

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:

Phone:

Email:

Home Groups

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

Home Groups	
Mon:	9:30am Katoomba - Emma Argall
Tue:	12MD Katoomba - Trevor Rath 2:00pm @church - Margaret Bassett 7.30pm Katoomba - Philip Bassett
Wed:	10:30am Katoomba - Anne Robinson
Thu:	10:30am Katoomba - Vince Williamson 7:00pm North Katoomba - Ian Wilson
Fri:	10:00am men@shop Join us at the church



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cms.org.au (Toulmin, Box)

bushchurchaid.com.au

interserve.org.au (Thomas)

anglicare.org.au

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August 13, 2017



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.

Church Info:

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Stepping Up

There's always something happening around St Hilda's - it's an exciting church to be part of. We've just finished our major winter outreach with KidzArtz, the Food Drive and Winter Magic program, and a team are now preparing to build on our link with the Solomon Islands and do clergy training at two conferences in Guadalcanal.

In the midst of that, our staff team are going away for a few days this coming week to plan and discuss program strategies, preaching topics and the ministry challenges we face as we head into 2018.

We are very conscious that if the Lord doesn't build the house the builders labour in vain, and so above all, we look to God's guidance and wisdom as we seek to know his purposes for our church family into the future. It is an awesome responsibility that Jesus has given the leaders of his church and we do not take that for granted, nor do we forget that we will answer to God for what we do in serving you.

So above all we covet your prayers for this coming week, particularly Tuesday to Thursday, as we talk together and consider the various roles we all have and how we might be faithful in them in the coming year.

You may have some thoughts about the ministries in our church or the preaching program for 2018 and we'd be very glad to hear them. You can catch one of us after church, slip a note in the offering bag or shoot an email to the office and we'd love to include your input in our discussion.

Please pray that God may direct our paths in knowing how best to further his great work in Katoomba and beyond.

Ray Robinson

SUNDAY MATTERS

Sunday Services August 13

“Faith is worth it”

8:30 Holy Communion

10:30 Morning service

5:30 Evening service

Bible Readings:

Matthew 13:24-43

Matthew 13:44-52

Sunday Services August 20

“Faith is hard, unbelief disaster”

8:30 Holy Communion

10:30 Morning service

5:30 Evening service

Bible Readings:

Matthew 14:22-33

Matthew 14:1-12

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 Give thanks for the education service last week, for the wonderful connections we have with the community and the schools, and for the spectacular return of Bob and Eddie.

Tue Pray for Anglicare in the current revision of the system of providing food and financial assistance. Pray that the new system will indeed be simple for both clients and staff and that it will open more avenues for discussing God.

Wed Thank God for Mike’s prison work and pray that people will experience God’s saving love in Christ (Romans 8:31-39).

Thu Pray for the meeting tonight as the staff meet with Parish Council and report on their plans for the coming year. Pray that as a church we might know God’s purposes for us and make the most of the opportunities he gives us.

Fri Pray for all families. Pray for wisdom for parents as they bring up and discipline their children in love, and help children to respond in obedience, for this pleases the Lord. Pray God would bless all families.

Sat Please pray for Steph Vasquez and her new part-time role with Anglicare as she aims to see further partnerships happening between shops and churches in the Sydney diocese.

Comments

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

Text of the month: Matthew 13:44

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.”

HAVE YOU GOT EVERYTHING?

A wealthy man and his son loved to collect rare works of art. They had everything in their collection, from Picasso to Raphael. They would often sit together and admire the great works.

When the Vietnam conflict broke out, the son went to war. He was very courageous and died in battle while rescuing another soldier. The father was notified and grieved deeply for his only son.

About a month later, just before Christmas, there was a knock at the door. A young man stood there with a large package in his hands. He said, "Sir, you don't know me, but I am the soldier for whom your son gave his life. He saved many lives that day, and he was carrying me to safety when a bullet struck him in the heart and he died instantly. He often talked about you, and your love for art."

