



St John's Camden
Putting lives on the right track

W E L C O M E



*St John's
services are
back*

SUNDAY 18TH OCTOBER

8am, 10am and 6pm

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.

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, Ann S, Pollard family.

Pregnant mums: **Katie B, Alicia M.**

Our unbelieving friends.
For those suffering with alcohol and drug addiction.

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

Other services are postponed until it's safer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parish Council Meeting

12 Oct: 7.30pm.

Women's Church are back in Church

15 Oct: 9.30am at Church. Starts Term 4.

St John's is back on Sundays in Church

18 Oct: 8am, 10am, 6pm. Services at St John's including Kids' Church at 10am. We will still have a recorded service available for those who are unable to attend in person.

Men's 4WD weekend

30 Oct-1 Nov: Sunny Corner. \$40 per head. Contact Geoff 0408 273 561 to book.

Shoebox items

If you have packed a box yourself – drop it off to the office.

Chris & Kristy to Malta

You can download their prayer card [here](#).

Strengthen the House

The offering total is now \$43,171. If you have missed out on this annual offering, you can still give. Just note on your offering that it is for 'Strengthen the House'.

- 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.

For all meetings in church buildings – they will be cleaned before each meeting and social distancing rules apply.

Mission Partners:

Financial and Prayer support: Nick (Bible Society, NSW) bibles@biblesociety.org.au; Daniel and Rebecca (BCA – Kununurra) d.faricy@bushchurchof.com.au; Linda and Jim (OMF - Thailand) jiljmcintosh@gmail.com; Murray and Elizabeth (Pioneers – Mongolia) bennsonthesteppes@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 TONY

Why it is important for YOU to come back to church!



There was a time in Australia when the church was the focal point of community and families. A time when Kids Church would be packed out. Youth groups would be an important part in the character building of the person. When Prayer meetings, Sunday Church, Church Sports, and other church meetings all played an important part in the Christian's life. Church attendance was religiously weekly (excuse the pun) and not whenever it was convenient.

The Covid pandemic and the Online services have made it comfortable to stay away. I know I have appreciated an easier and quieter Sunday, but I'm sure that's not God's intention. Apathy, laziness, fear and our own personal comfort maybe making us reluctant in wanting to meet together.

So here are some reasons why you should come back to church on Sunday October 18.

- 1. Church is God's idea** and it is His way of accomplishing His Will and Mission. The church is the bride of Christ, the household of God, the body of Christ. St John's is God's Church!
- 2. Church attendance is not optional** for the Christian. Heb 10:25 encourages us not to get in the habit of not meeting together, because it's a sure way Christians can stray from the faith.
- 3. Church is where Christians grow Spiritually.** Church is where we hear from God's Word and also have the opportunity to put it into practice with the family of God. The book of James has been

continually telling us we need to practice what we learn.

4. Church is God's place where Christians are to use their gifts and serve.

Romans 12 and 1 Corinthians 12 are emphatic that all Christians have gifts and need to contribute. God never intended the church to be for spectators who just show up for a performance on a Sunday morning. He designed His



church to be a place for believers to participate in church functions by serving God and we do that by serving each other.

5. Church is where we connect with each other as God's family.

We are to love each other, forgive each other, pray for one another, help and encourage one another, comfort and strengthen one another. You can't do that if we are not connecting with each other. No Online services can do that!

6. Church is an occasion for Christians and non-Christians for friendship. It's an opportunity to invite people to hear the gospel, it's an opportunity to find out firsthand about various people involving themselves in mission. I want to thank those people who made the effort in seeing Chris and Kristy Galea and their family as they prepare to go to Malta in January next year. You can pick up their prayer card [online](#) and in the church office.

7. Church is designed to fulfill the great commission in making disciples as found in Matthew 28. True discipleship can only happen within the structure, teaching and accountability of the local church.

Covid and so many activities today conflict with church schedules, and the internet provides an abundance of podcasts, recorded sermons, and the live streaming of a host of church services that it has become easy for people to do other things instead of attending church.

God's Word teaches the importance of active participation in a local church. Christians must make church attendance a priority in their personal and family schedules and put going to church ahead of other seemingly beneficial activities.



Online services are good when we don't have anything else. But restrictions have been lifted and we at St John's are providing safety and social distancing. We may not be able to sing together or be that physically close, but we can all meet together in the Church and with good viewing and sound in the church hall. Thank you to the family who donated funds to make this possible!

So folks, put it in your diaries.

We're back! on Sunday October 18, and Women's Church is back on Thursday October 15. Come early and be patient with us as we seek to do the best and what's right for you. See ya then.

Tony



SUNNY CORNER

MEN'S 4WD TRIP

30, 31 Oct, 1 Nov.

\$40 PER HEAD

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Sermon Notes: "King's Surprise" – Matthew 16

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 11th October 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.



Mission Spot: Tim Ash – Moore College



Tim Ash used to serve as our Youth Minister at St. John's Camden for several years, and is now studying at Moore College. Tim is soon to finish his third year, and begin his final year in 2021. Tim has a strong passion for bringing the Gospel to all people, especially the young adults in church communities. Tim and Naomi are currently serving at New Life, Oran Park Anglican

Church, helping with the Youth and Music ministry.

Though 2020 has been a tough year, but it has also been filled with much blessing. Tim and Naomi welcomed their first child, Elliana Miriam Ash. The family all seem to be going well and Ellie is growing up very fast.

Support

One of the best supports you can offer for the Ash family is your prayers. One of the most powerful tools that God has given us. Pray that God will help Tim to be a disciple and navigate his studies. But also be praying for them to follow God's plan for the future. They're hoping to stick around the Macarthur area and serve God's kingdom.

Secondly, another way you can support them is perhaps give them a call or a message and ask how they're going. I'm sure they'd appreciate it and they still have a special place in their hearts for St. John's.

Jimmy Lane on behalf of Tim & Naomi Ash.

Prayer of the Day:



Father, through the obedience of Jesus,
your Servant and your Son,
you raised a fallen world.
Free us from sin
and bring us the joy that lasts for ever.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
your Son, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
One God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Offering Needed <i>Have you thought about direct debiting?</i>	Target	Actual
	Weekly Target \$9,500	Last Week \$9,991
	Year to Date \$380,000	Year to Date \$355,640
Mission \$394		

St John's direct debit details:

BSB: 032 717

Account no: 220 090

Account name:

Camden Anglican Parish

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Have you considered giving through your will?
See Tony

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Wardens - Camden:

Ian Harley, Ross Newport, Andrew Wheeler. **Mt Hunter:** Anne Angilley, Graham Nash. **Werombi:** Peter Angilley, Greg Hayter, Mark Hayter.

Wedding Coordinator

Christine Smith 0429 929 771

Divorce Recovery Workshops

Mandy Pilottos 0405 356 276

Parenting Workshops

Sue Trenfield 0408 657 504

Small Groups

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Mary Mackillop

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David and Beverly 0474 000 664

Paling Court

Paul and Marilyn Clarke 0412 438 765

Mt Hunter - St Paul's

Office 4655 1675

Werombi - St Barnabas

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Other - The whole Church Family



The background image shows the interior of a church. It features rows of dark wooden pews with red patterned cushions. The ceiling is high with dark wooden beams and arches. At the far end, there is a large, ornate stained glass window. The lighting is somewhat dim, creating a solemn atmosphere. The text is overlaid on this image.

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