



St Mary's

ANGLICAN CHURCH SUNBURY

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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. Crèche available for pre-schoolers. Monthly Holy Communion.

10:00am Wednesday

Traditional Holy Communion service with Hymns

Weekly Activities

Music Playtime

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

Youth United

Youth Group for secondary school
Fridays, 7.00-8.30pm
Games, faith based chats & supper

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.

Wonderful to have you join us today

Toilets- The toilets and baby change facilities are located in the Parish Hall. Please see the welcomers for a key.

Refreshments- We would love you to join us for refreshments in the Parish hall following our morning services and dinner following our 5pm service.

Prayer- If you would like prayer for a specific need, please fill out a communication card and put it in the box at the back of the church or in the offertory plate.

Communion- We have gluten free wafers available- please let us know when you come to Communion if you require one. Wine is available in the chalice or individual cups, or grape juice is available in individual cups.

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
- Samantha Dennett, Danielle Johanesen, Alan Phillips, Matt Reeve, Esther Rule, Peter Schou, Annette Swaffield

Pray for our Kids Hope program

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

Pray for Chibobo orphanage

- Praise God for the safe arrival of Staivous' and Memory's daughter, Memory Jnr
- For Staivous as he works through some complex issues around the Secondary School (which has been temporarily closed) and also continuing to provide food for those in need.

Pray for our CMS link missionaries

- Give thanks for the arrival of Emily and her ongoing improvement from early infections.

Pray for St Mary's Community Store

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

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 CareWorks SunRanges

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

Pray for Chaplaincy in our schools

- Klara Hahne at Sunbury Heights
- Nicky Gallus at Kismet Park PS
- Robert Nansen at Sunbury SC
- Angelo Snell at Sunbury Downs
- Ellie Priest at Ardeer Primary School

This week we pray especially...

- For Ken and Lisa (from our 5pm congregation) as they are married at St Mary's by Gavin next Saturday 7 March at 2pm
- For Linden Johnson as she mourns the death of her brother-in-law Phil and for Linden's sister Deb and the extended family
- For Sue Samagalski and her family (including all at Encounter Church) as they mourn the sudden death of her husband Steve
- For those we know who are unwell, especially for Helen and Ian

Pray for St Mary's Staff and Leadership

• Gavin Ward-	<i>Vicar</i>	0409 971 122
• Matt Browne-	<i>Curate</i>	0401 615 099
• Narelle Riley-	<i>Manager of Operational Ministries</i>	0408 406 424
• Ros Armstrong-	<i>Discipleship & Ministry training coordinator</i>	0438 706 815
• Max Langshaw-	<i>Maintenance & Grounds coordinator</i>	0419 789 948
• Kristine Green-	<i>Community Store coordinator</i>	0431 345 788

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



Lenten Suggestion

Welcome to Lent...a time of 40 days where we prepare for the celebration of Easter and God's amazing work for us through Jesus' suffering death and resurrection. During Lent people have traditionally given up something (by way of fasting or setting aside something we enjoy) to remind ourselves of the sacrifice made by Jesus on our behalf. It's also a time where some people take up a devotional activity to draw nearer to God.

At St Mary's our Home Groups are working through a series of Studies on Ephesians (following the pattern of the sermons). Some people have joined the Home Groups for this time. If you haven't done so, I encourage you to consider it and to contact Alison Rae or Narelle in the office about the best group for you.

One other matter I've been reflecting on (following my reading of Proverbs and James) and what I've seen on the media and social media. I've observed that in today's world people can be very negative and are very willing to complain about anything and everything. This happens as a country, as a state, as a community and amongst our families and friends, including with our Parish community. This negativity can feed off negativity. I'm sure you've been part of such conversations. When we do this we can lose sight of the wonderful gifts God has given us, including our loved ones and those with whom we do life. I'm wondering whether during this Lent period, instead of (or in addition to) us giving up chocolate, coffee, alcohol etc we might consider giving up being negative or adding our voice to negative conversations we may become part of. Perhaps we could instead be the ones who provide the positive voice in those conversations - helping people around us to see and appreciate what God has blessed us with - friends, family, children, neighbours etc. This is very Biblical as we read in Proverbs 12:18 "The words of the reckless pierce like swords, but the tongue of the wise brings healing." Perhaps this could become our memory verse for Lent which we remind ourselves of each morning. Will you join me in doing this? May God use our words this Lenten period to bring His healing to people. *Gavin*

