



St John's Camden

26 February 23...

Dear Church

One of the reasons the church exists is to help people who don't know God, get to know him. We pray about this, we look for opportunities to share our faith with others, and we run events to help people understand the good news about Jesus. One specific way we help people connect is through our Hope Explored course.

We are starting our first Hope Explored for the year on 1st of March at 7.30pm in the church building and I would love to invite you to join me. If you are still exploring what it is to have a relationship with Jesus, have questions, or would simply like to be encouraged in your faith, then this is the short-course for you. Join us from 7.30pm-9.30pm on March 1st, 8th, and 15th.

We will gather to watch a video, read a short passage from the Bible, and then discuss our ideas and thoughts. It's relaxed, welcoming and enjoyable.

Perhaps you would like to come? Or maybe there's someone you could invite to join you? Regardless, I would very much appreciate your prayers as we start this course next Wednesday night. For the eyes of our hearts to be opened to the glory of God's Son. And let's also be praying for the opportunities we have each day to both act and speak in ways that bring glory to God.

God bless,
Matt Stedman

Parish Council Update...

- We have been formally advised that our application for a grant from the WestInvest fund was unsuccessful. It was determined that the way forward of the worship centre development matter would require significant discussion and a separate meeting should be organised to discuss the matter in greater detail.
- A trial was conducted during the last working bee where 9 people from the Community Justice program came to conduct groundskeeping tasks under supervision. Noting the positive response from the work that was undertaken it has been decided that this initiative will now run on a fortnightly basis.
- Plans were discussed for a gentle makeover for the church and hall. It may be some years before the new building is completed and the current buildings need a coat of paint and air conditioning is almost a necessity if we want to attract more people to Christianity in a comfortable and caring environment.

Treasurer's Update...

The Parish Council received the provisional year to date figures that will be reported in full at the AGM in March following the conclusion of the audit and the issuing of a Practitioners Certificate. It was noted that receipts (principally offertory) either from the plate or via direct debit continue to be in decline in response to the challenging economic climate, post COVID, and this is reflected in the results to be reported. With God's grace we continue to pay all our bills and we thank His people for their generosity and pray that we might all examine our family finances and if there is room then consider increasing our giving to support the Lord's work in our Parish.

What's happening...

1st March - Hope Explored commences. Contact the office.

2nd March - NSW Election Candidates forum, 7pm, Grace Anglican Church, 1/10 Bluett Dr, Smeaton Grange or via livestream
<https://www.youtube.com/@graceanglican>

4th March - *Prayer Meeting 8am. St John's hall.*

4th March - *Working Bee 9am. St John's grounds.*

12th March - Newcomers Lunch 12noon. RSVP to the office.

26th March - Confirmation service, 10am. Contact Matt Carmody.

26th March - St John's AGM 12noon in the hall.

Who can we pray for this week...

Community

- Pray for Turning Point in Camden.
 - Thank God for their kindness and generosity as they serve and empower those less fortunate in our community.
 - Give thanks for the many volunteers supporting Turning point and those running it.
 - Pray that God will provide them with all they need to continue their service.
 - Pray for the well-being of their volunteers and those who help run it. Keep them safe from harm and help them to know God's love.

Ministry

- Pray for our youth and children's ministries.
 - Thank God for Matt Carmody and his team of volunteers that serve and nurture the children of St John's.
 - Pray for energy and excitement amongst leaders and children alike as they serve, teach and grow.
 - Pray for continued safety among all as they lead and participate together.
 - Pray that the Spirit will work through the children and youth this year to grow in love for Christ.

Congregation

- Pray for those among us who run and own small businesses.
 - Pray that God will calm their worries and burdens as they work and manage others and their business.
 - Pray for wisdom and encouragement as they make decisions about their business.
 - Pray that they will be able to show Christ's love in how they treat and manage those who work under them and those they serve.

The world

- Pray for those in our police force.
 - Pray for safety and protection as they work in service to their community.
 - Pray for their families as they deal with the stresses placed upon them.
 - Pray that God will give them what they need to work through the stresses their workplaces put on them mentally and physically.

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

St Paul's Mt Hunter: 10am Sunday except 9am 1st Sunday of the month

St Barnabas' 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...

We are deeply thankful for your generosity.

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