

September 10 2017

Welcome to St John's

Welcome to St John's today. If you are visiting with us, we hope you enjoy your time here. If you fill in the Communication Card with your details, we would love to keep in touch with you.

Taking Care of Our Heritage Buildings

Donations to the St John Foundation are tax deductible, and all money received goes to upkeep of our historic buildings. Details are: St John Foundation Incorporated BSB 082212 Account 577530874.

Doesn't It Look Different?!



The old petrol station structure that has stood next to the church since the mid-1960's has now gone. 70% of the materials that were taken away from the site were able to be recycled.

What's happened so far: A qualified hygienist was engaged to provide reporting and clearance for Asbestos Fibre Cement cladding that was in the old building. All asbestos has been removed and disposed as per Safe Work requirements. Further site ground testing will occur over the next two week period.

What's happening next?

Archaeological investigation will start once another certificate from the Heritage Commission is received. Upon clearance of the site from the engaged archaeologist the process of removing the four existing Underground Storage Tanks (UST's) will commence. The removal of the underground storage tanks is managed in consultation with Work Safe.

For more info go to www.hammondcaedarlinghurst.com.au

Community Groups: Thanks!



Thanks to everyone involved in the recent change to the Community Groups. People have responded to the changes with an impressive grace and maturity, so be encouraged!

Just a reminder that we would love everyone to be in a Community Group and it's not too late to join.

Martin is looking to put a group together that will probably meet on a Thursday afternoon, so let us know if you are interested in that. We are not sure of the starting date for that.

Also do note that we have a process to join an existing group. If you want to join a group let Ed or Martin know, or fill in a Communication Card. We will

find a good group for you to be in, and let you know. As a courtesy, we also ask the members of a group if it's okay if a new person joins. It is their group, after all, and it's only polite to ask! So remember to talk to us first.

Do you need the Bathroom?

We all need to use a bathroom at church at some stage! We have had some security issues with the bathrooms in the hall on Sunday nights. So we are trialling a new system for church at 6pm. We will all be using the disability toilet that is located behind the grill, to the right hand side. The door requires a security code, not a key. The code is **C26XY**. You might want to put in your phone so you have it when you need it. Please don't share the code with anyone outside of our congregation.

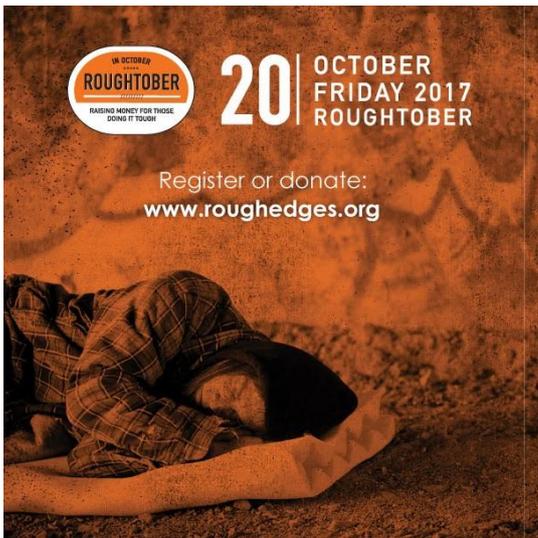
CMS Summer School

6-12 January 2018 in Katoomba.

The Bible teacher this year is Richard Chin, who is National Director of the Australian Fellowship of Evangelical Students.

Apply now at www.nswsummerschool.org.au

21 More Sleeps Till Roughtober!



Only 4 more weeks until Day 1 of 2017 **Roughtober**: Here's how you can help: **Prayer:** *In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps. (Proverbs 16:9)* If you would like to receive weekly prayer points for Roughtober over the next 5 weeks please write your name and email address on the communication card. This week's prayer: *"Thank you Heavenly Father for Your faithful provision to Rough Edges. Please prepare generous hearts in our community throughout Roughtober. Help us to be wise and bold in raising*

funds and raising awareness of homelessness. Let Your light shine in us as we connect with the local community throughout October and beyond. Amen".

Sleep Rough: Registration and our GoFundraise page is now open and ready to start fundraising and sourcing sponsors for *Sleep Rough Help the Homeless* annual sleep out event on 20th October. Go to www.gofundraise.com.au - you will need to open an account if you don't already have one and then create an event by searching "Rough Edges" to bring up St John's Community Services as your cause. If you need assistance in setting up your GoFundraise event page contact paula.darwin@stjohnsanglican.org.au or 0416 499 521

Sponsor someone to Sleep Rough: If you are unable to sleep rough, please consider sponsoring someone who is - we have people registered looking for sponsorship. If you would like to sponsor someone from St John's email Paula. **Donate to Roughtober:** Go to www.roughedges.org and select "Donate Roughtober"

Hit the pavement: We have boxes of postcards to be distributed to local businesses and residents in Kings Cross, Potts Point, Darlinghurst, Paddington, Surry Hills - anywhere really. Please grab a bundle of postcards today and letterbox drop in your street, block or within a 1 km radius of home. Ask your favourite cafe/restaurant/shop/business/school if they could display the Sleep Rough postcards on their counters/reception desks.

