



St Mary's
ANGELICAN CHURCH

St Mary's Grapevine

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Gavin's Grab

*It's getting exciting now. I hope you're as excited as I am!!!
We are only 5 weeks away from our 150th Celebrations.*

I remember when I began at St Mary's in December 2006, I stated that, God willing, I would still be here to celebrate St Mary's 150th in November 2017. That seemed a long way away then – now it is upon us.

As we have planned for our celebrations, based on your collective input and ideas, we will be providing many opportunities to pause and give thanks to God for those pioneers who had the foresight and courage to build a place of worship on the Village Green and for God's blessings on each generation of those who lifted their hearts and souls in worship of Him here and who have faithfully served Jesus in and through St Mary's.

Our celebrations will involve much thanksgiving to God for his blessings on us as a church over 150 years, and as part of these celebrations we will also be giving to others. Over the week we will be collecting food for those in need in our community. Collection trolleys will be in the

Parish Hall for your donations and these will be presented to Michael Austin (Careworks) at our services on Sunday 26th November at 8.30am and 11am.

This Grapevine provides you with the most up to date guide to our week of celebrations in the "Who, What, When, Where and How" format... Who is the event for.... What is the event When and where is it.... How much does it cost and how do I register.

I look forward to seeing you at one, more or all of these events (yes I might even sneak into the Ladies evening) as we celebrate this great occasion together as a Parish and Community.

Please don't hesitate to contact Narelle at the office on 9744 1347 if you want any further information.

with God's blessings and giving Him the thanks

Gavin

150th Events- See inside for Details

- Bush Dance for Sunbury West Primary School
- Parish Picnic
- Sunday Service of Thanksgiving
- Open Church
- 1867 Evensong service
- Annual General Meeting
- Old Time Christmas Crafts
- Wednesday Morning service
- Ladies Coffee & Cake night
- Music Playtime party
- Lunch & Songs of Yesteryear
- Men's Dinner
- Colonial Ball
- 150th Church Services at 8.30am and 11.00am with Archbishop Philip Freier

Event No. 1 – Bush Dance

WHO is involved? – Sunbury West Primary school students and families, Kids Hope Mentors and others with Working with Children cards and police checks, who have volunteered to assist and have completed the requirements of the St Mary's "Contact with Children Policy"

WHAT are the details- Bush Dance for Sunbury West Primary School, including a BBQ tea for parents and children and the cutting of a 150th Birthday cake by the Kids Hope children. The Billy Tea Bush Band have been engaged to run the dance. Thanks to all who have hosted or attended a coffee snowball (or who still plan to do so as this is helping to fund this event).

WHEN? Thursday 16th November 5.30pm – 8pm

WHERE? – Sunbury West Primary School

HOW do I register? – This is not an open event.



Event No. 2- Parish Picnic

WHO is involved? – Everyone! There will be activities suitable for all ages and abilities!

WHAT are the details? – Vintage Games for the whole family, Picnic on the Village Green, Game show, unveiling of 150th Quilt and Launch of St Mary's 150th History Book. Bring your own Picnic basket of food (afternoon tea, wine & cheese or picnic dinner) for your family. BYO rug or chairs.

WHEN?- Saturday 18th November 4.30 – 7.30pm

WHERE? St Mary's Parish Hall

HOW do I register? Indicate your attendance on the RSVP slip to assist with preparations.

FREE event- but you may like to bring along some money to purchase a copy of the book and have it signed by the author!

Event no. 3 – Services of Thanksgiving

WHO is involved? – Everyone!

WHAT are the details- Services of Thanksgiving to God. We will be launching our appeal for a week of CareWorks donations.

WHEN? Sunday 19th November
8.30am and 10:30am

WHERE? St Mary's Church

HOW do I register? No requirement to register

Event no. 4 – Open Church

WHO is involved? – Everyone!

WHAT are the details- Open Church, including display of historical books and items, coinciding with Sunbury Streetlife Festival.

WHEN? Sunday 19th November
1.00 - 3.00pm

WHERE? St Mary's Church

HOW do I register? Indicate your ability to assist on the sign-up sheet. Please volunteer your time for 30 minutes to welcome visitors and guests.

Event no. 5 – Evensong Service

WHO is involved? – Everyone!

WHAT are the details- A Traditional Evensong (from the Book of Common Prayer) Church service as it would have been in 1867. Get involved by joining the choir that is being formed for the evening!

WHEN? **Sunday 19th November** 7.00-7.45pm

WHERE? St Mary's Church

HOW do I register? NO requirement to register. Contact Gwen Hutcheson on 0412 547 643 if you would like to be part of the choir.

