



St John's Camden
Putting lives on the right track

W E L C O M E

Pastor's Desk

Dealing with my future

As the shepherd lay each night at the door of the sheep fold, he looked back over the day and gave thanks that the Lord had blessed them with goodness and mercy. As an old man, David looked back over his long life and came to the same conclusion. In spite of his sins and failures, he had been followed by goodness and mercy,



The things that perplex and disturb us today will all be clear when we get to heaven. Although times in our lives might seem hopeless, we must remain faithful and hold on to the promises of God. Then we will look back and see "only goodness and mercy."

Psalm 23:6 ***"Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever."***

Tony

We are glad you have been able to join us. If you are new to this service a special welcome to you, we want you to feel at home. Please let us know your details, email to office@camdenanglican.org.au or 4655 1675 so we can stay in touch and give you more information.

For Your Prayers

For our Staff: **Tony and Debbie, Irfon, Karina, Haylee, James, Debbie B, Pat, Trish, Tilda, Jan, Sarah and Carollyne.**

Wardens:

Andrew, Ian, Ross & Parish Councillors.

Sick & Sad: **Pat E, Joan C, Darren (N), Gail H, Angela H, Carol H, Sharon H, Pat G, Steve L, Robyn H, Ron M, Tony's mum & dad, Frank, Ross M, Monique B, Bambi H, Bernard T, Heather P, Jean O.**

Pregnant mums: ??

Our unbelieving friends.

For those suffering with alcohol & drug addiction.

Scripture Teachers.

Parish Centre Services:

Carrington

Grasmere 9:15 am

Mackillop 9:30 am

Paling Court 9:30 am

Mt Hunter 9:00 am first Sunday of the month.

Werombi 10:30 am first Sunday of the month.

Nursing Home Services

2nd Tuesday of the month.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BCA boxes

March is BCA box opening month. Would boxholders please leave their boxes at the office.

To keep people safe, all groups on church grounds are on a temporary break including:

All Sunday Services, Women's Church, Youth, GFS, Meteors, KidsTime, Men's Breakfast, Open Door, Open Church, 8am choir, Maiden Chorus, Mother's Union meetings – **see Tony's letter on the next page.**

Sunday Services and Women's Church services are available online

Visit stjohnscamden.org.au or our Facebook page. For past sermons, you can hear the [podcasts here](#).

St John's AGM

29 Mar: More details to come.

Passover Meal

9 Apr: Cancelled. Refunds are being organised.

Confirmation on 27 September

Are you interested in being confirmed? Phone Jimmy 0448 474 028.

Need Pastoral Care?

Contact the Pastoral Care Team – Debbie B, Pat, Trish, Tilda or Jan, phone numbers on last page.

Want to support others at this time?

Drop a donation of a toilet roll and an item of non-perishable food to the office.

Call or text a friend and cheer them with God's love.

Mission Partners:

Financial and Prayer support: Nick Cole (Bible Society, NSW) bibles@biblesociety.org.au; Daniel & Rebecca Faricy (BCA – Kununurra) d.faricy@bushchurchoaid.com.au; Linda & Jim McIntosh (OMF - Thailand) jiljmcintosh@gmail.com; Murray & Elizabeth Benn (Pioneers – Mongolia) bennsonthestepppe@gmail.com; Jo (CMS - Middle East) nswact@cms.org.au; Imli & Heather Jamir (Pioneers - Arnhem Land) imliheatherjamir@gmail.com; Chris & Kristy Galea (CMS) ckgalea@gmail.com. **Prayer Support:** African Aids Foundation; Compassion International; Samaritan's Purse; Anglicare; Neil & Cheryl Alexander (MAF – Mareeba, QLD) cheryl.alexander@live.com.au; Chaplaincy: Gabrielle Stashko; Moore College: Tim & Naomi Ash, Cameron Mason.

Important letter from Tony

Dear Friends,

this year we have experienced Fire, Floods & now Infection.

In these uncertain times in which we are now living with the COVID-19 global pandemic we are faced with an unprecedented challenge.

Besides all the inconveniences of panic shopping & restrictions, we now have an added burden upon our church gatherings.

On Wednesday, I was informed by the Archbishop that:

All Church Services & Church activities that are on church premises are to cease immediately until further notice.

This means that all our Sunday services, beginning this week, along with Women's Church, Youth, GFS, Meteors, KidsTime, Men's Breakfast, Open Door, Open Church, 8am choir, Maiden Chorus, Mother's Union meetings, our Passover Meal and all our Easter services will now be cancelled until further notice.