Donation Boxes: We have 40 clear perspex charity donation boxes with a lock and key for congregation members to take to their place of work, hobby/sporting group, local school or your favourite cafe/restaurant/business during Roughtober. If you would like one, - first in best dressed! If you take a box it will need to be collected at the end of Roughtober, and dropped back to the church office for banking.

Happy fundraising everyone! Please continue to pray.

An Update on Student Ministers

We have been greatly blessed by the ministry of Mark and Lucy Woodhouse for the last four years. And for the last year we've been blessed by Georgie as well. At the end of the year, Mark will finish Moore College, and they will all be heading for Wagga Wagga, where Mark will be working with the University ministry there, and Lucy will be doctoring.

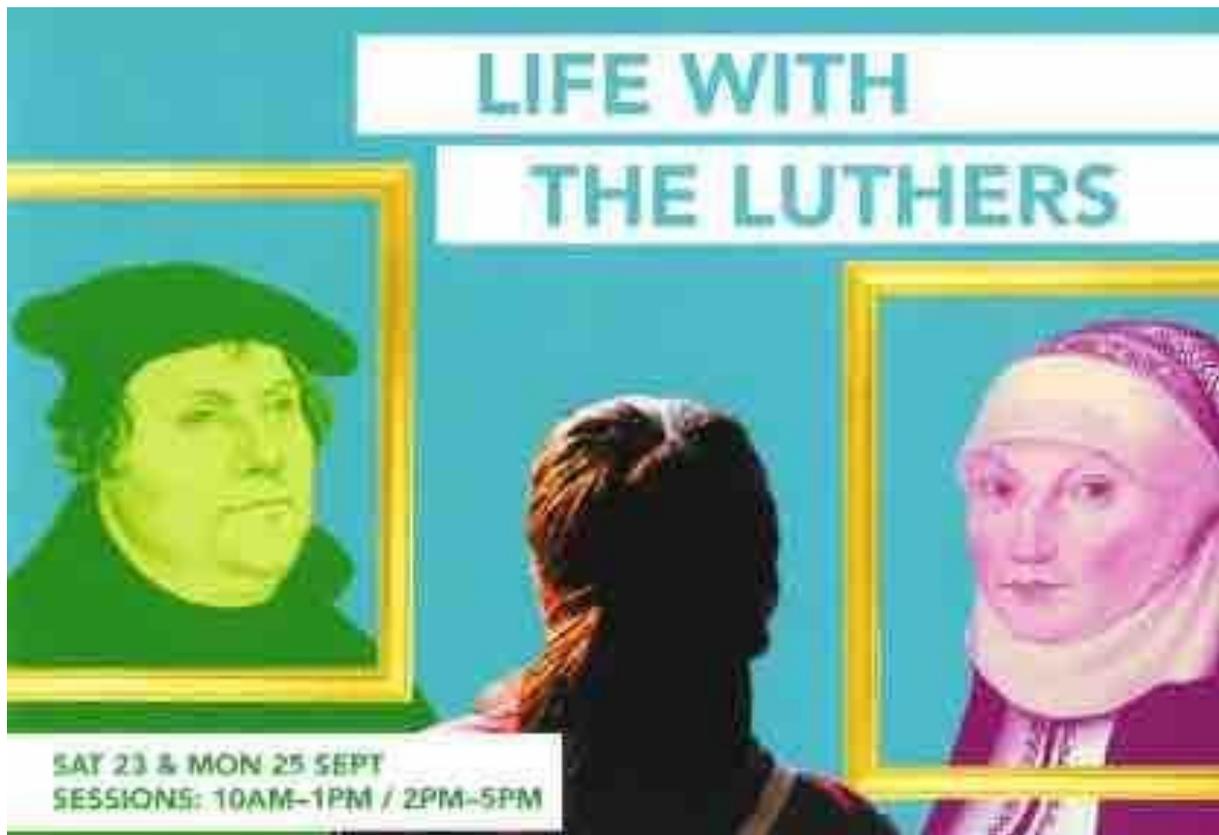
We will miss them so much! Please pray as we seek to find a new student minister for 2018.

Blackmores Run Sunday September 17

There will be road closures associated with this, so be aware if you attend the 9.30am or 11am congregations.

Ed on Leave

Ed and Jane are going on holidays. They will be away from September 8 to 18. Jonathan Adams is preaching on September 10 and Mark Woodhouse is preaching on September 17.



