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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.

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT The Lighting of the First Advent Candle

We are comforted, because the Light of the World has come to us.

INTRODUCTION

On this day we bear witness to the light of Christ with all the faithful of every time and place. With Isaiah and Jeremiah, prophets of Israel, we await the promised salvation of the Lord, & look for the coming of the one who brings justice and righteousness to the earth.

FROM THE BIBLE

Jesus said: "I am the light of the world. Who ever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." **Amen.**

**TOGETHER: Christ is the world's light,
Born in our darkness, to bring hope and joy to the earth
If we have seen him, we have seen the Father:
Glory to God on high.**

The First Candle is lit.

The Word became flesh and lived among us,

And we have seen his glory. Alleluia!

PRAYER

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light. Your son Jesus Christ came into our world in great humility.

On the last day, when he comes again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, may we rise to eternal life, through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever Amen.



Staffing Update

More great news!

We have filled the **Community Services Team Leader** role. Our new team leader is **Ryan Naoum**, who is currently serving in a similar role at Hope Street in Woolloomooloo.

We have also found a **Rough Edges Chaplain. Jesse Mawson** has just finished theological study at Morling College. Jesse will be joining us in the new year.

And as previously mentioned we have a student minister for next year. **Crystal Hong** is a student at SMBC, who is originally from Macau. She will be joining us in late January.

Praise Him!

Family Christmas Fair

Saturday December 9



9.30am to 12pm. The students from the Sydney Uni Evangelical Union will be joining us again this year. There will be a petting zoo, jumping castle, craft, face painting, music, bell ringing and Bollywood dancing. And it's free!

Don't miss it!

God With Us: Christmas Carols 2018

Sunday December 17 at 7pm



Our theme for our Christmas Carols this year is **God With Us**.

We are really blessed to have as our guest Phil Wilcox, a Sydney based poet. Phil has written a series of poems especially for the event. Some are funny, some are profound, all of them are great!

Just like last year, this will be a great event to invite your friends and family along to. We'll be singing all the great Christmas Carols as well. Don't miss it!

Other Christmas Events



Carols for Kids

Sunday December 24 at 9.30am

Christmas Eve Communion Service

Sunday December 24 at 11pm

Christmas Day Communion Service

Monday December 25 at 9.30am

The 11am service will be on Sunday December 24 as per normal.

Rough Edges Christmas Party

The Rough Edges Christmas Party is on Wednesday December 20 at 7pm in the hall. And, by the way, this will be Penny Barletta's last Rough Edges event.

Volunteer Info Nights

There will be a training programme to volunteer at Rough Edges early next year. To sign up, you'll need to attend a Volunteer Information Night. There are two coming up:

Sunday December 3 (today!) at 3.30

Tuesday December 12 at 7.30pm

Contact Penny at roughedges@stjohnsanglican.org.au for more information



Excavation to Start This Week

The archaeological dig on the HammondCare site finished this week. Now the builders will move on to the next phase, which is to commence excavation in preparation for the removal of the petrol tanks.

In terms of relics, they have found fragments of slates and pencils used on the site when it was a parish school. The main discovery has been the foundations of two buildings formerly on the site. Sandstone used in the 1851 Parish Hall and Schoolhouse was uncovered. When this was demolished and rebuilt in 1903, that sandstone was incorporated into the foundations of the new building. The new Parish Hall was substantially bigger than the earlier one.

'For the Love of God' Film



The Centre for Public Christianity (CPX) are releasing a documentary film called *For The Love of God: How The Church is Better and Worse Than You Think* which confronts the work that Christians have done and traces the origins of Western values like human rights, charity, humility and non-violence back to the influence of Jesus. You can get a sneak preview at betterandworse.film It's highly recommended!

St Johns Australia Day Talk



Each year at St John's we invite a speaker to address us on an issue of Australian Church or Christian history. Next year the Australia Day talk will be at the I Am service on January 28, and Anne Robinson will be our speaker. Anne is a lawyer with ProLegis, who specialise in not for profit organisations. Anne will be speaking on the contribution of Christian not for profit organisations in Australian society.

Some Advanced Notice!



The ***St Johns 2018 Weekend Away*** is on Friday March 16 to Sunday March 18 at Stanwell Tops.

Our speaker is Stephen Gardner, who is the Rector of St Paul's Canterbury.

Get it in your diary now!

Bible Reading: Romans 13:8-14

⁸ Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery,” “You shall not murder,” “You shall not steal,” “You shall not covet,” and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: “Love your neighbour as yourself.” ¹⁰ Love does no harm to a neighbour. Therefore love is the fulfilment of the law.

¹¹ And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. ¹² The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armour of light. ¹³ Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. ¹⁴ Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

Collect for the First Sunday in Advent



Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came among us in great humility; that on the last day, when he comes again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Supper



Confession

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned in thought and word and deed,
and in what we have left undone.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may walk in newness of life to the glory of Your name.
Amen.**

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Father, almighty and everliving God, at all times and in all places it is right to give You thanks and praise; And so with all Your people, with angels and arch-angels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name forever praising You and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Prayer of Humble Access

**We do not presume to come to this your table,
merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness
but in your many and great mercies.**

**We are not worthy so much as to
gather up the crumbs under your table.**

**But you are the same Lord,
whose nature is always to have mercy.**

**Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,
and to drink his blood,
that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen.**

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.

Supporting St John's



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

Monthly Offertories	Budget	Actual	Surplus (Deficit)
Oct 2017	\$7,417.00	\$10,928.30	\$3,511.30
Oct 2017 YTD	\$74,166.00	\$94,298.50	\$20,132.50

Rosters

11.00 Service	3rd December	10th December
Celebrant	Martin Robinson	Martin Robinson
Deacon		
Communion Assistant	Edward Vaughan Joanna Knight	Edward Vaughan Elizabeth Warren
Speaker	Martin Robinson	Edward Vaughan
Reader One	Julie Bates	Elizabeth Warren
Prayers	Martin Robinson	Martin Robinson
Welcomers	Jenny Coleby	Brough Warren Alexandre Vianna
Morning Tea	Laurie Alexander Ian Coleby	Clare Crompton Renie Roberts



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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