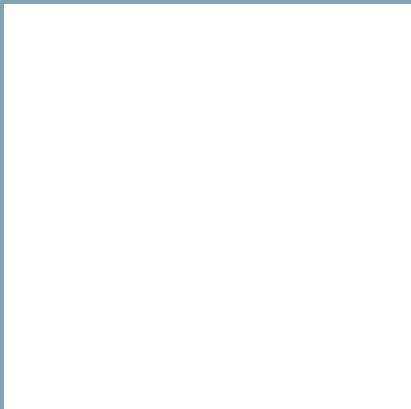


Can we help YOU

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:

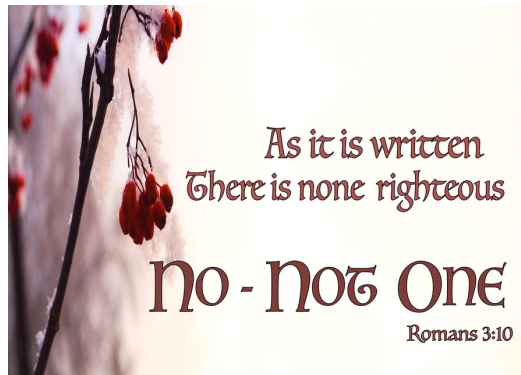
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Growth Groups

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

	Growth Groups
Mon:	9:30am Blackheath/Leura - Margaret B 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 7:30pm Blackheath - contact John Burke
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
Shine & Jessica Thomas shineandjessica@gmail.com

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)

April 22, 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.

Church Info:

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John Burke 0488 190 688

Discipleship Minister:
Robyn Glindemann 0438 401 088

Community Chaplain:
Kathy Powell 4782 1608

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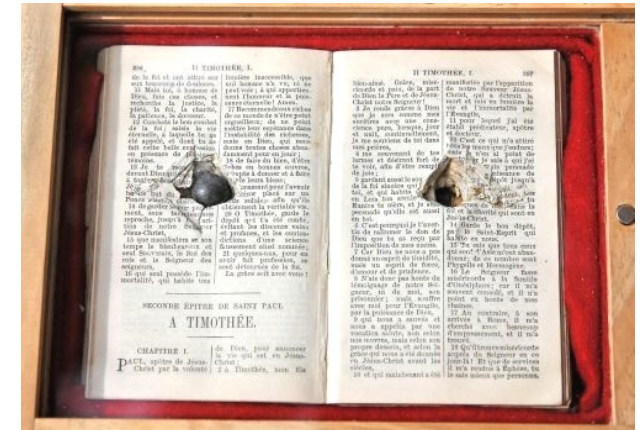
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The parable of the bullet

Anzac Day this week occurs 100 years from the year the 'war to end all wars' ended. We'll be celebrating that peace in earnest on Remembrance Day. However, we all know the Anzacs were part of a world war with the suffix '1', because sadly, that war did not end all wars despite the way it showcased the horror of war.



The photo above shows one of many remarkable events that happened during that war: at Anzac Cove Lance-Corporal Elvas Jenkins was struck by shrapnel that would have pierced his heart, but for a Bible in his pocket that stopped the bullet before it reached him.

We look at the history of war in the world and wonder if it will ever stop, and to me the answer lies in the bullet stopped by the Bible.

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SUNDAY MATTERS

Sunday Services April 22

“Coming under Grace: The great need of every person”

8:30 Holy Communion
10:30 Morning service
5:30 Evening service
Bible Readings:
Romans 1:18-2:29
Romans 3:1-20

Sunday Services April 29

“Coming under Grace: We are saved by Faith in Jesus”

8:30 Holy Communion
10:30 Morning service
5:30 Evening service
Bible Readings:
Romans 3:21-31
Romans 4

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 Toulmins: Thank God for Graham's wonderful news that no more treatment is required now (further MRI and blood tests in six months.) Pray that Wendy and Graham will return to Aru refreshed and for safe travel to Africa, departing tomorrow (April 24). Pray for a productive six months at Aru.
- Tue Give thanks for the teens at St Hilda's. Pray their milkshake outing this afternoon will foster friendships and fellowship together.
- Wed Ray speaks at the dawn service today - please pray that God may use his words for the kingdom.
- Thu Give thanks for the men's meeting held the other week. Give thanks for those that were able to make it along and for the great discussion around how we should serve God in every area of our lives. Please pray for future men's events, for their organisation and timing. Pray that other men might be able to make it a priority in future.
- Fri Give thanks for the many contacts we have in the community through the activities of individuals and church activities. Pray for developing deeper relationships with them.
- Sat Your word is a lamp for my feet and a light for my path (Psalm 119:105). Give thanks for the gift of the Bible. Pray we read it regularly and are transformed by God's Word as we let it guide our lives.

from the cover...

The bullet, stopped by the Bible, is to me a parable of what God has given us to stop the wars that plague our world. The wisdom of God we find in his word and, in particular, his call for people to turn from their selfish ambitions and start recognising his right to rule over mankind, is the beginning of a new world. A new regime, unlike any the world has seen before. A regime that can stop evil in its tracks.

God is no tyrant seeking to subdue people and gain from their subservience. He is the one who seeks nothing but the blessing of those he has made. And even though we foolishly have turned our back on him so many times, in his word he calls a stop to such evil so that he might bless us and save us.

To call a stop to evil with words seems so powerless, just as a Bible seems powerless before a bullet. Yet many down through the years have heeded God's call and discovered his forgiveness and blessing as they turn their lives over to him. They have tasted a little of this new regime, and one day will know it in its fullness when God does finally stop every bullet and every war and establish his kingdom forever.

Until then we remember and give thanks for those who gave their lives to free us from tyranny in this world, and we especially are grateful for what God has revealed in his word, the truth that will set us free indeed (John 8:36).

