



St Mary's Grapevine

BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ST MARY'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, SUNBURY
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Gavin's Grab

Greetings everyone,

I trust you are settling into the year well. I don't know about you, but I really enjoyed hearing from a number of different people over January talking about their favourite Psalm. These sermons were very timely, inspiring and opened up for us the wide scope and variety of the Psalms.

We are well into planning and preparation for a number of activities for 2017. Here's a brief snapshot of what we are planning:-

Domestic Violence Workshop – Tuesday 7 March

Following on from Ree Bodde's visit in November last year, we are hosting a workshop for the Community. Bev Cottell and I have been working with Lee Palumbo and Ree Bodde. There are posters up advertising the workshop and I trust this will continue to highlight the issue in our community and provide people with ways and means of helping to reduce and eliminate this aspect of our community life.

Sunfest Activities – 18 and 19 March

Sunfest will again be using the Village Green on Saturday and Sunday of this weekend. We will have our usual stalls and involvement on Saturday, including an open church.

On Sunday morning we will have our usual 8.30am and 5pm services, however 10.30am becomes difficult with parking and noise so we will not have a 10.30am service on this day. Instead, the 10.30am congregation are invited to attend the 8.30am or 5pm service.....OR.....join with me in walking around the Village Green on Sunday morning and conducting a questionnaire with people. I will explain this more at an upcoming 10.30am service.

Leadership Training and Mentoring

Kim Beales and I are developing a Leadership Training Course, which will involve mentoring. We will be inviting people to take part in this over the next week or so. It will be designed to be run over 7 sessions meeting monthly, commencing in early April.

Marriage Enrichment Course

I have been keen to run a Marriage Course for some time, but other things have got in the way. Sharon and I, together with a small team, are now in the process of arranging a pilot course which we hope to run over May and June. Once the pilot is completed, our plans will be to open up the course for everyone later in the year, including those who have been married at St Mary's over the past number of years.

Gavin's Grab cont...

150th Anniversary

Annette and I are slowly organising the various events which will help us celebrate the 150th Anniversary of worship beginning in the St Mary's building. Some of the activities include:-

- the launch of a "History of St Mary's",
- presentation of a special 150th Quilt,
- a Colonial Ball,
- a 1662 **Evensong Service**,
- a Celebratory Wednesday morning Service (with Bishop Philip Huggins attending),
- a Ladies Evening and Men's Breakfast (with special guest speakers),

- a Bush Dance for Sunbury West Primary School and
- a morning of celebration at both our services on Sunday 26 November (with Archbishop Philip Freier attending) followed by a Parish Celebratory 150th Lunch.
- Gifts to Careworks will also feature as part of our celebrations.

If you would like to be involved in helping us out with any of these activities, please contact Annette or myself.

Octogenarians Galore!!!!

Finally, I would like to congratulate and celebrate with 4 members of our community who have recently celebrated their 80th birthdays - Alan Phillips, Mike Houston, Harry Appleton and Ian Garth. They all look far too young to have achieved this milestone.

5pm Community Camp at Marysville- February 17th- 19th 2017



Building Update

*An update from your Building
Committee-*

Ben Clements, Phil Stacy, Alan Phillips,
Noel Sprague.

The Building Committee continues to work towards our goal of being able to turn the first soil for our new worship centre for this year's 150th Celebrations.

In keeping with this goal, we continue to move forward with planning, with the following procedural requirements have now been undertaken.

November 17: Presentation to Diocesan Building Committee.

December 7: Approval to proceed received from Diocese with minor clarifications.

February 3: Preliminary informal meeting with presentation to Hume Council planning department.

During February / March the architects will begin to work on detailed drawings. This will involve input from structural, mechanical, electrical and communications engineers. This work will then allow for a formal planning submission to be presented to the Hume council. On current timelines we will ideally be in position to lodge this permit sometime in April. Whilst the process may sound protracted, the committee wants to ensure all known planning issues are addressed prior to any submission to enable Hume Council to be in a position to grant a planning permit. Once received this permit provides us with a two year window in which to commence construction.

The building committee will continue to engage with parishioners once we have received the detailed plans. These will hopefully be able to answer many of the outstanding questions from the consultation process around spatial, light and perspectives.

We are very indebted to parishioners who continue to uphold our building process in their daily prayers. We will continue to call for parish wide prayer support as we approach critical milestones, God has great plans ahead for us all.

Home Groups 2017

All groups are weekly, during school terms unless indicated.

For more information please speak to Home Group coordinator Elsa Phillips- 9740 8756

Monday

Edith's Home group – Meets at Edith's home at 9.30am. All welcome. (Most members are retired women) Contact Edith on 9744 2849

Young Adults Home Group – Run by Ben & Emily Clements. Meets at their home at 7.30pm. Open to Young Adults. Contact Ben on 0406 047 926 or Emily on 0439 202 609

Tuesday

Parents' Home group – Meets at Parish House at 9.30am. Open to parents with children. Supervision of children available. Contact Kim Beales on 0431 531 322

Jill's Women's Home group – Meets *fortnightly* at Jill's home at 7.30pm. Open to all women. Contact Jill Gray on 0400 236 122

Armstrong's home group – Meets at 7.30pm at Ann Marie McMahon's home. Open to all. Contact Mark Armstrong on 9740 6815

Wednesday

Irene's Home Group – Meets in the Parish House following the Wednesday service and morning tea (around 11.00am). All welcome. Contact Irene Curtis on 9744 4093

Max's Men's Group – Meets *fortnightly* at Max's home at 11.15am. Open to all men. Contact Max Langshaw on 9744 2849

Kim's Men's group – Meets *monthly* at 7.30pm. Contact Kim Beales on 0431 531 322

Thursday

Mike & Gill's Home Group – Meets in the Parish house at 7.30pm. Open to anyone to attend. Contact Mike Lampard on 9740 9470 or Gill Garth on 9744 1915

Elsa & Bev's Home group – Meets at Elsa's home from 7.30pm. Open to everyone to attend. Contact Bev Cottell on 9744 2165 or Elsa Phillips 9740 8756

Friday

Alison's Home group – Meets at Chris and Alison's home at 7.30pm. The family group that encourages kids to be involved with colouring sheets and bible quizzes. Contact Alison Rae on 9740 2983

New To Our Family

We are all delighted to welcome Timothy Graeme Browne, born on 31st January 2017, weighing 4.3kg, a new son for Matthew and Erin Browne and baby brother for Annabella.



Kids United

Kids United is a new after school faith-based kids club for primary aged children hosted by St Mary's together with churches in Sunbury

Stories, Music, Fun and Games

Fridays 3:45-5pm term-time

(starting Friday 24th February)

@ St Mary's Hall on O'Shanassy St, Sunbury

All welcome. Gold Coin Donation (per family)

For more information/expressions of interest contact:

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Online Calendar

Have you seen the new feature on our website? Its an online calendar that is regularly updated with all the events that are scheduled for St Marys for the whole year! You can access it from your phone, iPad or desktop computer and if you use a google calendar you can add events straight to your own diary!

2016-17 Parish Council

Back Row- Max Langshaw, Michael Williams, Mark Armstrong, Phil Stacy, Ben Clements, Don Cottell

Middle Row- Peter Schou, Wendy Caramarco, Samantha Dennett, Noel Sprague, Annette Swaffield

Front Row- Kim Beales, Alan Phillips, Gavin Ward



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