The young man held out his package. "I know this isn't much. I'm not really a great artist, but I think your son would have wanted you to have this." The father opened the package. It was a portrait of his son, painted by the young man. He stared in awe at the way the soldier had captured the personality of his son in the painting. The father was so drawn to the eyes that his own eyes welled up with tears.

He thanked the young man and offered to pay him for the picture. "Oh, no sir, I could never repay what your son did for me. It's a gift." The father hung the portrait over his mantle. Every time visitors came to his home he took them to see the portrait of his son before he showed them any of the other great works he had collected.

The man died a few months later. There was to be a great auction of his paintings. Many influential people gathered, excited over seeing the great paintings and having an opportunity to purchase one for their collection.

On the platform sat the painting of the son. The auctioneer pounded his gavel. "We will start the bidding with this picture of the son. Who will bid for this picture?" There was silence. Then a voice in the back of the room shouted, "We want to see the famous paintings. Skip this one."

But the auctioneer persisted. "Will someone bid for this painting? Who will start the bidding? \$100, \$200?" Another voice shouted angrily, "We didn't come to see this painting. We came to see the Van Goghs, the Rembrandts. Get on with the real bids!" But still the auctioneer continued. "The son! The son! Who'll take the son?"

Finally, a voice came for the very back of the room. It was the longtime gardener of the man and his son. "I'll give \$10 for the painting." Being a poor man, it was all he could afford.

"We have \$10, who will bid \$20?" "Give it to him for \$10. Let's see the masters." "\$10 is the bid. Won't someone bid \$20?"

The crowd was becoming angry. They didn't want the picture of the son. They wanted the more worthy investments for their collections.

The auctioneer pounded the gavel. "Going one, twice, SOLD for \$10!" A man sitting in the second row shouted, "Now let's get on with the collection!" The auctioneer laid down his gavel. "I'm sorry, the auction is over." "What about the paintings?" "I am sorry. When I was called to conduct this auction, I was told of a secret stipulation in the will. I was not allowed to reveal that stipulation until this time. Only the painting of the son would be auctioned. Whoever bought that painting would inherit the entire estate, including the paintings. The man who took the son gets everything!"

God gave his son 2,000 years ago to hang on a cruel cross. Much like the auctioneer, his message today is "The son, the son, who'll take the son?" Because, you see, whoever has the Son has everything.

MISSION MATTERS:

Shine and Jessica Thomas

Thanks so much for your prayers for us. The last three weeks have been extremely hectic and we are just catching up. The children have started back at school so we are now both able to work. We give thanks that Shine's dissertation proposal has been accepted: please ask for wisdom in how and when to get started on this.

Our time in Bangkok was packed with meeting our partners (missionaries) there, and visiting some placements where they work, or where new people could potentially work. It was very exciting to learn about projects for keeping families together (rather than sending kids off to live in "orphanages" while their parents work), for rescuing and re-training sex workers and slum children, and for visiting illegal immigrants in detention.

At our country team conference we had about 70 adults and 30 children. The theme was "rest", as we have noticed that many of our partners are over-worked and under too much stress. It was a wonderful time - although ironically, for that week it was Shine and Jessica who became over-worked and under stress while others relaxed by the beach! We wish we had been able to connect deeply with all our partners, but there simply weren't enough hours in the day. Nevertheless, it has embedded in our hearts the importance of meeting together to encourage one another.

The day after the conference, Shine travelled to the country east of us to participate in TEE training. This was as much to be trained in the skills of leading small groups in disciple-making Bible study as it was to network with the local people who will be involved in TEE in that country. This country has one of the fastest growing churches in the world, in part because foreign missionaries have been restricted from engaging with local Christians. It is imperative that the tools for church building be placed in the hands of the local believers. Please pray for the Christians in that country who experience intense persecution.

We will try to get a full newsletter with pictures out to you soon.

Solomon Island's support team update

Members of St Hilda's (Ray Robinson, Robyn Glindemann, Kathy Powell and Sue Stones), along with David Mansfield from Anglican Aid, Wayne Tidsley from Year 13 at Youthworks and Steven Williams from Langham Trust are flying to Guadalcanal on August 31 to run two conferences training clergy in evangelism as well as preparing for future visits by Year 13 and other Anglican agencies.

