

CONNECTIONS

Stories of the SWAC community



St Alban's Thanksgiving & Dedication Service

SCOTT GOODE

After more than a decade of planning, the St Alban's roof project is complete and more than fifty people gathered on Saturday 29th May at our Thanksgiving Service. Ven. Dr. Grant Bell spoke on behalf of Bishop Mark congratulating the Parish on its wonderful achievement. We 'raised the roof' in song, and gave thanks to God for many decades of ministry. We also dedicated ourselves to be the Lord's house, built on the foundation of Jesus Christ. Indeed, the size of the congregation at St Alban's has doubled over recent years, with no small thanks to the folk of St Paul's who have invested so much in this community. With a new roof comes the added benefit of quality insulation! And with new air conditioners being installed (just in time) as winter approaches, we look forward to having a warm and inviting building in the months ahead. There also remains about \$7000 worth of ceiling repairs to undertake where water damage has taken its toll over recent years. The parish should be proud of what it has achieved!



Coming Events

FRIDAY 18TH JUNE

Ladies Link-Up

SATURDAY 19TH JUNE

EQUIP21 Women's Conference
St Paul's

SUNDAY 20TH JUNE

Parish AGM 1130am St Paul's

FRIDAY 2nd JULY

Koorungal Chinese Luncheon

SUNDAY 11th JULY

South Sudan Prayer Event

THURSDAY 15th JULY

St Martin's Dinner



Building Community

ROBYN CLARKE

Once a quarter we head down to the Koorinal Chinese restaurant to connect in friendship with one another. The core group is from our St Alban's community but we often invite friends from outside the church and certainly people from St Paul's also come. We missed this during Covid restrictions, but have now had our second lunch for the year. Such community building opportunities are an important way for us to keep connecting and inviting our friends to see Christian community in action. Would you like to join us next time? Our next luncheon is on Friday 2nd July from noon.



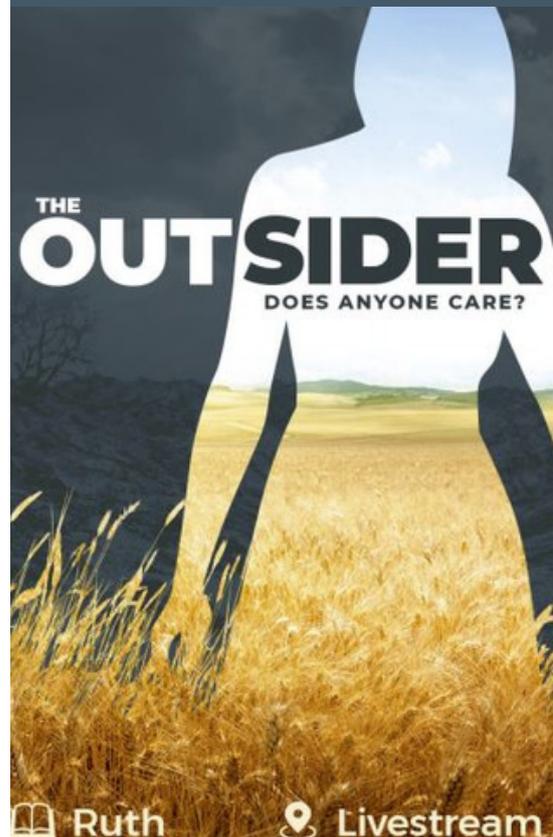
Equip Women's Conference

NAT GOODE

Did you know that the New Testament authors don't directly quote from the book of Ruth? And God is only mentioned twice! The Old Testament was written not only for God's people back then, but also for us. What does this story about two widows in the Middle East, thousands of years ago, have to do with us?

Join us on the 19th of June 2021 to hear God's Word to us in the book of Ruth. EQUIP Women 21 will be livestreamed at St Paul's, Turvey Park. Tickets are \$30, including morning tea, coffee and lunch. Open Door Christian Bookshop will also be set up at the event. Please contact our church office on 02 6925 1707 for more information about the event.

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Koorinal
Chinese Lunch
is on Friday 2nd
July from noon.
Contact Robyn
Clarke to
secure your
place.





St Alban's Open Day

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When the cranes were onsite replacing the St Alban's roof the entire suburb of Koorungal could see something was happening at our church. It was time to give this same community a look on the inside and at the people who make up our parish. So we hosted a special afternoon of plant and garage sales, kids activities and coffees and sausage sizzle. A handful of people also went on a short tour of the church building and reflected on their childhood or other memories of the building.



Despite the cool weather, and only short notice, we had a steady stream of visitors and more than sixty sausages were consumed. The aim was not to raise money but build community, and yet we still managed to raise \$579, all of which will go towards the cost of replacing the roof. Thank you to the teams and individuals who hosted or visited on that afternoon - you are truly appreciated!



A reminder that our Sunday morning St Alban's service will now commence at 830am until daylight savings starts in October.