World Day of Prayer Service – 3 March

Our Combined Churches World Day of Prayer service this year is on **Tuesday 3 March** at Bethany Lutheran Church commencing at 7.30pm. Please join us as we gather as the Body of Christ in Sunbury and pray for our world. *Gavin*

Church Cleaning Roster

The new church cleaning roster is at the back of the church, ready for you to add your name! If each family takes 1-2 weeks throughout the year the entire roster will be filled in no time! The cleaning can usually be done on a Thursday evening, Friday or Saturday and a Parish councillor is rostered on each month to oversee and assist with key access etc.

CMS Tins

If you have not returned your CMS box, would you please let me or Narelle know, as two without names were handed in before Christmas and are waiting to be claimed! Many thanks, *Pam Allan*

Lenten Tins for Chibobo

For many years now, people of St. Mary's have taken a Lenten tin for Chibobo and throughout the Lenten period, have deposited gold coins into it as a giving towards the needs of the people in the Chibobo area.

In 2019, through the generosity of many, we were able to send money to purchase a small motorbike for one of the HMP

orphanage senior staff to enable travel to and from home to the HMP compound. A total of 8 kms each – often late at night in the dark.

If you would like one of these tins, they will be available from a Chibobo supporter at each of the services over the next 2 weeks or from Narelle during the week.

After Easter, please return your tins to Annette, Narelle or Mike. Many thanks for your continuing support for Chibobo.

Ancient Wisdom for Today

This week's Proverb is:- Proverbs 11:13

"A gossip betrays a confidence, but a trustworthy person keeps a secret." *Gavin*

☩ Sunday March 1st, 2020 ☩

Prayer for the Day

Holy God,
through your beloved Son, you reconciled all things to yourself,
making peace by the blood of his cross:
fill us, and those for whom we pray,
with your peace and joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Bible verse for the Day

"So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father."
Ephesians 2:17-18

Sunday- 8.30am, 10.30am & 5.00pm

Wednesday- 10.00am

Preacher:- Ros Armstrong

Theme:-

"Ephesians – One in Christ"

Readings:- Ephesians 2:11-22 Pg 950 Luke 22:24-34 Pg 857

Services Next Week

beginning **Sunday 8th March**

Sunday- 8.30am, 10.30am & 5.00pm

Wednesday- 10.00am

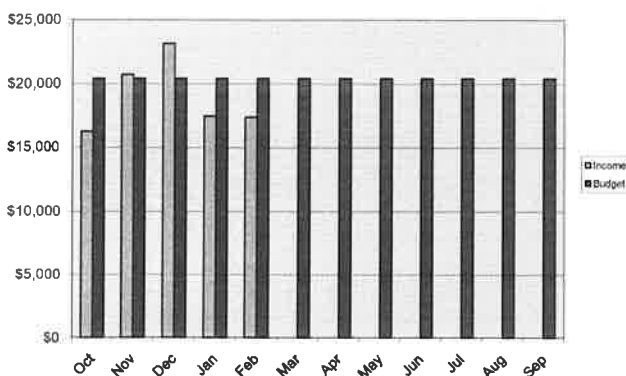
Preacher:- Matt Browne

Theme:-

"Ephesians – Powerful Prayer"

Readings:- Ephesians 3:1-21 Pg 950 Luke 22:35-46 Pg 858

Offertory income vs budget 2019/20



Dates for your Diary

(see the calendar on the website for more dates)

- 3 Mar- World Day of Prayer Service
- 7 Mar- Games Night
- 9 Mar- Just4Causes Car Show
- 10 Mar- Riddell Gardens Nursing Home Servic
- 16 Mar- Parish Prayer Meeting
- 18 Mar- MU & BCA Prayer Meeting
- 28 Mar- Prison Fellowship Biscuit Bake
- 4 Apr- Games Night
- 6 Apr- Parish Council Meeting

Account Details for Offertory donations

St Marys Anglican Church Sunbury BSB number- **083918** Account Number- **516062042**

Account Details for Future building fund

St Marys Anglican Church Sunbury BSB number- **703122** Account Number- **05004990**