

CONNECTIONS

Stories of the SWAC community



Proceeding with Caution

SCOTT GOODE

As the Covid situation in Sydney continues to escalate we are proceeding with caution. We can only have five people into our homes so I note that some Bible Study groups are now meeting online. We continue to wear masks inside our buildings and our regular programs are being assessed for size and other risks.

It has been great to see so many people still joining us for worship and there are many watching the live-stream too. If you want a weekly email with the live-stream link therein, please just let Scott know. Our worship services are:

- Sat 5pm Prayer Book at St Alban's - Life of Jesus series
- Sun 8am Prayer Book at St Alban's - Belong, Believe, Become
- Sun 10am Family Service St Paul's - Belong, Believe, Become
- Sun 5pm Evening Church St Paul's - Parables: Big Ideas

And our Wed 10am Prayer Book service at St Alban's is also available for anyone to join us.



Coming Events

TUESDAY 3rd AUGUST

Carevan resumes
St Alban's 6pm

THURSDAY 12th AUGUST

Carevan resumes
St Paul's 6pm

FRIDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER

Koorinal Chinese Luncheon

SUNDAY 5th SEPTEMBER

Fathers' Day

THURSDAY 9th SEPTEMBER

St Martin's Dinner

22nd - 24th SEPTEMBER

Holiday Kids Club

SUNDAY 3rd October

Eve Church Term 4 - Proverbs

SUNDAY 21st NOVEMBER

Commitment (confirmation)
Sunday



Update from Nick and Kysha

CMS

As parts of Peru sees numbers go down while in others they go up, and the Delta variant starting to make an appearance, gracias a Dios students are still studying with us and are coming to the pointy end another round of courses. This means we're in a cross-over time of chasing up students and doing exam administration, while preparing for upcoming courses. There have also been some opportunities to help other organisations. Nick was asked to do a two-hour version of Introduction to the Bible for a group from COMPA, the Mexican IFES organisation. This last weekend he was able to do a study on a pasaje (passage) from Ephesians with CEC Profesional, the young workers arms of the Panamanian IFES organisation. While being online is far from ideal, it does mean being able to join in the encouragement and fellowship of brothers and sisters from around the continent.



Gracias a Dios (give thanks for):

- For the students who have been able to keep up with their studies
- For big vaccination efforts here in Peru
- The opportunities to support other organisations around Latin America.

Por Favor (please pray for):

- Upcoming exams
- Our preparation of courses
- The effects of the NSW outbreak on our planned home assignment at the end of this year.

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+

SCOTT GOODE

Thank you! We have received approximately 80 surveys back so far and will soon collate the data for our up and coming vision workshop. In mid August, retired Bishop Trevor Edwards is due to come and facilitate this workshop for around 30-40 of our parish leaders. Our purpose is to prayerfully evaluate the strength and weaknesses of our church and articulate a fresh vision going forward. We will provide our whole parish with updates through the months to come and seek to have a celebratory event together at the beginning of next year. In the meantime, please be praying that we would hear the Lord's voice in all this and to follow His lead.



Pray our SWAC Vision Prayer

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

Gracious Father, in love you gave your only Son for the sins of the world. Guide us as we develop and commit to our parish vision for the future. Inspire us all to bear witness in word and deed to the power of your forgiveness and the hope of Christ's resurrection, for we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

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.





OFFICE HOURS:

Our office is
now open:
10am - 2:30pm
Mon to Fri

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Warden Contact

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

Confirmation, Membership or Baptism?

During November we will be holding our annual Commitment Sunday. Please talk to one of the Ministry Team if you would like to explore being Confirmed, reaffirming your faith, or being received into membership, or even baptised. We usually provide a short course for such people and hold a special celebration Sunday. This year, Bishop Carol will be visiting with us to help us celebrate.



An update from your July Parish Council

- During Scott & Nat's Long Service Leave (to commence 23rd August), retired Bishop Trevor Edwards will be the Locum.
- The Vision survey has been distributed with a planned workshop for Saturday 14th August.
- Due to Covid restrictions the four weekend services will remain in place with Saturday evening providing some points of difference to the Sunday morning St Alban's service.
- The next facility priority will be the St Paul's roof with a detailed plan to be prepared for consideration.
- The final replacement of air conditioners and ceiling repair at St Alban's is almost complete.
- Compliance to government and diocesan safe ministry requirements is an ongoing task but our compliance is high.
- Year to date (30th June) budget is a deficit of \$7633 (overall) with an offertory shortfall (year to date) of \$5221. Our costs seem to be controlled and our income reasonably consistent. Thank you to the parish for their ongoing support.

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swac.church/giving](http://www.swac.church/giving)



We are collecting donations of women's sanitary items for "Share the Dignity" appeal during the month of August. Please see Kylie for more information.

Kids Club and Holiday Club

MATT BAILEY

Term 3 at Kids Club has started strongly, with between 15-20 regular kids each week. Below are our activities for the term. Please commit to stop and pray for this program on Fridays at 4pm, and for Youth Group at 6pm.

"Toy Story" Holiday Kids Club will be held in the upcoming school holidays. Wednesday 22nd to Friday 24th September from 9am until 12:30 each day, plus a Holiday Club "Mega Sunday" on the 26th September. This is a great event for Primary school children, so invite the grandkids, neighbours and cousins along, and register online. See Matt for more info and flyers.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?
KIDS CLUB

- 16/07 Egg drop
- 23/07 Mini Olympics
- 30/07 Jumping Castle
- 06/08 Science
- 13/08 Capture the Flag
- 20/08 Paper Planes
- 27/08 Cooking
- 03/09 Play-Dough
- 10/09 Disco
- 17/09 Movie Night

South Wagga Anglican Church

HOLIDAY CLUB

DATES: 22ND-24TH SEPTEMBER
TIME: 9AM-12:30PM
COST: \$10 PER DAY OR \$25 FOR 3 DAY
FAMILY DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE
FOR MORE INFORMATION
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Facebook and Instagram icons.

MTS Support - Thank You

KYLIE POLKINGHORNE & AMANDA BAILEY

Amanda and Kylie our MTS trainees, would like to say a huge "thank you!!!" to all those at SWAC who donated to our scholarship fundraising over the past month, and to our regular supporters as well. Your generosity is incredibly appreciated, and it goes a long way towards supporting us to facilitate youth and families ministries each week. We are excited about the growth and developments in our ministry areas this year so far, and look forward to seeing what God does through us as the year progresses.