If you are interested in knowing more of what's happening in the Solomon Islands with the upcoming visit of the St Hilda's team, come and hear an update, enjoy some afternoon tea and spend some time praying for the ministry at Ray and Anne's house, 50 First Ave North Katoomba, from 3:00pm this afternoon.

Matthew, a tax collector, is making money hand-over-fist. Despised by all the people for collaborating with the Romans, he absorbs himself in his world of money. One day Jesus passes by, looks at Matthew and simply says, "Follow me." For one brief moment, Matthew has a dilemma. A split-second image of all his gold and his silver and his house and his possessions. Then he looks at Jesus and realises he's got to make a choice - he can't have both. But there was no comparison. He recognised instantly that he was looking at the true treasure, the true riches. And he left everything: he made a sacrifice that turned out to be no sacrifice at all. He made a choice for the kingdom. He knew that it would be worth it.

"He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose." (Jim Elliot)

FINANCE MATTERS:

Last Week's Giving

Weekly offertory budget: \$4,480

Offertory (August 6): \$4,555

Missionary (August 6): CMS \$70 Interserve \$5

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



Power Outage at St Hilda's

From 7:00am on Monday August 14 to 5:00pm on Tuesday August 15, all power to the church building will be turned off. This is to enable the rebuild of the main electrical switchboard, the relocation of the electricity meters and the replacement of light switches. New circuit breakers and safety switching will be installed to bring the old installation up to current standards of safety.

The outage will affect all of the church, the halls, kitchen and the Anglicare offices. If there are problems encountered, then the power to the church could be off for a longer period, but it is fully expected that supply to the hall and Anglicare offices will be restored by Tuesday evening. For any further details, please speak with John Cooper (0427 291 167).



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

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 - NEW TIME! 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 - NEW TIME! Fridays 5:30pm-6:30pm for those in Years 5-10 at school. Eat yummy hot chips 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: Mike Wells michael@sthildas.net

PROGRAM MATTERS

Special Upcoming Events

Staff Advance

15/8/2017 - 17/8/2017

Church working bee

Saturday August 26, 9:00am-midday

Overcomers Outreach

Friday September 8, 2017 6:00pm

Guess who's coming to lunch?

Sunday September 10, 2017 1:00pm

Parish prayer meeting

Tuesday October 10, 2017 7:30pm

Overcomers Outreach

Friday October 13, 2017 6:00pm

Overcomers Outreach

Friday November 10, 2017 6:00pm

St Hilda's Day Combined Service

Sunday November 19, 2017 9:30am

Parish Lunch

Sunday November 19, 2017 1:00pm

Church working bee

Saturday November 25, 9:00am-midday

Youth End of Year Service

Sunday December 3, 2017 10:30am

Overcomers Outreach

Friday December 8, 2017 6:00pm

Recovery Sunday

Sunday December 10, 2017 10:30am

Carols on the bus (TBC)

Sunday December 24, 2017 3:00pm

Bush Church Aid news

Supporters, BCA box holders and all interested people are invited to meet Rev Peter Adkins from the NSW head office.

Peter will be sharing with us the latest news of BCA work at church from 11am on Wednesday August 16. Come at 10:30am for morning tea.



Going the distance

WHAT DO YOU TREASURE?

One dark and stormy night, a gang of thieves broke into a jewellery store, but they were on a mission with a difference. They didn't steal a thing. Instead, they carefully went round the whole shop and switched all the price tags before leaving.

The next day the staff came in and, because the thieves had been so careful, nobody noticed they'd even been there. Customers came and were soon spending huge amounts of money buying cheap junk, while others were paying a couple of dollars for jewellery worth thousands of dollars.

Someone has switched the tags on our planet. We are continually bombarded with a different set of values from those of the kingdom of God and are told to treasure things that in the end aren't worth it. Jesus reminds us to seek his kingdom first and store up treasures there...

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do no destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal." (Matthew 6:19-20)

