

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 7:30pm W. Falls - Gordon Albert
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)
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June 25, 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.

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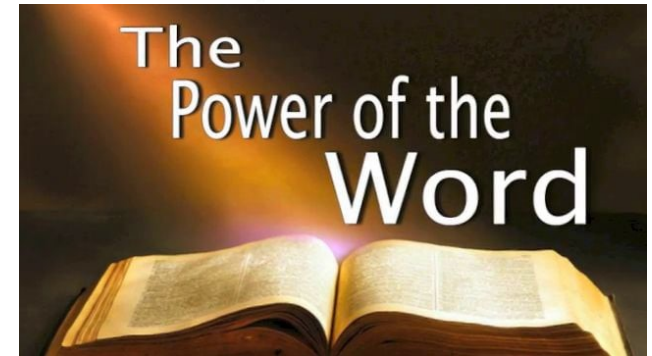
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Home Groups:
Trevor Rath 0401 291 497



We welcome visitors from the Gideons at all services today and look forward to hearing how God has worked through their ministry. The great catch cry of the Gideon ministry comes from Isaiah 55:10-11,

"As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it."

It is a great encouragement to us that God has revealed himself to us and that he is at work through his word to bring about his kingdom.

It is a great comfort to us that our witness is not dependent on our eloquence, but that we simply need to be faithful and share the news that God has revealed.

And it is a great motivation to us to know that simply putting the word of God in people's hands is a powerful way for God to work in their lives.

God is accomplishing his purposes as he reveals his love to a lost world. We have seen it ourselves, let us make the most of giving others the opportunity of seeing it for themselves.

Ray Robinson

SUNDAY MATTERS

Sunday Services June 25

“According to Matthew: How do we share the love of Jesus?”

8:30 Holy Communion

10:30 Morning service

5:30 Evening service

Bible Readings:

Matthew 10:5-15

Matthew 28:16-20

Sunday Services July 2

“According to Matthew: The Holy Spirit”

8:30 Holy Communion

10:30 Morning service

5:30 Evening service

Bible Readings:

Matthew 10:16-23

Matthew 3:11-17

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 Pray for all the ladies at the "Mum's Night Out" event tomorrow evening. Pray the ladies will feel welcome in Robyn's home and that God would guide their conversations.

Tue Give thanks for the chance to gather as a church this term and pray tonight. Pray that we might always look to the Lord for his blessing and not do things in our own strength.

Wed Give thanks for the Vale St drop in centre. Pray for their open day tomorrow and for Bren Sherring and the staff as they seek to support people in the community with their emotional and social health.

Thu The Anglicare department that provides support for people in financial crisis has gone over budget. Pray that there will be a positive resolution to the situation.

Fri Pray for the Box family, experiencing Australian culture briefly...and moving around to different churches (both potentially disorienting). Ask God to both make them a blessing to the churches they visit, and to bless them through these churches. Pray for closeness as a family, and for God's blessing in extended family visits.

Sat Thank God for Anglicare and their volunteers who handed out bears during the parade for Winter Magic. Pray for families to know that St Hilda's and Anglicare desire locals to know the love of Jesus.

Comments

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

Text of the month: Psalm 77:13-14

“Your ways, O God, are holy. What God is so great as our God? You are the God who performs miracles; you display your power among the peoples.”

MISSION MATTERS:

David Pettett



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

Thank you for praying for the pastoral care training and for the men's breakfast.

There were nine participants in the pastoral care course. Most of these are volunteers in the Parish op-shop. Some of them are not Christian but the training made it very clear that to do Christian pastoral care you need to be participating in God's work.

The men's breakfast was a little disappointing in terms of numbers. Despite wide advertising and personal invitations only four men (including me) were there. In terms of what God will do with us as a result, we will wait and see the benefits. We studied the role of men as husbands and fathers from Ephesians 5 and 6.

WHAT'S NEXT?

Today (June 25) is my last Sunday in Moranbah. The Bishop has asked me to meet the folk in the Parish of Keppel on Sunday July 2.

The minister considering coming to Moranbah will meet with the BCA Candidate's Committee within the next two or three weeks. In the meantime, the minister from Clermont will come to Moranbah twice a month and the people will look after Sunday meetings the other Sundays until a substantive appointment is made.

I will be back in Sydney/Katoomba for most of July and hope to sail to Yeppoon, leaving Newcastle on July 25, ready to take up a six-month appointment from August 1.

PRAYER POINTS

- For the volunteers who did the Pastoral Care training.
- For the men of Moranbah Parish and the church as a whole as they wait for a new minister.
- For the BCA candidate considering coming to Moranbah.
- For the Parish of Keppel.
- For safe travel for myself and for starting at Keppel.
- Please consider giving to BCA to support ministry in Moranbah.

VALE STREET OPEN DAY

The Vale St Centre is a social, emotional and recreational support service for adults living with or recovering from mental health issues.

They are holding an open day on Thursday June 29 from 11am until 2pm, with food, activities, meet and greet, art space, computers and more. The Centre is at 21 Vale St in Katoomba.

