



St John's Camden
Putting lives on the right track

W E L C O M E

Pastor's Desk: My plans, God's plans and Corona

We didn't have to have this Corona Virus to know life is complex, uncertain and unsure. We all have plans - plans for our studies, career and for our personal life. Plans for marriage, kids and retirement. Our plans are endless.



James may have been addressing those in business or those who were boasting or even just finding security in their own wealth. James challenged people who were making decisions and plans without first consulting what the Lord wanted!

Knowing the will of God in our lives comes first from our love and understanding of the Word of God. As we grow to know and love God more and more, He will reveal more of his specific will in our lives. Knowing the frailty of life, James wants us to be connected with God's plans so that good might be done for others and ourselves.

When we make plans, do we consider what God wants?

Do we take into account how it will affect our church family?

Are we aware of how it will affect our Christian growth and our service to do good?

Money, comfort and convenience should not be the only consideration by which we make plans. If we do, as James says in 4:14, we are *only like a mist that appears for a while and then vanishes*.

Life is short and uncertain but the will of God for our lives is eternal and assured. James 4:15 *'Instead, you ought to say, "If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that."*

Tony

WE'LL BE BACK!

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 office@camdenanglican.org.au or phone 4655 1675 so we can stay in touch and give you more information.



Missionary Deputation The Galea Family 13 – 18 September



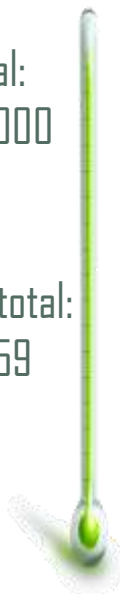
Before Chris and Kristy head off to Malta in 2021 with their family, they will meet with St John's small groups and kids ministries to share their plans. Adults' small groups / bible studies will be cancelled for the week so that all small group members can attend. Get more information from your small group leader. If you would like to attend there are spaces in the evenings Monday 14th and Thursday 17th September – call the office to book in.

Social distancing will apply and the hall will be cleaned diligently.

STRENGTHEN THE HOUSE SPECIAL OFFERING

Goal:
\$70,000

Current total:
\$24,359



If you missed out sending in your donation, you can still send it:

- *By dropping cash or a cheque into the Church Office*
- *Via direct debit*
 - *BSB: 032 717*
 - *Account no: 220 090*
 - *Account name: Camden Anglican Parish*
- *With credit card on our website stjohnscamden.org.au, click the green 'GIVE' button, select 'Strengthen the House' under Parish Offering.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For Your Prayers

For our Staff:

Tony and Debbie, Irfon, Karina, Haylee, James, Debbie B, Pat, Trish, Tilda, Jan, Sarah.

Wardens:

Andrew, Ian, Ross and Parish Councillors.

Sick and Sad:

Pat E, Darren (N), Gail H, Angela H, Carol H, Sharon H, Pat G, Steve L, Ron M, Tony's mum and dad, Frank, Ross M, Monique B, Bambi H, Bernard T, Heather P, David C, Sue W, Ann S.

HSC Trials

Pregnant mums: **Katie B**
Our unbelieving friends.
For those suffering with alcohol and drug addiction.

Parish Centre Services:
Postponed until it's safer.

Prayer Meeting & Working Bee

Thank you to all the hard workers who helped out on Saturday.

BCA Box Collection

September is BCA box opening month. Could box holders please leave their boxes at the office.

Father's Day 2020 MAF

Today: Support Neil and Cheryl by raising funds for MAF Mission Aviation fellowship through buying Fuel cards - \$10, \$25 or \$50. Cards can be purchased at the office or contact Ross Newport.

Women's Church

10 Sep: Online. This week's topic is 'The Gift Transforms' and the speaker is Mandy.
[Join us on YouTube.](#)

Our Foyer - Weekly

13 Sep: 9:45am, join in online with zoom to catch up with our Church.

Parish Council Meeting

14 Sep: 7.30pm.

Shoebox items

We need tennis balls, socks and small stuffed toys (around 10-15cms long) for Operation Christmas Child. If you have packed a box yourself – drop it off to the office. Empty boxes are available at the office if needed.

