

June 10th 2018

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.

Good Cook. Friendly. Clean.



Tuesday 12th June at The Griffin Theatre Company

6pm pre theatre drinks/canapes for 7pm start

\$85 per ticket with proceeds going to Rough Edges.

An unflinching examination of homelessness and the housing crisis. Brooke Robinson has written a devastating portrait of someone slipping through the cracks, asking how willing we are as a society to take care of our most vulnerable. This isn't a comfortable play - it's a critical one. Tickets can be purchased through www.trybooking.com/371519 . Only 100 tickets available so first in best dressed. After the play there will be a Q&A panel session and opportunity to meet the cast. This is going to be an amazing evening not to be missed!

Pets in the Park: A Dog-umentary



Ruff Sleepers volunteers held their first grooming session for “dogs on the street” on Sunday, alongside the monthly Pets in the Park clinic in the grounds of St John’s Anglican Church, Darlinghurst, Sydney. Ruff Sleepers is providing support, raising funds and, crucially, awareness, for homeless dog owners. You can read the article and watch the

dog-umentary on the website below:

<https://www.uts.edu.au/about/uts-business-school/news/some-loving-care-dogs-street>

Ed on Long Service Leave

Ed will be on Long Service Leave from May 7 to June 18. During this time, Martin Robinson will hold the Archbishop’s Licence for the parish.

The preachers during that time will include Crystal Hong, Martin, Jesse Mawson and Ryan Naoum. During Ed’s LSL, he and Jane will be holidaying on the mid north coast for most of that time.

Into the Rough

Hi friends! This is Jesse. Monthly I will be writing a little reflection about my work in Rough Edges. This is to help keep you all connected with what happens down there and the things I learn on the job! And maybe even inspire you to join me!

I would like to say thank you for taking the time to read this. Unfortunately, the pen isn’t very mighty in my hand. So, even if you roll backwards through this, I hope you gain an insight into my attempt to follow Jesus in and out of Rough Edges.

The Power of Presence

It was the second week of Streetwise (a church community I am attempting to form, made up of patrons from Rough Edges.) Zero people turned up.

Fifteen minutes into my anxious waiting, Ryan, our manager at Rough Edges, hears a knocking at the door. It was a woman I had seen around the neighbourhood before. I vividly remembered her because I'd walked past her on the street and heard her talking to herself.

She proceeded to come downstairs and sit down on the couch next to Cherry, my wife. At this point I was nervous and cautious of what was about to go down. She was hungry, so Ryan hurried to the kitchen to see what he could find. Cherry and I talked with the woman about a diaspora of things. We talked about her kids, the hospital she had just apparently been released from, Witchcraft! And even London—not sure why London.

During the conversation, there would be long pauses – silence filled the room. I looked into her eyes for long periods of time, not wanting to break contact. She did the same back. The conversation was full of content that flew over my head, I attempted to grab onto some sense of coherency along the way, but it was scarce.

She ate.

She gave Cherry a travel magazine.

She said “thank you for listening”

She left.

Some people think you need special skills, or need a calling or gift from God to be able to work in a space like Rough Edges. From my experience, all you need is to be present to people. In a culture that is fast-paced with such a focus on “doing”, I wonder if we have lost the importance of simply “being” with people.

I was dumbfounded, when this woman said “thank you”. I hadn't done anything, it didn't require any skills, I felt awkward most of the time.

She was thankful. The power of presence is real.

Presence sometimes says more than words. Maybe presence can do more than words.

Bible Reading: John 2:12-25

¹² After this he went down to Capernaum with his mother and brothers and his disciples. There they stayed for a few days.

¹³ When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. ¹⁵ So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶ To those who sold doves he said, 'Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a market!' ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it is written: 'Zeal for your house will consume me.'

¹⁸ The Jews then responded to him, 'What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?'

¹⁹ Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days.'

²⁰ They replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?' ²¹ But the temple he had spoken of was his body. ²² After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the Scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

²³ Now while he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Festival, many people saw the signs he was performing and believed in his name. ²⁴ But Jesus would not entrust himself to them, for he knew all people. ²⁵ He did not need any testimony about mankind, for he knew what was in each person.

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



On Sunday 13 May 2018 a pastor in Peelamedu, Tamil Nadu, was summoned to the local police station where he and his mother were harassed by the officers in charge.

Pastor Paul Joshua (30) was leading a Sunday worship service in his church in a suburb of Coimbatore, when he noticed that police officers were waiting outside his church. He hurriedly concluded the service and when he addressed the officers, he was told to go to Peelamedu police station for an enquiry. Pastor Joshua told Morning Star News, *“They were very polite and assured me that it was not an arrest, and that the inspector would talk to me in detail.”*

Pastor Joshua’s mother Florence Jacintha (58) and two members of his congregation decided to accompany him to the police station.

However things quickly took a turn for the worse when they got there. When Pastor Joshua enquired why he was asked to present himself to the police, Inspector Selvaraj (pictured) reacted angrily. He shouted verbal abuse at them and told the four Christians to sit on the floor. One of the congregation members was recording the outburst on his mobile phone, but police officers slapped him and snatched his phone from him. When Pastor Joshua asked him again why they were treated in this way, the inspector responded with: *“I am the boss here. You have no rights to ask or question me.”* Inspector Selvaraj continued mocking the pastor and threatened to file unrelated, serious charges against him.

As Florence got up to leave the police station to inform her husband about her whereabouts, she was forcefully restrained and pushed to the ground by police officers. The assault left her unconscious and Inspector Selvaraj prevented anybody from helping to revive her for quite some time. When Florence was given some water at a later stage, she regained consciousness. A female officer observing the incident warned the pastor’s mother not to tell anyone about the inspector’s conduct at the police station or she would face problems.

The police officers refused to let the Christians go unless Pastor Joshua submit a letter that he would not conduct any more church services. Several other local pastors had arrived at the police station in the meantime and a senior pastor advised Pastor Joshua he should sign the letter as he could obtain permission to resume services at a later stage. So after refusing to sign the letter initially, Pastor Joshua complied in the end.

According to Morning Star News, Inspector Selvaraj has gone on leave since this incident.

(Morning Star News/Persecution Relief)

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

Monthly Offertories	Budget	Actual	Surplus (Deficit)
Apr 2018	\$11,083.33	\$13,468.35	\$2,385.02
Apr 2018 YTD	\$44,333.32	\$47,973.80	\$3,640.48

Rosters

11.00 Service

10th June

17th June

Celebrant

Martin Robinson

Martin Robinson

Communion Assistant

Jenny Coleby
Elizabeth Warren

Jenny Coleby
Elizabeth Warren

Speaker

Martin Robinson

Martin Robinson

Reader One

Jann Robinson

Elizabeth Warren

Prayers

Jann Robinson

John Kippax

Welcomers

John Schiffer

Brough Warren

Morning Tea

Clare Crompton
Katherine Parsons

Kaarina Kippax
John Kippax



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.

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