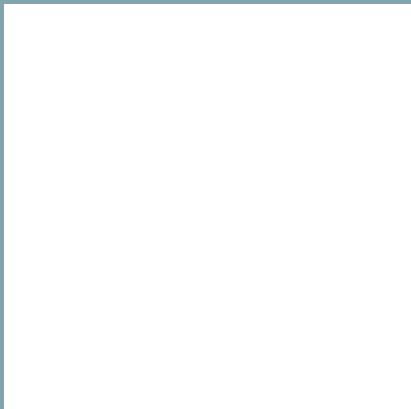


Can we help YOU

in any of the following ways?

- finding out more about Jesus
- doing 'Christianity Explored'
- having a pastoral visit
- making St Hilda's my church
- youth and children's ministries
- joining a Bible study group
- being encouraged to serve
- special comments, requests, prayer needs or thanksgiving



- Please send my prayer needs to the prayer chain.

Date: _____ 8:30 10:30 5:30pm

Name:

Address:

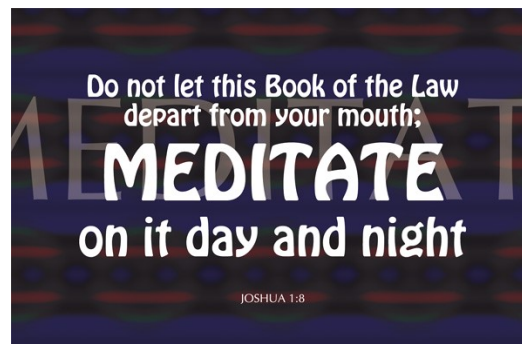
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Home Groups

Queries to Co-ordinator Trevor Rath
Phone: 0401 291 497

	Home Groups
Mon:	9:30am Katoomba - Margaret Bassett 10:00am @ church - Helen McNab
Tue:	12MD Katoomba - Trevor Rath 2:00pm @ church - Margaret Bassett 7.30pm Katoomba - Ian Robinson 7:30pm @ church - Marianne Cooper
Wed:	10:30am Katoomba - Anne Robinson 4:30pm @ church - Emma Argall
Thu:	7:00pm Blackheath - Ian Wilson
Fri:	10:00am men@shop Join us at the church



Our Link Missionaries

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Kingsley & Veronica Box kvbox@cms.org.au
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Financial support can be given through the offertory (please indicate who it is for) or online at:
cms.org.au (Toulmin, Box)
bushchurchaid.com.au
interserve.org.au (Thomas)
anglicare.org.au

(Giving to the Toulmins and Thomas family is tax deductible)

February 11, 2018



St Hilda's

Anglican Church Katoomba

You are welcome at St Hilda's today.

Please feel free to fill in the comments slip attached to this bulletin, tear it off and place it in the offering bag or the church mail box at the church front door.

We'd love to hear prayer points, news, or if you are new to St Hilda's we'd love to get in touch and get to know you better.

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The Generation That Did Not Risk

What happens when the people of God do not escape from the beguiling enchantment of security? What happens if they try to live their lives in the mirage of safety? The answer is wasted lives. Do you remember the time it happened?

It had been less than three years since the people of Israel came out of Egypt by the power of God. Now they were on the border of the Promised Land. The Lord said to Moses, "Send men to spy out the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the people of Israel" (Numbers 13:2). So Moses sent Caleb, Joshua, and ten other men. After 40 days they returned with a huge cluster of grapes hung on a pole between two men. Caleb issued the hope-filled call to his people: "Let us go up at once and occupy it, for we are well able to overcome it" (Numbers 13:30). But the others said, "We are not able to go up against the people, for they are stronger than we are" (v31).

Caleb was unable to explode the myth of safety. The people were gripped by the beguiling enchantment of security - the notion that there is a sheltered way of life apart from the path of God-exalting obedience. They murmured against Moses and Aaron and decided to go back to Egypt - the great mirage of safety. Joshua tried to free them from their stupor.

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SUNDAY MATTERS

Sunday Services February 11

“Four funerals and the promise of God”

8:30 Holy Communion
10:30 (Ukulele) Morning service
5:30 Evening service
Bible Readings:
Ephesians 6:10-20
Joshua 1

Sunday Services February 18

“God and the shady lady”

8:30 Holy Communion
10:30 Morning service
5:30 Evening service
Bible Readings:
Hebrews 11:1-31
Joshua 2

Worship God, and

Grow in Christ, and

Share the love of Jesus

In the power of the Holy Spirit

Looking to the Lord's return

If you would like someone to pray with you after the service for some special thanksgiving or need, please come to the front of the church over by the organ, and members of our prayer team will pray with you.