AGM

20 Sep: 2pm, Church Hall. Our Annual General Meeting will now be held on Sunday 20th September 2020. We will vote for Parish Council, Wardens, Synod Representatives and Parish Nominators.

Nomination forms, Financial reports, and Church Ministry reports are available in the Church Office or can be emailed – just ask.

Mission Partners:

Financial and Prayer support: Nick (Bible Society, NSW) bibles@biblesociety.org.au; Daniel and Rebecca (BCA – Kununurra) d.faricy@bushchurchaid.com.au; Linda and Jim (OMF - Thailand) jiljmcintosh@gmail.com; Murray and Elizabeth (Pioneers – Mongolia) bennsonthestepppe@gmail.com; Jo (CMS - Middle East) nswact@cms.org.au; Imli and Heather (Pioneers - Arnhem Land) imliheatherjamir@gmail.com; Chris and Kristy (CMS) ckgalea@gmail.com.

Prayer Support: African Aids Foundation; Compassion International; Samaritan's Purse; Anglicare; Neil and Cheryl (MAF) cheryl.alexander@live.com.au; Chaplaincy: Gabrielle; Moore College: Tim and Naomi, Cameron.

A WORD FROM IRFON – STRENGTHEN THE HOUSE

We still find ourselves in a period of uncertainty! Only a few weeks ago we anticipated that things might be getting back to normal. Then the virus resurfaces, and restriction and confusion come upon us once again. Why?



We are being prepared!

When Jesus and His disciples shared the last supper together, the disciples were not aware of the events that were going to unfold. Jesus was!



Jesus comforts them with the words in John 14 v1 "*Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.*" Jesus is saying the same to us today! We do not understand why things are unfolding as they are, but Jesus does! He is asking us to trust and rely on Him. Just

think of the amazing things that happened following His death and resurrection. We must not doubt what our Lord is preparing for us to be a part of in the future. Jesus did not leave them to go out alone; He loved them far too deeply for that. Yes, they did forsake Him for a while, but Jesus did not forsake them.

Jesus will never forsake us. He promises to be with us always! What is currently taking place is our time of preparation; marvelous things do lie ahead for us, both in our personal lives and together as His church.

We are not on our own!

What was true that night is just as true today! Our faith is rooted in the conviction that Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever. No matter where we are or what situation we find ourselves in, we are able to rely on Jesus who made His disciples and us a promise that night. John 14 v26 *"The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you."*



Jesus does not allow us to be alone. He promises to never leave us or forsake us. No matter where we are, or what situation we are in, when we trust in Jesus we are never alone. He will make His will, purposes and plans known to us. All we need to do is ask Him; the Holy Spirit will respond!

We Have Nothing to Fear!



When we allow Jesus to lead us, there is nothing to fear in what we face! He knows where we are, the situation we are in and the best way ahead. Traps were laid, temptations came, He was even put to death. Yet Jesus was equal to them and overcame them all.

Do we believe He has the same power and authority over us? He does! One issue we may need to settle is our willingness to believe and trust Him. Jesus is alive, just as you and I are alive. When we walk with Jesus, He knows and supplies all our needs. He is our God; He loves us; we have nothing to fear.

Irfon

News

We'll be back!