Event no. 6 – Annual General Meeting

WHO is involved? – Everyone!

WHAT are the details- Annual General Meeting for the Parish, with election of office bearers and special guest speaker, Mr Peter Free.

WHEN? **Monday 20th November** 7.00pm for Dessert, 7.30pm for AGM

WHERE? St Mary's Parish Hall

HOW do I register? No requirement to register. See the Parish Website or pew sheet for details on ensuring you are on the Parish Electoral Roll if you wish to vote at the AGM, or stand for Election.



St Mary's 150th Clothing

Whether you are 1 month old or pushing 100 years, get a shirt or hoodie and be part of the celebrations!

Visit our online store to view entire range, sizes and prices.

<https://shop.spreadshirt.com.au/StMarysAnglican>

Event no. 7 – Old Time Crafts



WHO is involved? – Everyone!

WHAT are the details- – Stitch and Sew are running a session of old time Christmas crafts.

Come along and make something to take home for your Christmas decor this year.

This is a free event.

WHEN? Tuesday November 21st 1.00 – 3.00pm

WHERE? St Mary's Parish Hall

HOW do I register? Indicate your attendance on the RSVP slip to assist with preparations of craft supplies.

Event No. 8- Wednesday Morning Service

WHO is involved? – Everyone!

WHAT are the details? – Special Wednesday morning service with guests, followed by lunch and a short historical walk of the local area. The historical display in the Parish House will be open. Each family attending will be asked to bring along a contribution for the lunch.

WHEN?- Wednesday 22nd November 10am – 1.00pm

WHERE? St Mary's Church, Parish Hall & Parish House

HOW do I register? Indicate your attendance on the RSVP slip to assist with preparations



Event no. 9 – Ladies Evening

WHO is involved? – Ladies of the Parish

WHAT are the details- Coffee and dessert evening with special guest Speaker Mrs Louise Morris (Great Granddaughter of Sir William Clarke) There will be a cost, which will be advised shortly.

WHEN? Wednesday November 22nd
7.00 -9.00 pm

WHERE? "The Nook" Cafe- Evans St, Sunbury

HOW do I register? Indicate your attendance on the RSVP slip.

Event no. 10 – Music Playtime Party

WHO is involved? – Preschool Children and their Parents and Grandparents

WHAT are the details- Music Playtime are hosting a special birthday party with singing, dancing and birthday cake!

WHEN? Thursday November 23Rd
10am- 11.30am

WHERE? St Mary's Parish Hall

HOW do I register? No requirement to register.

Event no. 11 – Lunch & Songs of Yesteryear

WHO is involved? – Everyone

WHAT are the details- Friday Friendship Lunch combines with Sing & Soup for a lunchtime of fun, food and singing. A donation bowl will be available for you to contribute to the cost of the meal.

WHEN? Friday November 24th
12pm – 2 pm

WHERE? St Mary's Parish Hall

HOW do I register? Indicate your attendance on the RSVP slip

Event no. 12 – Men's Dinner

WHO is involved? – Men of the Parish

WHAT are the details- Sunbury Men's Shed are hosting a BBQ dinner for the men of the Parish (and friends) with special guest speaker Jack Ogilvie, highlighting some of the history of Sunbury and the role the church has played from a community perspective. Cost - \$15.00 per person.

WHEN? Friday November 24th
6.00pm – 8.30pm

WHERE? Sunbury Men's Shed- Evan's St, Sunbury.

HOW do I register? Indicate your attendance on the RSVP slip

Event no. 13 – Colonial Ball

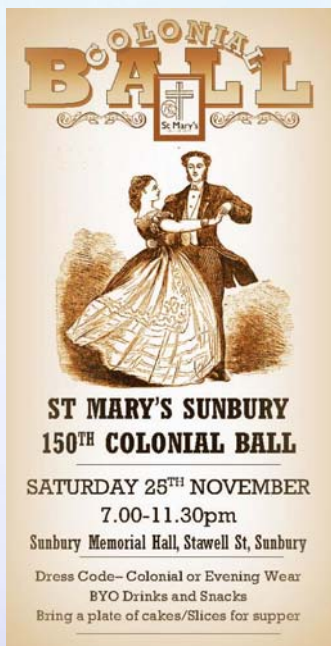
WHO is involved? – Everyone!

WHAT are the details- A Colonial Ball as it would have been conducted in the 1800's with Dance Cards, set dances, and music provided by a local band. Make the night a special occasion by dressing in either a Colonial costume or modern evening wear. Tickets are \$30.00 per person or you can purchase a full table of 8. BYO drinks and snacks, and also a plate of cakes or slices for a shared supper.