A copy of the weekly bulletin is always available on the website:
www.sthildas.net

PRAYER MATTERS

- Mon What a joy it is to be part of what God is doing in Katoomba! Thank God for this privilege and pray that we will make the most of every opportunity, our conversation always being full of grace, seasoned with salt.
- Tue Thank God for rescuing some from futility and darkness in Thailand into the beauty and truth of the gospel - pray for their perseverance. Pray also for missionaries and local leaders to be encouraged and directed by God's word, to live and proclaim and care with wisdom.
- Wed Wow! Thanks for praying - there are now eight teachers/helpers for primary SRE this year. Thank you God! Keep praying that he will provide one more teacher for Year 6 at Katoomba PS, Wednesdays 12:15-12:45.
- Thu Give thanks that The Cecil is now open for residence and some people have moved in. Pray that this opportunity to minister to the residents will be used to meet people's needs, and that the welcome packs we left for them will show that we care.
- Fri Please give thanks that youth group started up again last Friday night. Give thanks for the youth group leaders: David Powell, Andrew Powell, Heather Lamb and Laura Burke. Please pray as we go through the fruits of the Spirit, one each week this term, that we would learn more about God and what it means to be a Christian. Please pray that those who do not have a deep relationship with God through Christ might be challenged and encouraged by our studies together.

from the cover...

“The land, which we passed through to spy it out, is an exceedingly good land. If the Lord delights in us, he will bring us into this land and give it to us, a land that flows with milk and honey. Only do not rebel against the Lord. And do not fear the people of the land, for they are bread for us. Their protection is removed from them, and the Lord is with us; do not fear them.” (Numbers 14:7-9)

But not even Joshua could explode the myth of safety. The people were drunk in a dream world of security. And they tried to stone Caleb and Joshua. The result was thousands of wasted lives and wasted years. It was clearly wrong not to take the risk of battling the giants in the land of Canaan.

Oh, how much is wasted when we do not risk for the cause of God!

(from “Risk is Right”, by John Piper)

"HAVE I NOT COMMANDED YOU?
BE STRONG
& **COURAGEOUS**
DO NOT BE AFRAID;
DO NOT BE DISCOURAGED;
FOR THE LORD
YOUR GOD
WILL BE WITH YOU
WHEREVER YOU GO."

← « « « JOSHUA 1:9 » » » →

Comments

Fold along the line and tear off if you would like to leave a comment.

Text of the month: Joshua 1:9

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”



Regional SRE Accreditation training at Wentworth Falls

Youthworks are running the regional SRE course at Holy Trinity Wentworth Falls on Saturdays February 17 and 24 from 1:00pm-5:30pm. It is for those people who need to get accredited to teach Scripture who are unable to make the SRE conference in Sydney.

The signup link can be found at: <https://trainingregistration.youthworks.net/2018-sre-accreditation-training-wentworth-falls-holy-trinity-anglican>

Youthworks will also be running their Foundational Children's Ministry subject at Holy Trinity on the morning of Saturday February 24 from 10:00am-12:00pm. This subject counts as yearly ongoing development for SRE accreditation. If you are interested, contact Holy Trinity as this course is not administered through the Youthworks website.



MISSION MATTERS:

Shine and Jessica Thomas

Their latest newsletter is available on the welcome desk. Here are some things they are doing this month:

Shine went back to Crossfit recently for the first time in a while - pray for good recovery!

Jessica is helping with the children's program at the conference of one of Interserve's nearby country teams (from February 10-14).

Shine is doing an intensive course on member care (from February 12-14). Jessica also continues her fortnightly webinar course on member care.

They are having a lot of house-guests these days. Since they got back on January 5, they have had someone or other staying in their house 17 nights, and more are currently staying from February 8-14. Praise God for the gift of hospitality.

PRAYER POINTS

- Give thanks for the incredibly inspiring TEE conference back in November.
- Give thanks for a wonderful holiday in India over the Christmas holidays. Pray for Shine's side of the family, who are going through crucial transitions at the moment, including major surgery for his sister-in-law and a new job in a different country for his brother.
- Give thanks for the January-February visit of Andrew & Lynette, who help us care for all the missionaries we are responsible for (45 adults + 27 kids at the moment). Pray for wisdom, discernment, and travelling mercies as they go to all six locations where our people live.
- Pray for good coping skills for a few of our families in transition at the moment.
- Pray for us as we prepare for our country team conference which will be held April 12-17.
- Pray for Shine as his dissertation work begins; first drafts of the introduction and first two chapters are due April 1.

Review on Religious Freedom reminder

Don't forget that submissions to the Ruddock Review on religious freedom must be received by this Wednesday. They can be submitted online (<https://pmc.gov.au/domestic-policy/religious-freedom-review-submission>) or in writing to The Expert Panel on Religious Freedom, c/o Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, PO Box 6500, Canberra ACT 2600.

Is the Ruddock Review of significance to any beyond those in religious communities?