*We are hoping to start church again on 18th October.
Pray for us as we plan.*

Sermon Notes: "Faith & Planning" – James 4:13-17

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

1. YouTube (St John's Camden)

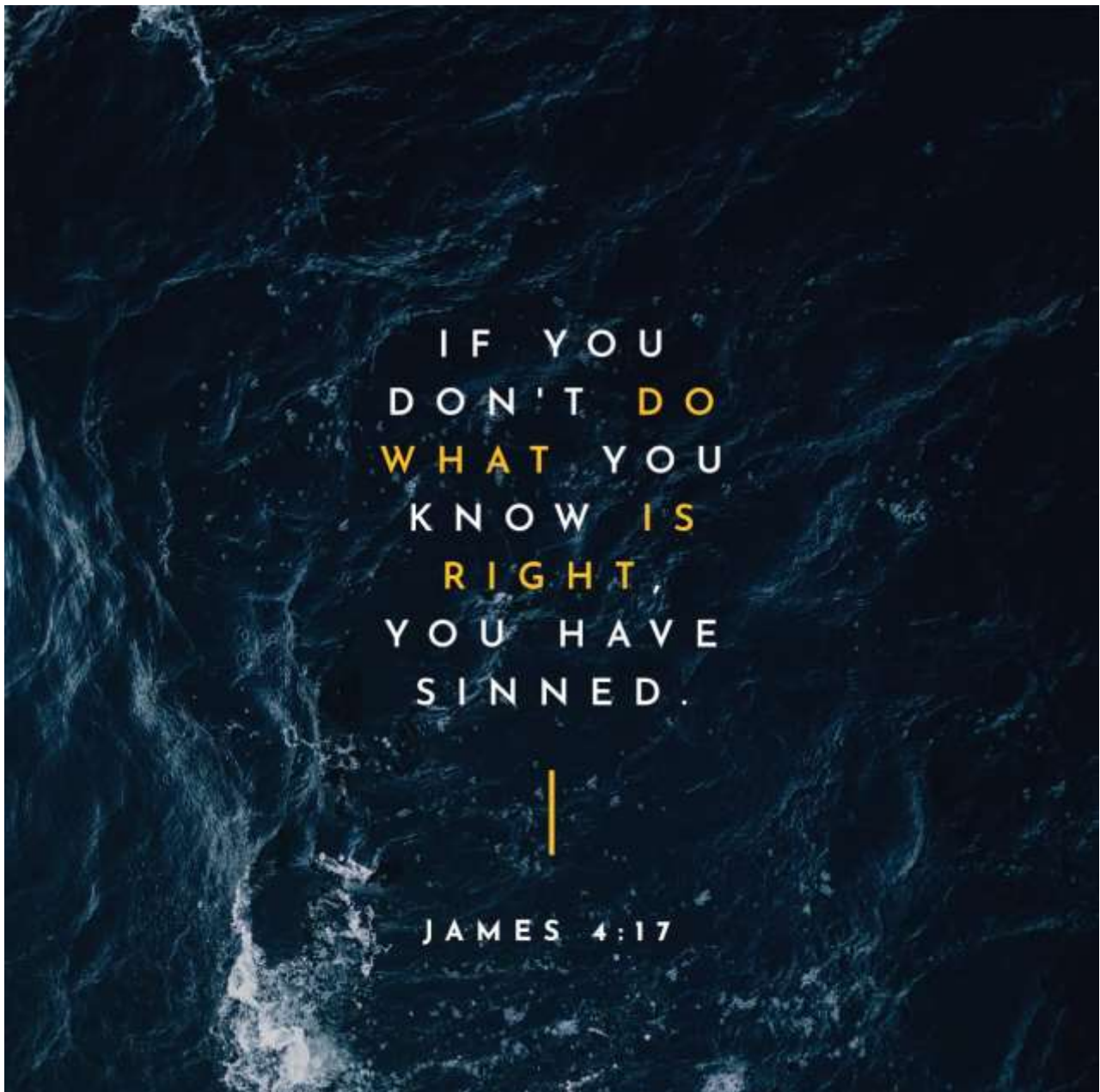
www.youtube.com/channel/UCq4haTBOyvUW817Kg6_SR-A you can subscribe to this and find it easier next week.

2. On our website stjohnscamden.org.au scroll down to Sunday Service 6th September and click on the word 'Video'

3. Facebook page for St John's Anglican Church Camden

Or **listen** to the Sermon

• On our website stjohnscamden.org.au scroll down to the podcast picture on the right-hand side and click on the date of the sermon you want to listen to.



Prayer of the Day:



Almighty God,
 We call upon you for such an outpouring
 of your Holy Spirit upon us, that we as your
 people may be assured of your love
 through your word, seek to please the
 Saviour in all things, manifest the Godly life
 and be filled with prayerful and sacrificial
 compassion for the lost in all the world.
 In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Offering Needed	Target	Actual
	Weekly Target \$9,500	Last Week \$5,370
	Year to Date \$332,500	Year to Date \$313,522
Mission \$644		

*Have you thought
 about direct
 debiting?*

St John's direct debit details:

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Have you considered
 giving through your will?
 See Tony

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