The event is free and open to everyone. For catering purposes, please book by calling 4782 1286. A free bus service is available between Katoomba and Lawson - once again, call 4782 1286 to book.

MAY THE FORK BE WITH YOU...

There was a middle-aged woman who had been diagnosed with cancer and had been given three months to live. After breaking the news, her doctor said that she should start making preparations for her departure.

The woman contacted her minister and asked him come to her house to discuss certain aspects of her final wishes. She told him which songs she wanted sung at the service, what Bible passages she would like read, and what she wanted to be wearing. The woman also told her minister that she wanted to be buried with her favourite Bible.

Everything was in order and the minister was preparing to leave when the woman suddenly remembered something very important to her. "There's one more thing," she said excitedly. "What's that?" asked the minister. "This is very important," the woman continued: "I want to be buried with a fork in my right hand."

The minister stared at the woman, not knowing quite what to say. "That shocks you, doesn't it?" she asked. "Well, to be honest, I am a little puzzled by the request," admitted the minister.

The woman explained. "In all my years of attending church socials and functions where food was involved (and let's be honest, food is an important part of any church event), my favourite part was when whoever was clearing away the dishes of the main course would lean over and say you can keep your fork. It was my favourite part because I knew that something better was coming. When they told me to keep my fork, I knew that something great was about to be given to me. It wasn't just Jell-O or pudding. It was a scrumptious cake or a delicious pie. Something with substance. So I just want people to see me there in that casket with a fork in my hand and I want them to wonder "What's with the fork?" Then I want you to tell them: 'Something better is coming, so keep your fork too.'"

The minister's eyes filled up with tears of joy as he hugged the woman goodbye. He knew this would be one of the last times he would see her before her death. But he also understood that the woman had a better grasp of heaven than he did. She *knew* and trusted that something better was coming.

At the funeral, people were walking by the woman's casket and they saw the pretty dress she was wearing and her favourite Bible...and the fork placed in her right hand. Over and over the minister heard the question, "What's with the fork?" And over and over he smiled.

During his message, the minister told the people of the conversation he had with the woman shortly before she died. He also told them about the fork and what it symbolised to her. The minister told them how he could not stop thinking about the fork and that they probably would not be able to stop thinking about it either. He was right. So the next time you reach down for your fork, let it remind you, oh so gently, that there is something better coming.

“Our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Saviour from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.”

(Philippians 3:20-21)



FINANCE MATTERS:

Last Week's Giving

Weekly offertory budget: \$4,480

Offertory (June 18): \$3,920

Missionary (June 18): CMS \$35 BCA \$20

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



Market Morning contributions

Thank you to the Market Morning team, who have recently donated \$1,000 to the Olsen family, as well as \$1,000 towards the repairs of the switchboard that we will be undertaking shortly!

The team all work very hard each month to make and sell homemade items, as well as serve morning teas to those who come. From the funds they raise they are able to bless many different ministries. Market Morning is held on the first Thursday of each month.

Well done!



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

Parish prayer meeting
Big Day Out street interviews
Market morning
KidzArtz
Big Day Out Food Collection
Overcomers Outreach
Basecamp
Market morning
Overcomers Outreach
Staff Advance
Ladies' High Tea
Church working bee
Overcomers Outreach
Guess who's coming to lunch?
Parish prayer meeting
Overcomers Outreach
Overcomers Outreach
St Hilda's Day Combined Service
Parish Lunch
Church working bee
Youth End of Year Service
Overcomers Outreach
Recovery Sunday
Carols on the bus (TBC)

Tuesday June 27, 2017 7:30pm
Wednesday July 5, 2017
Thursday July 6, 10:00am-1:00pm
10/07/2017 - 14/07/2017
Wednesday July 12, 2017
Friday July 14, 2017 6:00pm
Friday July 28, 2017
Thursday August 3, 10:00am-1:00pm
Friday August 11, 2017 6:00pm
15/8/2017 - 17/8/2017
Saturday August 19, 2017 2:00pm
Saturday August 26, 9:00am-midday
Friday September 8, 2017 6:00pm
Sunday September 10, 2017 1:00pm
Tuesday October 10, 2017 7:30pm
Friday October 13, 2017 6:00pm
Friday November 10, 2017 6:00pm
Sunday November 19, 2017 9:30am
Sunday November 19, 2017 1:00pm
Saturday November 25, 9:00am-midday
Sunday December 3, 2017 10:30am
Friday December 8, 2017 6:00pm
Sunday December 10, 2017 10:30am
Sunday December 24, 2017 3:00pm

Mums' Night Out

Come and meet other mums from KidzPlay, Kmotion and Chips'n'Chat for dinner at Robyn Glindemann's place on Tuesday June 27 from 6pm.

The cost is \$10 for a three-course meal, BYO drink. Special diets (vegetarian, gluten-free, dairy-free etc) are not a problem. Just let Robyn know when you book.

RSVP by today, Sunday June 25 - phone/text 0438 401 088 or email robyn@sthildas.net



"...my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations" (Isaiah 56:7).

The next parish prayer meeting for the year is taking place on Tuesday June 27 in the church, commencing at 7:30pm. Come along...!