Mary Andrews College, St Andrews House, in the Town Hall Square.

See what life was like in the 15 hundreds, understand what motivated Luther to act, find out why it changed the course of European history, and hear the story of the woman who was a nun who became Martin's wife.

Bible Reading: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

13 If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. ² If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴ Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵ It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶ Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

⁸ Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰ but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. ¹¹ When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. ¹² For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

¹³ And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name,

Your kingdom come,

Your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours

Now and for ever. Amen.

World News

If one part of the body suffers, every part suffers with it.

If one part is honoured, every part rejoices with it.

1 Corinthians 12:26

EGYPT: Coptic woman stabbed after attending Church

A Coptic woman was attacked and stabbed multiple times by an unknown man after attending a church service in Alexandria on 21 August.

Amal Awad (46), who lives in the district of al-Hadra in Alexandria, left the church of the Holy Virgin and Archangel Raphael after attending an evening service. In the few minutes it took to reach her home near the church, she noticed someone was following her. Just before she reached the gate of her home, a man grabbed her from behind, put his hand over her mouth, took out a knife and stabbed her repeatedly in the abdomen, back and left leg. Amal hit him with her bag, causing him to drop the knife. Bending down to pick it up, he took his hand off her mouth and she started screaming. People rushed to the rescue and the attacker fled.

Amal's husband Ishaq Azmy Kiriakos told *Watani* that he was at home when he heard his wife's screams from the doorway of the building. He rushed out, found her bleeding heavily and he and others who had rushed to the scene took her to Beit El-Neama Hospital. Amal was later reported to be in a stable condition – her doctor said her wounds had been treated and she was recovering well, even though she is a breast cancer patient.

The attacker's knife was found a few metres from the scene of the attack, and the police are investigating the incident. They have found photos of him on CCTV cameras.

Amal was visited in hospital by the Governor of Alexandria, Mohamed Sultan, and by Anba Pavli, Bishop-General of Muntazah Churches in Alexandria. Pope Tawadros called her on the phone to wish her well and prayed for her speedy recovery.

Local sources told *World Watch Monitor* that those who attack Copts seem to have a preference for important Coptic religious festivals or active members of the Coptic community. The attack on Amal occurred after she attended Vespers on the eve of the Coptic Feast of the Assumption of Mary, and she is an active member of the Coptic community and teaches Sunday school.

It is believed the Governor's hospital visit shows the government knows the attack may be part of a pattern of violence against Copts. At least twelve Copts were murdered in January and February this year and five more were murdered in early summer. These individual murders are in addition to the mass bombings and shootings in which Islamist terrorists killed approximately eighty Copts and injured scores more on Palm Sunday in April and at Ascension in May.

Church guard stabbed

Also in Alexandria, church guard Mina Fouad Zakhary (47), also known as Mina Salama, was stabbed in the neck on 15 July.

His attacker, Abdullah Adel Ahmed Hassan (24), attempted to enter the church of St Mark and St Peter the Last of the Martyrs in Sidi Bishr, Alexandria, but Zakhary stopped him at the gate and asked where he was going. Hassan took out a razor blade and stabbed him in the neck. Zakhary was rushed to St Mark's Hospital for stitches.

Other guards caught and overpowered Hassan, who was listening to Quranic verses on headphones. He was arrested and taken to the nearest police station. When asked why he carried out the stabbing, Hassan answered, "*I defend my religion*" and said he wished to "*go to Paradise*" by killing the church guard.

(*Watani, World Watch Monitor*)

Supporting St John's



Support the ministry here by setting up a Direct Deposit with your bank to:

St John's Anglican Church BSB 032-032 Account Number 811-496

Weekly Offertories	Budget 2017	Actual	Surplus (Deficit)
27th Aug 17	\$1,680	\$2,716	\$1,036
27th Aug 17 YTD	\$58,800	\$68,475	\$9,675

Rosters

11.00 Service	10th September	17th September
Celebrant	Martin Robinson	Martin Robinson
Deacon	Martin Robinson	Bill Knight
Communion Assistant	Jenny Coleby	Joanna Knight
Speaker	Jonathan Adams	Mark Woodhouse
Reader One	Liz Illingworth	Elizabeth Warren
Prayers	John Kippax	Bill Knight
Welcomers	Jenny Coleby Ian Coleby	Joanna Knight John Schiffer
Morning Tea	Kaarina Kippax John Kippax	Elizabeth Warren Brough Warren



We acknowledge the Gadigal people of the Eora nation, the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet.

Our Sunday services

9.30am - Our Family friendly service
11am Communion - A classic Anglican service
6pm - Contemporary Worship



To use the Hearing Loop, sit in the pews on the right hand side of the aisle (as you face towards the front) in the area in front of the sound desk.

Getting in touch

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