Although some may think this is extreme, The Archbishop expresses that this decision has been made to show love and care for the health and well-being of our church and its community and to support the government's endeavour to slow the virus down.

In regards to Small Groups meeting in people's houses. The Archbishop has advised that it is possible to continue meeting in homes in small groups if you can ensure that your groups operate with appropriate social distancing.

This is not a time to panic, but a time to embrace change. Change in the way we do church. Change in the way we minister to each other, & change in the way we make contact with our community.

We can be thankful that we live in an age of technology which we can access in order to connect with each other.

We will endeavour to have our weekly sermons on the website every week, & to hand deliver sermons on if people have no access to the internet.

The church building may be closed but we the church are still open to share the Gospel but now in a different way than we have before.

Church is not the building but God's people meeting around Jesus. We will explore creative ways in how we can best minister to each other until such time we can meet face to face, regularly again.

This is new ground for everyone and will feel overwhelming and disorientating.

You may feel sorrow, frustration and even anger that these things have happened..

I understand the feelings and along with you I am so greatly disappointed for us & our community that we will not be able to meet together to celebrate Easter.

Please be patient & prayerful so that we can best continue as God's church.

This also has significant financial implications for all churches. The Archbishop has indicated that this would be a good time for all people to begin direct giving or online giving in order to maintain our staff for when this virus is over. If you are not giving directly please consider it, for the benefit & stability of God's Church at Camden.

When the Christian Church was underground in China in the Communist days when they were restricted to meet together, it was a time the church grew significantly. In a similar way under the Sovereignty of God. I believe that together, in prayer & cooperation we can see Christians individually & the Church corporately continue to grow.

Jesus is Lord and He knows what's happening. He will walk us through these dark days.

Please pray for this Virus to end and for all our healthcare worker's safety.

Pray for our Government and especially our Prime Minister as they make decisions.

Pray that the staff and I will make the wisest decisions in the meantime.

Pray that God's church will still remain the Body of Christ, connected & unified.

Pray that we will be a light on the hill of Camden, faithful and unified in our Lord Jesus.

We will endeavour to have Sunday & Women's Church services & sermons on our website with video & audio links, as well as our Bulletin. www.camdenanglican.org.au

Let's keep the good habits of meeting together, by coming to our website each time you would normally come to church.

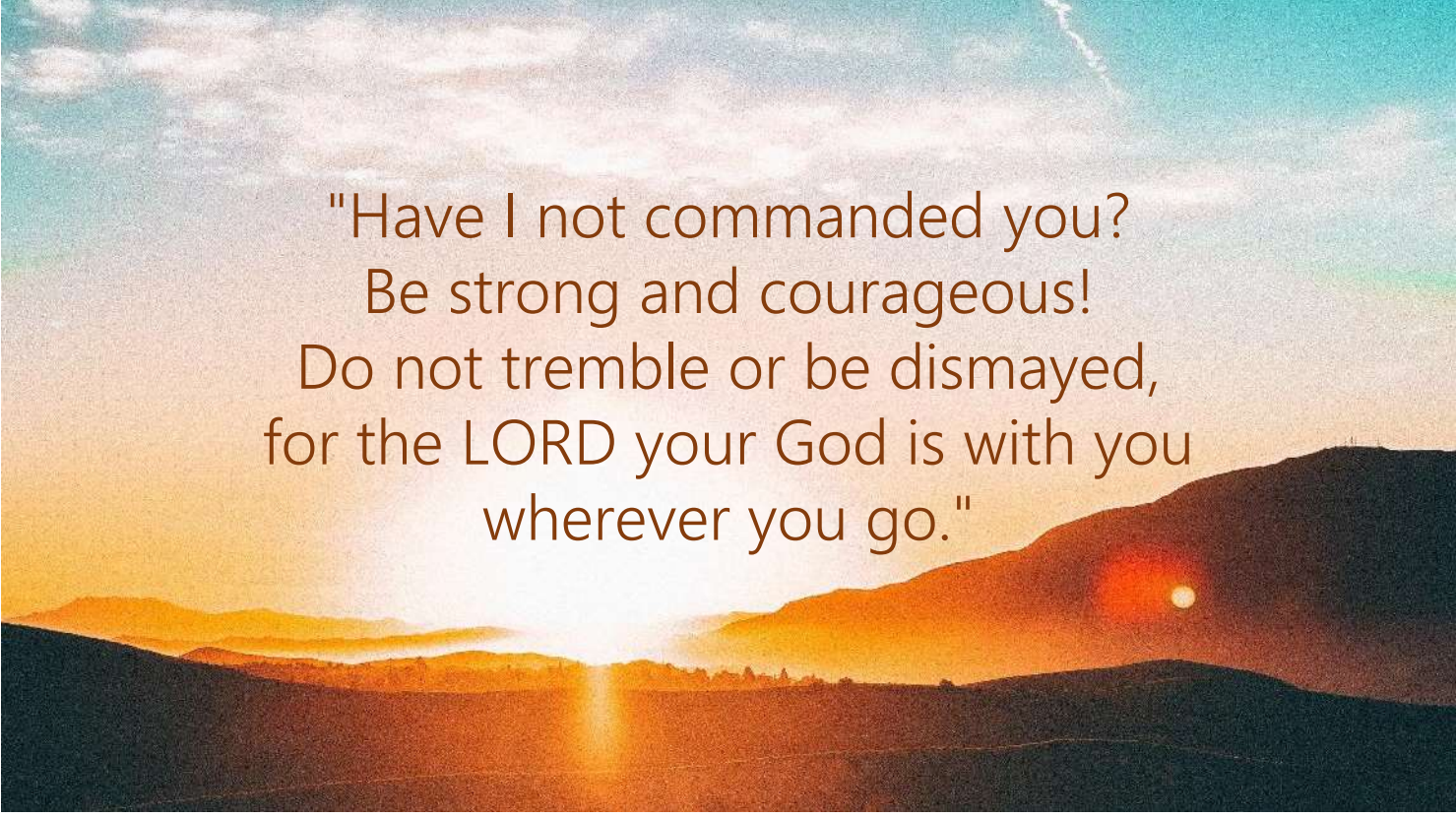
We will also keep you informed at least weekly with any developments & plans of St John's Parish that will help us in our unity & love for Jesus & each other.