John Anderson (former Deputy Prime Minister), thinks so. "Healthy democracy requires the ability to be able to express and live out deeply-held views in public and private", he says in a letter to those who are concerned about recent events, and who want to know what they can do. The deadline for submissions to the review is February 14, but that is not the end of the matter...

If you would like to read John Anderson's letter, speak to Gordon or Rosemary.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN: ARE YOU UP TO DATE?

Please check your last Safe Ministry training certificate. Shirley Seers will be running a refresher course on Sunday February 18 following the 10:30am service.

ANYONE not up to date must step down from working with children until they are up to date.

For further information, contact Shirley on 4782 7829.

FINANCE MATTERS:

Last Week's Giving

Weekly offertory budget: \$5,148
Offertory (February 4): \$4,933

Account details -

Name: St Hildas Anglican Church General
Bank: Westpac, BSB: 032-828, Account no: 291895, Reference:
Offertory

OR for the Building Fund:

Name: St Hildas Anglican Church Building, BSB 032-828, Account no. 291887, Reference:
Building



ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS

The Annual Meeting of Parishioners (AMP) will be held at 11:00am on Sunday March 4 after a combined service of all congregations commencing at 9:30am.

The meeting is an opportunity for the church to review what's happened in the past 12 months, to hear reports from various ministry groups within the church, and to review the financial report for the past calendar year. It is also an opportunity to appoint church office bearers for the coming year – wardens, parish councillors, a safe ministry representative, and nominators. Synod representatives are elected every three years.

During the meeting, any church member has the chance to make recommendations to the incoming Parish Council regarding matters which concern them, or that they would like considered by the leadership.

KIDS AND TEENS ACTIVITIES

Kidzchurch - every Sunday during school terms for children 3 years old to those in Year 6 at school. Children leave during the 10:30am Service for a Bible lesson and morning tea. If you are new or visiting please accompany your children to sign them in.

Contact: Anne Robinson anne@sthildas.net

Sunday Teenagers - Every Sunday during school term for those in Years 7-12 at school. Teenagers leave during the 10:30am service for a Bible discussion.

Contact: Angie Johnson angiemhj@hotmail.com

KidzPlay - Fridays 9:30am-11:30am for kids from birth to school-age and their parents/carers. Children play while parents chat with one another.

Free play, morning tea, What's in the Box? (Bible time) and craft.

Contact: Robyn Glindemann robyn@sthildas.net

Kmotion - Fridays 3:30pm-5:30pm for children in school years K-6. Games, afternoon tea, Bible time and craft.

Contact: Anne Robinson anne@sthildas.net

Chips'n'Chat - Fridays 5:30pm-6:30pm for those in Years 5-10 at school. Eat yummy hot chips and drinking lemonade while chatting about stuff in the Bible.

Contact: Robyn Glindemann robyn@sthildas.net

Youth Group - Fridays 6:30pm-8:30pm for teenagers in school years 7-12. Fun activities and Bible discussion each week + exciting outings once a term.

Contact: John Burke john.katoomba@gmail.com

PROGRAM MATTERS

Special Upcoming Events

Safe Ministry refresher training course	Sunday February 18
Cologne Chamber Orchestra performance	Wednesday February 21
Parish prayer meeting	Tuesday February 27, 7:30pm
Annual Meeting of St Hilda's	Sunday March 4
Palm Sunday Academy Singers Concert	Sunday March 25
Good Friday	Friday March 30
Daylight Saving ends	Saturday March 31
Easter Sunday	Sunday April 1
Anzac service	Sunday April 22, 10:30am
Parish prayer meeting	Tuesday May 8, 7:30pm
Winter Magic Outreach	Saturday June 23
Anglicare Food Drive	Wednesday July 11
KidzArtz	Monday to Friday July 16-20
Staff planning Advance	Monday to Thursday August 13-16
Parish prayer meeting	Tuesday August 14, 7:30pm
Daylight Saving starts	Sunday October 7
Parish prayer meeting	Tuesday October 23, 7:30pm
Equip in Ministry conference	Saturday October 27
St Hilda's Anniversary Day	Sunday November 18
Children's end of year celebration service	Sunday December 2
Recovery Sunday Service	Sunday December 9, 10:30am
Carols and readings/Children's Christmas Celebration	Sunday December 23

Study the Bible and grow in 2018

It's not too late to join a Bible study group for this year. A list of all the groups is on the back of the bulletin, but there are a few new options available.



On Mondays, storytelling the Bible will take place in the church with Helen McNab, starting at 10am.

On Tuesday evenings from 7:30-9pm Marianne Cooper will be running a group for ladies in the church.

On Wednesdays Emma Argall will be co-ordinating a mixed group for families from 4:30pm-6pm in the church hall, with dinner at Cattlefish afterwards.

Get involved and grow in God's word this year!