



St John's Camden

5 March 23...

Dear Church

Thursday was our last meeting with the Strategic Leadership Team (SLT). The SLT have spent seven nights together praying, discussing, answering and highlighting the strengths of our church and growth areas. At our February meeting, a church consultant from Moore College's Centre of Ministry Development, took us through a Strength, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats (SWOT) analysis. I thought I would share the results with you here.

The take-away from this process was to highlight the current strengths of our church – things we can leverage off into the future.

Key Advantages

- Growth of the area and next generation
- Our desire to support the vulnerable
- Our strong biblical foundations and concern for discipleship
- Our willingness to grow our community partnerships

According to the SLT, the challenges for our church were these

Key Challenges

- Do our buildings serve our ministries?
- Is there a strong desire to change for the sake of growing ministry?
- Do we have a highly motivated volunteer base?
- Is our church reflecting our community?
- Are we managing the transition points from one ministry to the next?

No doubt we have more strengths and challenges besides these. But I thought this was a good summary of where we're at. If you have further comment, I would be very interested to hear them.

I look forward on March 26 and April 2 to share more of these findings with you all at our regular services.

Finally, I will not be with you all this Sunday morning since I will be preaching at Mt Hunter and Werombi and then chairing their respective AGMs. I would appreciate your prayers as our link churches appoint various people to important roles at these churches.

God bless
Matt Stedman

March is BCA box opening month.
Could all box holders please leave their boxes at the back of the church.



What's happening...

6th March - SRE Commissioning service 7pm.
Camden Presbyterian Church

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

19th March - Dinner after the 6pm service in the hall. \$5/person

25th March - Mission Prayer Meeting 7.30pm @ the McKay's
33 Elizabeth Macarthur Ave Camden

26th March - Confirmation service, 10am.

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

Who can we pray for this week...

Community

- Pray for our doctors, nurses and other medical practitioners.
 - Thank God for the people he has put before us to care for our physical bodies and the sacrifices they have made over the past few years
 - Pray for the physical and mental health of those who care for the sick and the stress that it puts on their minds and bodies.
 - Pray for their families and loved ones as they love and care for them in this work.

Ministry

- Pray for our Carrington services.
 - Pray for its leaders & their teams - Irfon & Barbara; Max & Betty; Philip & Jeanette.
 - Pray that God will give them wisdom and grace as they love these people.
 - Pray for endurance and strength as they deal with the many pressures and issues put upon them.
 - Pray for wisdom in navigating the changes that regularly occur within these communities.
 - Thank God for these opportunities to share his grace with all these people.

Congregation

- Pray for our parents and expectant families here at St John's
 - Thank God for the blessings of children and family in their lives.
 - Pray for help as they navigate the pressures and complexities of raising children in faith.
 - Pray for energy and endurance as they work and care for their children.
 - Pray for opportunities for them to show love and care and receive love and care from the Community of St John's

The world

- Pray for the working men and women in our congregation.
 - Pray for safety and comfort as they work.
 - Pray for wisdom in how to be a benefit to their workplaces and to the gospel.
 - Pray for those who are anxious or nervous in their workplaces, that God would comfort them and give them strength.
 - Thank God for the opportunity to work and earn what is needed to survive.

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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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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