



St John's Camden

7 May 23...

Dear Church

A couple of things to update you on.

I am very much looking forward to spending time with the men at our 4x4 weekend away on this weekend. I have prepared a short devotion on the topic of spiritual friendship which I hope will be helpful. A big thank you to Jimmy, Wes, Ian and Geoff who have worked hard to organise the event. Please pray our time away would be an enriching and encouraging one and gives everyone who comes a sense of belonging to our church.

Something for your calendar! One of the things I would love for our church to do each year, is to create some space to celebrate all that God has done amongst us. To hear the stories of grace, stories of coming to faith and how God has sustained people through various trials. For this reason, we will be having a Celebration Dinner on the 4th November at a local venue. The venue has capacity for hundreds of people so I hope everyone can come. Please put it in your calendar now—you won't want to miss it. It will be a ticketed event, so please start putting a little money aside now to cover the cost.

Friends, our women's ministry on Thursday plays a very important role within our church. A place for women to come—particularly if they're unavailable on a Sunday—to grow in their devotion to Jesus. I am very thankful to those who have come before me who had the vision for such a ministry. With Karina's resignation, our Women's Church ministry has evolved to become Women on Thursdays. The special parts of Women's Church still happen: gathering for worship, prayer, fellowship and morning tea. But now, we've created more space for time in community groups. A big thank you to Debbie B and Prue who are now overseeing this ministry. Please be in touch with them if you have any questions or comments.

Finally, there's been some movement in the global Anglican church after a large conference in Kigali, Rwanda, which our own Archbishop and Bishops attended.

If you are interested in such things, you can learn more about it and watch a video with our Archbishop, Kanishka Raffel, using the links in the weekly email or links below. Rest assured, this doesn't change a thing for us at St John's or the Sydney Anglican Diocese.

<https://sydneyanglicans.net/news/resetting-the-communion-urgent-says-gafcon-iv/53216>

<https://sydneyanglicans.net/news/when-the-tough-get-going/53205>

<https://sydneyanglicans.net/news/coming-together-and-walking-apart/53213>

<https://www.thepastorsheart.net/podcast/gafcon23-raffel-on-life-after-welby>

Blessings,
Matt

Mainly music...

The mainly music team invite new families with pre-school aged children to visit or join their group for music-based activities including singing, dancing and playing instruments. A delicious morning tea is provided and there is time for free-play. Parents and carers are encouraged and children are able to make new friends in a Christian setting.

Every Tuesday during school terms from 10am-12noon at St Paul's Anglican church, Mt Hunter (Cnr Burragorang Rd and Spring Creek Rd). \$5 per family/week. For more information contact Stella 0417 659 560

Face-to face training opportunities coming up.



Safe Ministry Essentials (if this is your first time completing training)

- Sat 24th June, 9am-3pm. St John's Anglican Church, Moss Vale.
- Sat 11th November, 9am-3pm. Wilton Anglican Church.

For assistance or to register contact Matt Carmody or go to

<https://safeministry.training/face-to-face-training/> . Cost \$50 p.p.

Online training (Essentials or Refresher) can be completed at any time <https://safeministry.training/online-training-information/> . St John's will be hosting an opportunity for anyone to come together and complete their online training in order to provide assistance or support if needed.

Sunday 21st May and Sunday 4th June, 12noon-2pm in the hall. BYO laptop or contact the office if you need to borrow a laptop.

Who can we pray for this week...

Community

- Pray for our doctors, nurses and other medical practitioners.
 - Thank God for the people he has given 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 loved ones as they 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 in this way.

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 for our daily needs.

What's happening...

13th May - Working Bee, 9am St John's grounds

21st May - Online Safe ministry training, 12noon in the hall. BYO laptop.

21st May - Dinner after the 6pm service, \$5 per person

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: Bec, Howard, Ian, John, Keith, Mike, Tim.

St Paul's: Anne, Brett, Graham.

Giving...

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