Thank you to our Tech Teams

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My first memory of attending church was during the 1980s when I was given a prayer book and a song book as I entered the church. Then during the 1990s I was handed only a Prayer Book and the overhead projector and screen became the way in which the song lyrics were displayed. From the early 2000s, integrated computers and projectors started replacing the humble overhead projector, and they were able to display both liturgy and lyrics. Of course, there are positives and negatives with every method, but this technological trend has been developing for some time now and with livestreaming, presentation software, online musical licences, and media tools, the tech desk is now a staple part of modern church life. Why not thank the members of our tech teams next time you see them? And we are always looking for new team members.



Tax Deductible Kingdom Opportunity

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Want to make a tax deductible donation as the new financial year looms? Both Amanda Bailey and Kylie Polkinghorne are completing MTS traineeships which means they are undertaking hands-on ministry with us on a part time basis, and completing their diploma level theology/ministry studies online. And what a difference they are making in the life of our church! If you want to donate to their funding you can do so by going online to www.mts.com.au/support/apprentices/ and searching for their names.

Our Parish AGM is at 1130am on Sunday 20th June at St Paul's. We will receive reports, pass our budget, and elect Parish Councillors and Wardens.





Update from Nick and Kysha

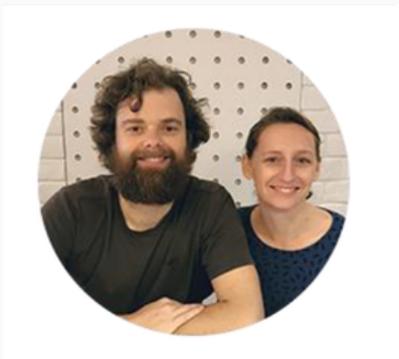
CMS

While covid numbers seem to be heading down after nearly 10 weeks at record highs, they're still above the first wave. And still folks want to study. Mid last week we got word that our main ministry partners here, Jorge and Nelsa, were diagnosed with Covid. While both are stable, they are high risk - please pray.

As well her current classes and one-on-ones, Kysha is also kicking off a new online course, this time team teaching with a women in Mexico who has connections with Sarah Sholl's ministry in Mexico. Nick is starting courses with two denominations. One is for some of the leadership of a large denomination who are looking for deepen the biblical knowledge of pastors. Having observed lots of inspirational and fluffy sermons, they know their churches need pastors who better preach the word of God.

Between the two of us, we're both teaching courses every night of the week (except weekends). Praise God for the interest of students.

Give thanks for slight reduction in Covid infections, for the new courses. Please pray for God's mercy on Peru, for Jorge and Nelsa, and for our preparation for courses.



SWAC Pastoral Care Team

Our pastoral team is made up of the following members: Bill and Deborah Anscombe, Matt Bailey, Leanne Brown, Laraine Callinan, Robyn Clarke, Judith Cottee, Bruce Durham, Ian and Margaret Forsyth, Stuart Gamble, Scott and Nat Goode, Peter and Trish Hilton, Elisabeth Holland, Kylie Polkinghorne and Sue Savage.

Pastoral care is everyone's responsibility and privilege as we care, encourage and pray for one another. However, this team works with Scott in a particular way to oversee our congregations and they are available for prayer or a conversation if you would like to contact any of them.

Nick and Kysha Davies serve the Lord through CMS in Lima, Peru. Their role is to train local pastors in theology and ministry.





Vision 2025+

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For the rest of this year we are undertaking a Mission Action Planning (MAP) process. This involves me firstly meeting with as many small groups of our parishioners as possible, after which we will invite you to fill out a survey. These results will be presented at a Vision Workshop in August with our Parish Leadership and facilitated by retired Bishop Trevor Edwards. We hope to clarify our values and strategic goals for the next five years, and launch a new SWAC vision in early 2022. So, keep an eye out for these surveys, and I look forward to meeting with as many of you as possible, in small groups, over the coming month.



From August 23rd, Scott and Nat will be on Long Service Leave from the parish for a period of six weeks. Our locum during this period will be retired Bishop Trevor Edwards.

Pray our SWAC Vision Prayer

We are encouraging our church to be praying and have developed a simple but profound example. Will you pray individually and in small groups the following?

Gracious Father, who loves the world so much that you gave your Son Jesus Christ. Guide us as we develop our parish vision for the future, inspire our hearts to bear witness to Jesus in both our words and actions, that we might commit together to make known the power of your forgiveness and the hope of Christ's resurrection; for we ask it for Jesus' sake. Amen.





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'Parish Council Update - May

- A Mission Action Planning and vision process is underway.
- A '360 Performance Review' of Scott was completed as part of his professional development.
- The St Alban's roof replacement is complete and we now await internal ceiling repairs and the replacement of air conditioning units.
- A facility review is being drafted for St Paul's to consider the future of the St Paul's Rectory and the best way to replace the church roof.
- A 2022 Inter-church city mission is being planned with John Dickson speaking over an extended weekend at various churches and venues around Wagga.
- Our Parish is working towards the new Diocesan Safe Ministry Screening processes.
- Both Parish residential buildings are being inspected for termite or pest damage as part of a regular review.
- The St Paul's internal foyer doors are being repaired.
- Scott will take his Long Service Leave from August 23rd for a period of six weeks. Bishop Trevor Edwards will be the Locum.
- Our Parishioners are encouraged to give generously. Although we started the year well, monthly offertory has been below budget since.

