



# St John's Camden

15 January 23...

Dear Church

I don't know who needs to hear this, but... if you ever have any feedback for me, positive, negative, neutral, please don't hesitate to email me, tell me after the service, or make a time to meet. I promise to listen and reflect on your comments. Like all of us, I sometimes get things right, but I often get them wrong - and I'm not adverse to hearing how that's impacted you or if you have ideas which can help our mission. I certainly have my blind spots and I don't mind if you gently help me to see what I can't.

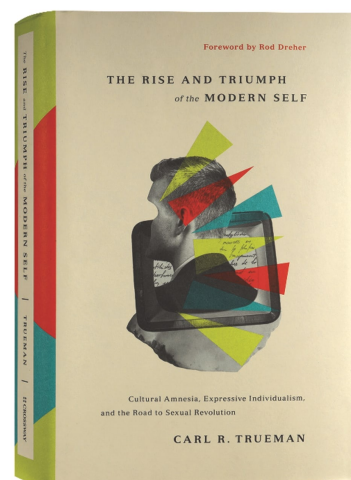
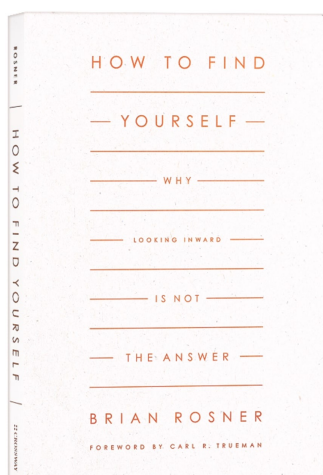
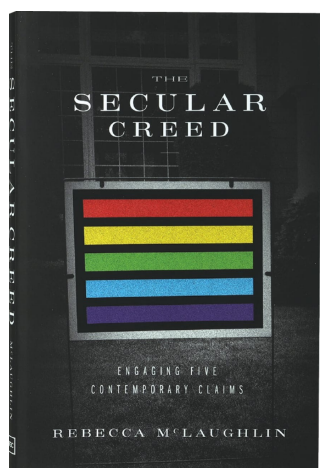
Attached to the weekly email is a letter from me inviting you to participate in our week of prayer & fasting from the 23 - 27 January. Also attached is a series of devotions designed to help you reflect and pray during this special week together. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please don't hesitate to be in touch.

Just so we're not inundated with sign-ups on Sign-Up Sunday, also attached to the weekly email is our sign-up form for 2023 community groups. We would like everyone who is interested in being in a group in 2023 to fill in the form (this will take about a minute) - even those who are currently in groups. In next week's email, I will attach the link to the church volunteer role descriptions and sign-up form.

As I've mentioned before, I am keen to hear your ideas and experiences as we explore our future together at St John's. Together with the strategic leadership team, I would love to hear from as many of you as possible. You can do this via the link to the Visioning Survey in this week's email. In addition, I will be hosting a meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11.30am and 29<sup>th</sup> January at 2pm (in the hall) to talk over the same questions. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Lastly, below are the books I mentioned last week. The link to find them at Koorong is in this week's email, but you might like to get your books elsewhere.

God bless,  
Matt Stedman



## What's happening...

**15<sup>th</sup> January** - Dinner after the 6pm service. \$5 / person

**22<sup>nd</sup> January** - Visioning Meeting 11.30am. St John's hall.

**23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> January** - Week of Prayer and Fasting. (7am daily prayer meeting, 7.30pm Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Prayer and Praise evening)

**29<sup>th</sup> January** - Visioning Meeting 2pm. St John's hall.

**29<sup>th</sup> January** - Sign-up Sunday

**29<sup>th</sup> January** - Newcomers' lunch 12noon. St John's hall.

RSVP to [office@stjohnscamden.net.au](mailto:office@stjohnscamden.net.au)

## Who can we pray for this week...

### **Please pray for our week of prayer and fasting**

- That many might be refreshed in their relationships with God.
- That we might be reminded God provides all we need and we are completely dependent upon him.

### **Suffering people in our community**

- Pray for those in our community who are struggling with substance addiction, difficult relationships or poor mental health.
- Pray they might receive the help they need, and St John's might be able to help in small ways and big.

### **Turning Point in Camden**

- Give thanks for the help they provide many people in our area and pray that God provides all they need to continue and grow their work.

### **School Teachers**

- Pray for the school teachers in our congregation and our area, that they receive the rest they need before another busy year.
- Pray that St John's teachers might make a positive contribution to the spiritual formation of the children they teach.

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

## **Grant Received...**

The Grants team at St John's were successful in obtaining funding for upgrades and maintenance of the Columbarium through a NSW Government Community Building Partnership Grant. Peter Sidgreaves MP met with Matt Stedman earlier this week to make the presentation of the cheque for \$14,960.

## 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's Church:** 9:30am Thursday (during school terms)

**St Paul's Mt Hunter:** 10am Sunday except 9am 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month

**St Barnabas' Werombi:** 10:30am 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month

## Contact...

**Office hours:** Mon-Fri 8.30am-4pm

**Phone:** 4655 1675

**Email:** office@stjohnscamden.net.au

**Website:** www.stjohnscamden.org.au

**Postal:** PO Box 87 Camden 2570

**Location:** 6 Menangle Rd Camden

**Staff:** Matt Stedman (Rector), Tim Ash (Assistant), Matt Carmody (Kids & Youth)

Karina Edgerton (Women's Church),

Tennille Davies (office)

### Safe Ministry:

Marilyn Noonan; 0419441595;  
safe.m@stjohnscamden.net.au

### 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...

We are deeply thankful for your generosity.

**BSB:** 032 717

**Account no:** 220 090

**Account name:** Camden Anglican Parish