WHEN? Saturday November 25th 7.00 -11.30 pm

Where? – Sunbury Memorial Hall

HOW do I register? Purchase your tickets online at TryBookings www.trybooking.com/306448



Event No. 14-

8:30am & 11.00am Morning Celebration Church Services

WHO is involved? – Everyone!

WHAT are the details? – Two Communion Services will be held in the morning, with a big morning tea in between both services. A historic photograph of all in attendance will be taken at 10.30am following the cutting of a special birthday cake . Archbishop Philip Freier will be in attendance at both services.

Please bring a contribution of food for morning tea.

WHEN?- **Sunday 26th November** 8.30am and 11.00am

WHERE? St Mary's Church

HOW do I register? Indicate which service you'll be attending on the RSVP slip to assist with preparations

Summary of Events- Fill your Diary NOW !!

Thursday 16th November

Bush Dance for Sunbury West Primary School

Saturday 18th November

Parish Picnic with Games,
Book Launch & Quilt Unveiling

Sunday 19th November

Sunday Service of Thanksgiving
Open Church
1867 Evensong service

Monday 20th November

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 21st November

Stitch & Sew Old Time Christmas Crafts

Wednesday 22nd November

Wednesday Morning service, Lunch & Historic Walk
Ladies Coffee & Cake night

Thursday 23rd November

Music Playtime party

Friday 24th November

Lunch & Songs of Yesteryear
Men's Dinner

Saturday 25th November

Colonial Ball

Sunday 26th November

150th Church Services at 8.30am and 11.00am
with Archbishop Philip Freier



St Mary's History Display

Do you remember having morning tea served in the Vicarage kitchen when the entire Parish squeezed into the Vicarage and used the one toilet after the service? Or when crèche used to be held in a tin shed under the carport where the Parish House garage now stands? Do you remember the days of Church Fetes when the youth group had a dunking machine or set up a haunted house in the hall? Do you remember the choir putting on a performance of Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dream coat"?

These are just some of the memories that will be submitted to the history display being set up for our 150th, but we need more! Whether they are old or new. Could be what you are involved at here? An event? A funny or serious incident? Maybe a photo. Don't forget to include dates. Write as much as you want to. If only we had these written down 10, 50 or 150 years ago. So beware! Decades from now, they will be looked at. They will be put into A4 sleeves and into a ringbinder, UNEDITED! Write your name and date on it then hand it in to Jennifer Garth, Joan Purton, Jan Carlow, or to the office by November 5th.



Dance Classes

So that you can really keep in step at the ball Gwen Hutcheson will be running 6 free dance sessions on Wednesday evenings, commencing on 18th October, at 7:30 -8:45 in the Parish Hall. She will review dances which are on the programme for the Ball such as The Gay Gordons, Heel and Toe Polka, Progressive Barn Dance, St Bernards Waltz, Pride of Erin, Evening 3 Step, Military 2 step etc. You don't need to have a partner to attend and it doesn't matter if you can't make it every week. Classes conclude on November 15th, just in time for the Colonial Ball on Saturday November 25th.

Other ways to get involved, excited and spread the news about our 150th Celebrations.....

- Start wearing your 150th T-Shirt or Hoodie
- Join the choir and begin rehearsing. Contact Gwen on 0412 547 643.
- Come along to the **Working bee** on **November 11th** and help make the grounds and buildings sparkle and shine ready for the big week!
- Book your tickets for the Colonial Ball. Why not get together with friends or home group members and book a table so you can guarantee you'll all be sitting together? You can bring friends you don't come to church too! What a great outreach opportunity!
- Watch your inbox for the weekly 150th update and respond as required.
- Return your RSVP slip, indicating which events you plan to attend, to assist with catering, seating and planning logistics.

To assist with catering, seating and other logistics for our 150th celebrations, please indicate which events you plan to attend (place the number attending inside the box)

Return the form to the box in the back of the church or place in Narelle's pigeon hole in the hall.



Family Name:- _____

Saturday 18th November- Parish Picnic with Games, Book Launch & Quilt Unveiling

Adults

Children

Sunday 19th November- Open Church

Time available to assist (between 1-3pm) _____

Tuesday 21st November - Stitch & Sew Old Time Christmas Crafts

Wednesday 22nd November- Wednesday service & Lunch

Wednesday 22nd November- Ladies Coffee & Cake night

Friday 24th November Lunch & Songs of Yesteryear

Sunday 26th November- 150th Church Service - 8.30am

Adults

Children

Sunday 26th November- 150th Church Service- 11.00am

Adults

Children