000) or Scott Goode



Thank you to the SWAC community

MATT & EINASLEIGH HAPPER

Thank you for helping us welcome Dorothy into the world. She is lucky to be entering such a kind and caring community - and we are lucky to be so well fed.

The support we have received from SWAC in the way of meals since Dorothy's arrival has made our transition into parenthood that much easier.

Thank you!



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St Alban's: Robyn Clarke

Operation Christmas Child

NARELLE COSIER

When people tell Karabo Maretlane he's lucky, he says, "I'm chosen."

Karabo grew up in a village in the southern African nation of Lesotho. When he was 5 years old, his father died and his mother left him with his grandmother. As this elderly woman raised him, she taught him how to read, write, and follow God. But Karabo's grandmother died when he was still young and, shortly afterward, his mother died as well. Loneliness set in like never before as he realised he was an orphan. Karabo's uncle soon invited him to come live with him in the city. It was there that a friend invited him to an Operation Christmas Child outreach event where he received a box full of gifts just for him. "That shoebox filled one of the holes in my heart," he said. Today Karabo is part of a family again and he encourages others to pack shoebox gifts for other kids around the world: "If you hear the voice of God, do not harden your heart" (paraphrasing Hebrews 3:15).

Now more than ever, children need hope. You can bless a child like Karabo with great joy and the Good News of Jesus Christ by packing a shoebox.

<https://www.samaritanspurse.org.au/>

Operation Christmas Child is a hands-on way to bless children in need around the world by filling shoeboxes with toys, hygiene items, school supplies and other fun gifts.

The gift-filled shoeboxes are distributed to children in over 100 countries in the name of Jesus Christ.

After receiving a shoebox gift, children have the opportunity to enrol in *The Greatest Journey* – a dynamic 12-lesson Bible study course that guides children through what it means to faithfully follow Jesus Christ.

For more information contact Jan Fitzsimmons on 0447 191970.





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Parish Council Update: March

The Parish Council is made up of duly elected and appointed members of the Parish who are responsible, with the Rector, for overseeing the ministries of the church. The Council meets on a monthly basis, receives reports, monitors the budget and makes decisions around property, finances, and ministry.

Pertinent information from the March meeting includes:

- The St Alban's roof replacement project is imminent.
- The Koorungal Rectory guest room en-suite is being renovated due to deterioration of the tiles and grout.
- A fenced area for children at St Paul's in the eastern area outside the Upper Room has been approved in principle. Project details are still being worked through.
- 2025 vision process to be commenced.

SWAC Pastoral Care Team

SCOTT GOODE

Against the backdrop of COVID, and the increasing pastoral care opportunities before us, we have commenced a new Pastoral Care structure in our church. In one sense, pastoral care is everyone's responsibility and privilege. We are all called to a ministry of care, inclusion, encouragement and teaching of one another. And yet, I need a more concrete structure to work alongside in order to ensure:

1. Each member of our church is being prayed for.
2. To encourage our relationships and Christian community.
3. To encourage Christian discipleship across our parish.
4. To assist in personal visitation (e.g. home communion) for those more 'shut in'.

The team has been asked to commit for a period of twelve months at a time, and so I commend to you this group of godly and caring leaders: Bill & Deborah Anscombe, Matt Bailey, Leanne Brown, Laraine Callinan, Robyn Clarke, Judith Cottee, Bruce Durham, Ian & Margaret Forsyth, Stuart Gamble, Scott & Nat Goode, Peter & Trish Hilton, Elisabeth Holland, Kylie Polkinghorne and Sue Savage.

Please do make contact with any of these people if you desire prayer or a listening ear.



We need to be equipped not so much with a 'right answer' but with right thinking - the ability to think issues through in a way that is both biblical and gospel-shaped.

Evening Church - Term 2 Controversial Christianity

During term two we will be tackling some important topics at Evening Church and hearing from a number of guest speakers. Increasingly we need to be equipped not so much with a 'right answer', but right thinking - the ability to think issues through in a way that is both biblical and gospel-shaped. Life is complicated, but God is bringing a renewed mind and heart and right thinking to us, as we experience transformation through a relationship with our Triune God.

With that in mind, check out the list of topics and speakers we have planned during term two:

18th April: **How science supports faith in God** by Graeme McLean

25th April: **Does it make sense that there are many ways to God** by Matt Bailey

2nd May: **Consent in the age of sex** by Susan Bazzana & Scott Goode

9th May: **What do zombies teach us about ourselves & Jesus** by Matt Tan

16th May: **Experience a meaning to life that suffering cannot take away** by Amanda Bailey

23rd May: **Why God's love requires justice & hell** by Scott Goode

30th May: **How Jesus achieves racial justice** by Yangi Uchalla

6th June: **What Jesus has achieved for woman** by Kylie Polkinghorne & Scott Goode

13th June: **Can I be a Christian and experience mental illness?** by Adam Warren

20th June: **Can we make sense of the value of human life without God** by Graeme McLean

