



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 over the school holidays.

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...

- That God's Holy Spirit will work in the hearts of many who attend our Christmas services over the next few days.
- 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



Farewell Laura and Jeremiah Paul

Today we formally say good bye to Laura and Jeremiah Paul. Laura has been with us for 2 years and done some outstanding work as our Children's Outreach Worker, especially with Kids United, children at 5pm, running the Children's camp and this year with God's Gang and children at 10.30am as well as assisting with music at 10.30am and 5pm. Jeremiah has been serving as Ridley Student and been chiefly involved in our 8.30 am and 10.30am services and also lead 5pm services occasionally. Jeremiah led the Confirmation Classes this year and has also been providing the Sentence and Prayer of the Day for us for most of the year. He is currently preparing these for our services up to Easter. Jeremiah will be Ordained as a Deacon at St Paul's Cathedral on Saturday 9 February at 10.30am. Thank you Laura and Jeremiah for your humble and faithful service at St Mary's. We will miss you and wish you God's richest blessings as you move into full time ministry at All Saints Clayton. *Gavin*

Shared lunch following the 10.30am service

Today, 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.

Christmas Service Times

Christmas Eve - 7pm
Christmas Eve - 11pm (followed by Christmas Cake and Sparkling Wine or Grape juice)
Christmas Day - 9.30am

Next Sunday - One Service Only

There will be a combined Holy Communion Service of at 9.30am next **Sunday 30 December**.

5pm & Wednesday Services

There is no Wednesday service this week (**26 December**). It resumes on 2 January. There is no 5pm Service in the next 2 Sundays, **30 December & 6 January**. It resumes on 13 January 2019.

Favourite Bible Stories (January Sermon Series):-

Over the next 4 weeks we'll be hearing from the Staff Team about what their favourite Bible Stories are and how they apply to us today. Next **Sunday 30 December**, it's Gavin with Elijah and the Prophets of Baal - titled "The Choice is Yours".

Mike Houston

This has been a sad week for the Parish as we farewelled Mike Houston. Mike was a member of Vestry, the Incumbency Committee and Secretary of Vestry as well as the Narrator of the Lessons and Carols Service for many years. With Kaerest he was a regular member of our Wednesday Congregation and also our 8.30am Congregation. We will always remember how his reading of God's Word brought it alive for us. Mike will be sadly missed. Please pray for God's comfort for Kaerest and the family. *Gavin*

Mrs Val Brown

We have also received the sad news of the death of Mrs Val Brown during the week. Many of us have purchased her soaps and other goods in support of the Chibobo Community. Please pray for God's comfort for her family. *Gavin*

Office Closed

Narelle will be on Annual leave from Christmas Eve, returning on **Monday 14 January**.

Christmas Grapevine

The Christmas edition of Grapevine is available for collection today.



Prayer for the Day

Eternal God,
 you sent John the Baptist
 to prepare the way for the coming of your Son:
 grant us wisdom to see your purpose
 and openness to hear your will,
 that we too may prepare the way for Christ
 who is coming in power and glory
 to establish his rule of peace and justice;
 through Jesus Christ our Judge and our Redeemer,
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Bible verse for the Day

“You will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins.” Luke 1:76-77

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: \$2.00

Services Next Week

Sunday- 8.30am & 10.30am

Preacher- Gavin Ward

Readings- 1 Kings 18:16-29

1 Kings 18:30-39

beginning **Sunday 30th December**

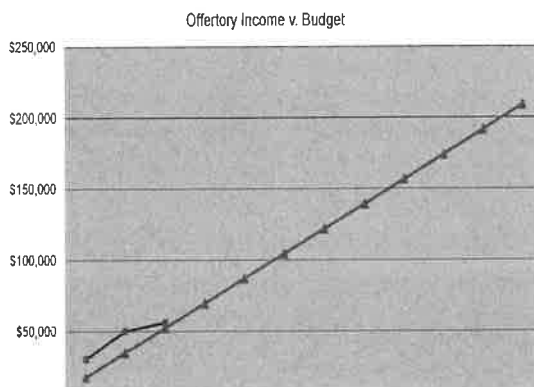
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Wednesday- 10.00am

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Dates for your Diary

(see the calendar on the website for more dates)

- 23 Dec- Shared Lunch after the 10.30am service
- 24 Dec- 7pm Christmas Eve Service
- 24 Dec- 11pm Christmas Eve Service
- 25 Dec- 9.30am Christmas Day Service
- 30 Dec- 9.30am Holy Communion Service
- 14 Jan- Parish Prayer Meeting
- 21 Jan- Parish Council Meeting

Bank Account Details

St Marys Anglican Church Sunbury

BSB number- **083918**

Account Number- **516062042**