



St John's Camden

20 November 22...

Dear Church,

Christmas is around the corner! I love Christmas—I know not everyone does—but it's the chance to gaze again into the manger and see the creator of the world (John 1:3) as a helpless, screaming baby, which is an image I hope inspires us. It's also a rare chance to connect with and invite our community into our life together. Please take the opportunity to extend an invitation to those in your sphere to see if they're keen to accompany you to one of our gatherings.

Below you will find what we have planned for Christmas. But please know this, feel free to pick and choose what you might like to come to; whatever fits in with your busy schedule is fine with me. In fact, I would like this to become the norm here - if it isn't already. I certainly don't have the expectation that you will come to every single St John's event! However, there are a couple of events per year that are special opportunities for us to come together as a whole church family. These are rare occasions to celebrate our unity as members of the same church. Carols in Macarthur Park is one such event with the added benefit of being our gift to Camden—so I hope you can come...

For this reason, I am looking for volunteers for Saturday the 17th to help set up or pack up. Please be in touch with Geoff Hoskin if you can help (Geoff.hoskin@bigpond.com). Set-up will start at 9am on Saturday morning, and pack-up will start at 8.45pm Saturday evening. I am greatly looking forward to my first Carols in the park and praying that Christmas at St John's will be a deeply refreshing time for all of us.

Kid's Time Christmas - 5 December, 10am - church hall

A chance for parents and their children to finish the year together celebrating Christmas.

Women's Christmas Event - 3 December, 7pm - church hall

Women's Christmas wreath making night.

\$30 for all materials and light supper.

Email Karina karina.edgerton@stjohnscamden.net.au

Carols in Macarthur Park - 17 December, from 5.30pm

Christmas Eve 5pm - Family-friendly Christmas service

Christmas Eve 7pm - The Christmas Story; reading and singing the nativity

Christmas Eve 11pm - A classical Christmas service

Christmas Day 9am - Celebrating Christmas morning

What's happening...

Mission prayer night 26 Nov 6:30pm - 29 Barratt Ave Camden South

Newcomer's lunch 27 Nov 12pm - RSVP to office@stjohnscamden.net.au

Men and mates 2nd Dec 6:30pm - Hill street hall

Who we can pray for this week...

Church leaders - Archbishop Kanishka Raffel, Bishop Peter Lin, Rev Matt Stedman and Rev Tim Ash.

- Pray for good health and safety as they work in service to the church
- Pray for God's wisdom upon them as they consider, guide and teach the people of God
- Pray for courage and strength as they navigate leading the church in an ever-changing world.

Youth and Children's Ministries - run by Matt Carmody

- Thank God for the many children and youth that get to hear God's word and know the grace of Jesus Christ.
- Pray for wisdom, endurance and love for Matt and his team as they lead, teach and care for the young people in their Care.
- Pray that more young people will have the opportunity to know Christ grace and to respond in love to him.

Christmas

- Pray for Carols in the park, that people will gather, hear God's words and take it into their hearts.
- Pray for courage for us to invite friends and family to the Carols and Christmas services.
- Pray for those seeking God, that they will find comfort in his words as they hear them and among his people as they gather.

Do you need prayer? Add a note to a connect card during the service and pop it in the collection plate.

Our Missionaries...

Imli & Heather Jamir Arnhem land, NT - Pioneers

Murray & Liz Benn Rural Mongolia - Pioneers

Jim & Linda Macintosh James O.Fraser Centre, Thailand - OMF

Jo The Middle East - CMS

Daniel & Rebecca Faricy Kununurra, WA - BCA

Chris & Kristy Galea Malta - CMS

Neil and Cheryl - Mission Aviation Fellowship

Service Times...

St Johns Camden: 8am, 10am, 6pm Sunday

Women Church: 9:30am Thursday

St Paul's Mt Hunter: 9am Sunday

St Barnabas's Werombi: 10:30am 1st Sunday of the month

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Parish Councilors & Wardens

St Barnabas : Greg, Mark, Peter.

St John's: Alix, Andrew, Bev,
Charles, Daniel, Ian, John,
Karen, Keith, Ross, Ryan, Steve,
Ted, Tim.

St Paul's: Anne, Brett, Graham.

Giving...

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