Phil. 4:6-7 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Every Blessing

Tony

We'll Be Back!



"Have I not commanded you?
Be strong and courageous!
Do not tremble or be dismayed,
for the LORD your God is with you
wherever you go."

Mission Spot: Bible Society – Nick Cole

Bible Society Australia is a member of the United Bible Societies, a fellowship of 154 organisations working in more than 200 countries and territories. Our mission is to achieve the broadest possible effective and meaningful distribution of the Bible; also to help people interact with it and have their hearts lightened by the Bible's message of unconditional love in Jesus Christ.

Nick Cole

Sermon Notes:

"Dealing with your Future." Psalm 23

You can **watch** the Sunday Service three ways:

- *Youtube (St John's Camden)*
<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=zFtt8u7dcog>
- *On our website <https://stjohnscamden.org.au/index.php> scroll down to Sunday Service 22nd March and click on the word 'Video'*
- *Facebook page for St John's Anglican Church Camden*

Or **listen** to the Sermon

- *On our website <https://stjohnscamden.org.au/index.php> scroll down to the podcast picture  and click on the date of the sermon you want to listen to.*

Footprints in the Sand

One night I dreamed a dream. I was walking along the beach with my Lord. Across the dark sky flashed scenes from my life. For each scene, I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand, one belonging to me and one to my Lord.

When the last scene of my life flashed before me, I looked back at the footprints in the sand. I noticed that at many times along the path of my life, especially at the very lowest and saddest times, there was only one set of footprints.

This really troubled me and so I asked the Lord about it.

"Lord, you said once I decided to follow You, You'd walk with me all the way. But I noticed that during the most troublesome times of my life there was only one set of footprints.

I don't understand why, when I needed You most, You would leave me."

He whispered, "My precious child, I love you and will never leave you during your trials and testings. When you saw only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."

Prayer of the Day: Dear Heavenly Father, You are the God of all compassion and comfort. We thank you that you listen to our prayers. We pray today for our world, our nation, our city and our church as the Corona Virus spreads.

Please bring help to all our communities according to their needs. Heal those afflicted and strengthen all who have the responsibility for care. In your mercy, please provide a cure and give wisdom to those seeking to develop a vaccine for this condition.

We pray, too, for ourselves. Enable us to walk by faith. Help us to be careful and wise in taking whatever precautions are necessary to limit and contain the spread of this virus. Strengthen us to remain calm while vigilant; responsible citizens seeking the welfare of others above ourselves.

At times of uncertainty and anxiety, help our world to look to security in your Son, Jesus Christ. And give courage to Christians as we point others to the One in whom there is always hope. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offering Needed	Target	Actual
	Weekly Target \$9,500	Last Week \$8,423
	Year to Date \$104,500	Year to Date \$92,231
Mission \$595		

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Have you considered giving through your will?
 See Tony

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