



St Mary's

ANGLICAN CHURCH

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Weekly Services

8:30am Sunday

Traditional Holy Communion service with Hymns

10:30am Sunday

All ages service with Children's program during school terms. Holy Communion on the 1st & 3rd Sundays.

5.00pm Sunday

All ages service with contemporary music followed by dinner.

10:00am Wednesday

Traditional Anglican Communion service

Please join us for refreshments in the Parish hall following our morning services.

Weekly Activities

Music Playtime

Music playgroup for preschoolers
Thursdays, 10-11.30am
Song, Dance & Craft

Kids United

Kids Club for primary schoolers
Fridays, 3.45 – 5.00pm
Faith based stories, music & games

Youth United

Youth Group for secondary school
Sundays, 6.15-8.15pm
Games, Faith based chats & a meal

Stitch & Sew

Craft and Chat Group
Tuesdays, 1-3pm

Home Groups

Small groups meeting in homes to study the bible and support each other. Various times and dates.

**St Mary's is a community:
Loving God, Following Jesus, Sharing God's love with all.**



Prayer and Praise Points



Pray for Wardens & Parish Council

- Mark Armstrong, Noel Sprague, Wendy Caramarco
- Don Cottell, Samantha Dennett, Alan Phillips, Peter Schou, Michael Williams

Pray for St Mary's Community Store

- For our Community Store volunteers, committee and the customers they serve.

Pray for our Kids Hope program

- For God's guidance and protection for all Kids Hope children and their mentors

Pray for Chibobo orphanage

- Give thanks for 10 years of St. Mary's formal links to Chibobo and His many blessings during that time
- For the next steps in the chicken rearing and egg laying project
- For those in the Chibobo community facing the prospect of famine in the coming months, and for our ability to support them financially.

Pray for Ridley Melbourne

- For the staff and students at Ridley Melbourne Mission & Ministry College, especially for those from St Mary's who are studying at Ridley College

Pray for Chaplaincy in our schools

- Michael Wanyama at Sunbury Heights
- Tracey Hodge at Kismet Park PS
- Robert Nansen at Sunbury SC
- Lynn Armstrong at Sunbury Downs
- Goonawarra PS as they search for a new Chaplain

Pray for our CMS link missionaries

- Thanks to God for Grace's work developing a Children's Ministry Team.
- Please pray for Chris and Grace and for those who have been recipients of their ministry in various ways.

Pray for CareWorks SunRanges

- For all volunteers and the people they minister to in our community.

This week we pray especially...

- For God's Spirit to touch the hearts of all who attend our Christmas Services
- For God's protection and wisdom as Maize is distributed to needy households in the Chibobo area, Zambia
- For those we know who are unwell, and those receiving ongoing treatment especially for Duane, Edith and Adrian

Pray for St Mary's Staff and Leadership

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| • Gavin Ward- <i>Vicar</i> | 0409 971 122 |
| • Matthew Browne- <i>Curate</i> | 0401 615 099 |
| • Narelle Riley- <i>Parish Administrator</i> | 0408 406 424 |
| • Laura Paul- <i>Children's Outreach</i> | 0457 750 975 |
| • Ros Armstrong- <i>Discipleship & Ministry training coordinator</i> | 0438 706 815 |

Names for the prayer list are refreshed at the beginning of each month.

To add a name to the list, email admin@stmarysanglican.org.au or fill out a communication card.

