



St John's Camden
Putting lives on the right track

W E L C O M E

Pastor's Desk: The Birth



When it was time for the Duchess of Cambridge to give birth to her first son it was quite a spectacle. Many reporters were waiting outside the hospital for hours making guesses about what could be going on. The TV was flooded with discussion about the new baby. The nation was excited to see the boy that may one day become their king. Yet the birth of Jesus in the bible is the opposite of what was witnessed on that day. No announcement made on a global scale, no state of the art birthing facilities, no reporters following every moment of the birth trying to guess what was happening. Just a husband, a wife, a manger, animals, some shepherds and eventually, some wise men as well. The king of the universe, son of God, the one to whom all angels and authorities submit, born in obscurity.

Yet it is in this obscurity that we understand the King of Kings Jesus will be. His glory comes not from his wealth or high status on earth but in his work of bringing the kingdom of God through salvation from sins. He accomplishes this not by ruling with an iron fist or by being a well-known celebrity, but by laying down his life in service to us. His kingship, his glory, is defined by his service. His redemption is brought to the world through his death and resurrection. "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Mark 10:45). This is the King of the world that loves us now, the one who wields power unknowable yet humbles himself, born in a manger, to save us.

Tim

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.

Announcement of Retirement from Tony & Debbie

I have an important announcement to make:

Dear friends. First of all, I want to say how much Debbie & I love you and we only want what's best for the whole of the Camden Parish.

I need to let you know that I have decided to cease working in my position as Rector of the Camden Parish as from Sunday, July 25. However, we will still be living in Camden until the end of this year.

As I'm sure you'd appreciate, this is not how I had planned to make this announcement via a live stream service, however I had already given my notice to the Archbishop, wardens and Parish Council some weeks ago and as we don't know when this lock down will finish, it was necessary to make it today.

This has been a very difficult decision to make, as we are family and we have loved being a part of this amazing church for over 20 years. However, I'm finding lately that I don't have the same energy level that's needed to keep this church growing, along with the added responsibility of caring for my aging parents.

We have come to this difficult decision through much prayer and discussion that this is a good time to step down, while we are still waiting for the building program to go ahead and so that a younger man can lead this church into the next season.

The church is in a good place to carry on with its very gifted and skillful staff and volunteers to keep things running smoothly.

Debbie and I are sad to leave such a wonderful church that has been such a big part of our lives, however our main concern as always is to do what's best for the growing of God's Kingdom for the future of this church. As difficult as this decision has been we are confident that God has great things prepared for the Camden Parish.

We will be praying for you that the man of God's choosing will continue the amazing ministry here at Camden.

Please pray for us & yourselves as we grieve together.

- Give thanks for our Staff & pray they will continue to care for you.
- Pray that all the Church family will step up to take on new roles & challenges.
- Pray that all the Church family will serve for the growing of God's Kingdom & see others come to the Kingdom.
- Give thanks for our partnership over the last 20 years.

"May the Lord of peace himself, give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with you all.." 2 Thess 3:16

Remember. We love you, but God loves you more!

For Your Prayers

For our Staff:

That they will be filled with wisdom and the grace of God will be on them.

Wardens and Parish

Council: That they will grow in wisdom and in favour with God and man.

Sick and Sad:

That they will know God's touch in their lives and have hope for the future.

Pregnant mums: Lilly S, Becky M, Amy L. That their babies would grow in health and strength.

Our unbelieving friends.

That they would turn from ways that do not help and turn to faith in God.

Nursing homes:

That they would worship God night and day.

Parish Centre Services: Carrington

Mary Mac 9:30 am

Paling Court 9:30 am

Grasmere 9:45 am

Mt Hunter 9:00am and
Werombi 10.30am first
Sunday of the month.

Nursing Home Services
2nd Tuesday of the month.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual General Meeting

In accordance with Chapter 4 Part 1 Cl 4.1(3) of the Parish Administration Ordinance (the ordinance) the Annual General Meeting of the Camden Anglican Parish that commenced on Sunday 21st March and adjourned to await finalisation of the audit of accounts will reconvene on **Sunday 1st August 2021**, commencing at 2.30pm, having provided the requisite notice in accordance with the ordinance.

Copies of the audited accounts are available on the table outside the office .

COVID lockdown

All events are cancelled due to the COVID lockdown until midnight Friday 16th July.

Church Office

During the lockdown, the Church Office will be open shorter hours. If you need something from the office, please call 4655 1675 to check someone is in.

Circle of Security, Baby Boomers

Have been postponed.

Need Pastoral Care?

Contact the Pastoral Care Team – Debbie B, Trish, Tilda, Jan or Marilyn (their phone numbers are on the back page).

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; Gideons.

Mission Spot: MISSION TO WOMEN

Our mission to women is framed by Titus 2: 3-5, "Older women train up the younger women to love..... to be self controlled pure.... productive... kind..... co-operative.... respectful... and a good Christian witness to others."

Women today need encouragement and support like never before. We've lost many of the old ways of connecting through family and strong community groups.

Many women have come through our doors suffering loneliness, isolation, depression, financial difficulties and domestic abuse. Our aim through our Women's events, our Women's Church and Women's Bible Studies is to provide a safe, nurturing, non-judgmental, cross-generational environment, where women can experience the genuine love and care of a Christian community.

Please pray that we will be equipped to demonstrate Christ-like love to those in need.

Please consider how you can be involved in this Godly mission by being present at events and supportive where needed.

x
Debbie



Prayer of the Day

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Offering Needed <i>Have you thought about direct debiting?</i>	Target	Actual
	Weekly Target \$9,500	Last Week \$7,570
	Year to Date \$256,500	Year to Date \$246,990
Mission \$		

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Have you considered giving through your will?
See Tony

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Haylee Morgan 0499 158 627

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Jan Neville 0410 474 933

Marilyn Noonan 0419 441 595

18th July 2021

Bible passage

Luke 2:21-52

8:00 am

Prayer: Ross N

Bible: Bob M

10:00 am

Prayer: Kids Church

Bible: Kids Church

6:00 pm

Prayer: Bev P

Bible: Neidra H

St John's direct debit details:

BSB: 032 717

Account no: 220 090

Account name:

Camden Anglican Parish

Wardens - Camden: Ian Harley, Ross

Newport, Andrew Wheeler. **Mt Hunter:**

Anne Angilley, Graham Nash. **Werombi:**

Peter Angilley, Greg Hayter, Mark Hayter.

Mothers' Union

Luanne Mills 0407 491 729

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Christine Smith 0429 929 771

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Ken and Robin Long 0411 663 686

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Mt Hunter - St Pauls

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Other - The whole Church Family