Items for the pewsheets should be emailed to the editor by 7pm Tuesday
newsletter@stmarysanglican.org.au



News and Announcements



Blue Christmas Service

You are invited to attend the Blue Christmas Service arranged by the Combined Churches of Sunbury. The service is for those who might find Christmas difficult this year because of the loss of a loved one, loneliness, or difficult memories from the past or for other reasons. The service provides a quiet space for reflection, the opportunity to light a candle and to gather together. The service will be held at **St Andrew's Uniting Church** this **Thursday 20 December** at **7.30pm**. *Gavin*

Christmas Nursing Home Services

Our special Christmas Services will be held this week:

Riddell Gardens- Tuesday morning at 10:30 am

Lions Hostel- Thursday afternoon at 3 pm

Please feel free to join us as we minister to these lovely people, who enjoy our visits so much throughout the year. *Robin Philbrick*

Useful Christmas Gifts

Want to give a meaningful Christmas gift this year? TEAR's Useful Gifts are for sale in the hall. There are a range of items from \$5 and up such as chickens, health care, schooling and more that will help support communities in need. There are even Build-Your-Own Village kits for the kids. Feel free to browse the items in the hall. For more information, please see Sara Robinson.

Shared lunch following the 10.30am service next week

Next **Sunday 23 December**, there will be a "bring and share" lunch following the 10.30am service. This will be a great opportunity to say farewell to Jeremiah

and Laura Paul and wish them well as they depart St Mary's.

Please bring just enough food for your family, but something that could be put on a table and shared with others.

Christmas Service Times

Christmas Eve - 7pm

Christmas Eve - 11pm (followed by Christmas Cake and Sparkling Wine or Grape juice)

Christmas Day - 9.30am

Please note: There will only be one service on **Sunday 30 December - 9.30am** Holy Communion.

Christmas Cake and Champagne

Following the 11pm service on Christmas Eve, cake, sparkling wine and fellowship will once again be served! Donations of cake and wine would be appreciated. *Noel Sprague and helpers*

Christmas Day Lunch

Sunbury Baptist Church is again hosting a Christmas Day lunch for those who find themselves alone on this day. Please take a brochure from the back of the church if you would like to assist; invite someone along or let someone know about this lunch. *Gavin*



Prayer for the Day

Gracious God,
 you chose the virgin Mary, by your grace,
 to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour:
 so fill us with your grace,
 that with her we may rejoice in your salvation,
 and in all things embrace your will;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,
 who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Bible verse for the Day

“For the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.” Luke 1:49-50

Sunday- 8.30am & 10.30am

Preacher- Jeremiah Paul

Readings- Luke 1:39-45

Luke 1:46-56

“Luke’s infancy narrative- Mary’s song”

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Sunday- 5.00pm

Preacher- Jeremiah Paul

“Luke’s infancy narrative- Mary’s song”

Dinner: BBQ

\$2.00

Wednesday- 10.00am

“Luke’s infancy narrative- Mary’s song”

Services Next Week

beginning **Sunday 23rd December**

Sunday- 8.30am & 10.30am

Preacher- Gavin Ward

Readings- Luke 1:57-66

Luke 1:67-80

“Luke’s infancy narrative- Birth of John the Baptist”

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Sunday- 5.00pm

Preacher- Gavin Ward

“Luke’s infancy narrative- Birth of John the Baptist”

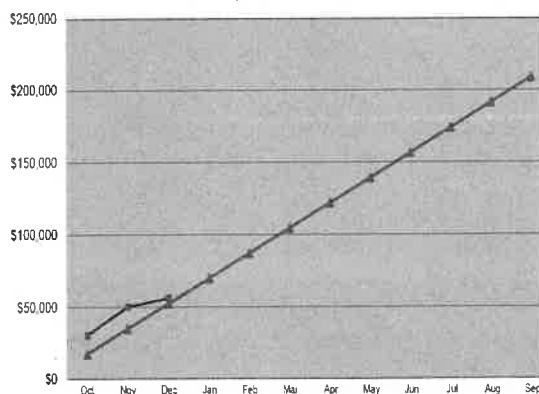
Dinner: Toasties

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Wednesday- 10.00am

“Luke’s infancy narrative- Birth of John the Baptist”

Offertery Income v. Budget



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 Nursing Home Service
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 Service at St Andrew’s
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Bank Account Details

St Marys Anglican Church Sunbury

BSB number- **083918**

Account Number- **516062042**