Ray Robinson

The Problem of Evil

Why would a loving God allow evil in his world? Surely he is either not loving or not able to stop evil - he can't be both loving and allow evil, can he?

This is a question many have struggled with over the years, and often the dilemma has put them off the Christian faith.

On Sunday May 6, Ray will be leading an in-depth Bible study on the topic over lunch after the 10:30am service. Everyone is welcome to attend and ask their questions.

We will start at 12:15pm on the dot and finish at 1pm.

Comments

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

Text of the month: 1 Corinthians 1:18

“For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.”

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We will remember them.



Come along to the next parish prayer meeting...

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

The second parish prayer meeting for the year is on Tuesday May 8 in the church, from 7:30-8:30pm.

All parishioners are encouraged to attend as we pray specifically for members, ministry and mission. Further information will be in next week's bulletin.



MISSION MATTERS:

Kingsley and Veronica Box



Spring Youth Camp

From April 13 to 15 two youth groups met at a castle in Austria for their second spring camp together. Our youth group (plus a few extras from Maribor) and the youth group from Linz international church combined to learn from God's word (talks and manuscript discovery from Hebrews 11-13), hang out, have fun and swim in the very cold lake!

We thank God for bringing along a few non-Christian friends so they could hear about faith in Jesus. We would love to see the youth working hard at getting to know the Bible and each other better and encouraging one another to live for Jesus.

Training ups and downs

Over the past few years Kingsley and Peter (the senior pastor in our church) have been working at training a few young men in teaching the Bible. Recently one of these men, M, has decided not to continue with training, mainly because he doesn't agree with our church on a couple of fairly key doctrines. He continues to come to church, and so we continue to pray that God will grow him and change him and that he might be prepared to do some more training at a later time if that is God's will. Another young man, A, has attended very infrequently and is not sure that he is leadership material.

But all is not negative. God is working in the life of Rok (see his profile below). In the near future Sarah, a short-term worker from England, will be joining our church as well. Kingsley and Peter will then be working at training Rok and Sarah in ministry skills.

Rok Banko

Rok is a young Slovene man, part of our church, who has been studying at a Bible College in the Ukraine for the past few years. He attends intensive classes for a week there every two months. He has grown in his understanding of God's word during that time. He has also decided that he would like to be a pastor if it is God's will.

He has become convinced that he needs to grow in his ministry skills if he wants to become a pastor and has worked hard to attend training meetings when he has been in Slovenia.

He did have a job in England, which made ministry in our church very difficult as he was not in Slovenia very often. Recently he lost his job there, so he is now looking for work in Ljubljana - we are thankful that he will be able to be a regular at church now.

Please pray for Rok, that he will continue to grow in his understanding of God's word and in his godliness. Pray he will be able to find a job that will allow him time to study and to meet up regularly with God's people here. Pray also for him and his family as his father passed away very recently.

School in Slovenia

Please continue to pray for our children and for us as we negotiate schooling in another country. Zac is in an international school and nearing the end of Year 11. Samuel is just about to finish public school (Year 9) and has just applied to attend a Slovene veterinarian High School next year. Tim is in Year 6 and Sophie in Year 3.

They have two more months left of the school year before the long summer break. Please pray for diligence in their studies and for us to be able to communicate clearly with their schools and teachers. We have a couple of children with learning challenges, which is even more tricky in a foreign culture.

FINANCE MATTERS:

Last Week's Giving

Weekly offertory budget: \$5,148
Offertory (April 15): \$4,917

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



Finance Matters

This year's AMP was a time of celebration as we reviewed last year and faced the coming year with great optimism. We were encouraged by growth in our volunteer support... progress with admin and reception... new faces on staff... a refreshing focus on pastoral and outreach initiatives and a very reassuring financial result.

We thanked God for this heartening result and cautiously sanctioned an increased budget of just 4%.

Yet, just a few weeks later, we are already facing a challenge. Our offertory is down... 2018 has started poorly, we are more than \$4800 behind what we received in the first three months of 2017.

No doubt, the fact that some of our members were on holidays during January contributed to this reduction and we trust that we will see an increase in giving over the coming weeks as our returning members make up for the offertory they have missed and others seek to increase their giving where possible.

There is no need to panic, but it would be amiss of us as wardens not to keep you in the picture and to look at how, together, we can continue to fund our ministries.

We thank our people who support our ministries using a direct bank deposit as this ensures a constant stream of available and reliable funds (currently about half of our offertory is from direct deposit). Therefore, if not already doing so, we are asking you to please consider giving by direct bank deposit. As Christians our giving should be considered as the 'first fruits' of our harvest. A regular direct deposit is a way of saying, 'You come first Lord. I trust you. Thank you for giving us your 'first fruit', your very Son, to secure our salvation.'

If you are unfamiliar with direct bank deposit giving or have any questions regarding this, please speak to our Treasurer Kristen or to any of your wardens.

David Powell, Vince Williamson, Doug Mavay

BCA say thank you

A total of \$810 was raised from BCA boxes in March to help support the spread of the gospel around Australia. They will be collected again in September, so start saving...

Our children's and teenage groups and activities are having a break over the school holidays. They will be back in action soon, so watch this space!

PROGRAM MATTERS

Special Upcoming Events

Anzac service	Sunday April 22, 10:30am
Parish prayer meeting	Tuesday May 8, 7:30pm
Combined churches Pentecost Sunday event	Sunday May 20, 3:00pm
KidzArtz	Monday to Friday July 16-20
Anglicare Food Drive	Wednesday July 18
Christianity Explored	August 1, 8, 22, 29, 6:30pm
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
Carols on the bus, Christmas Eve Family Celebration	Monday December 24

Do you know the answer to this question?!

The blue Mothers' Union banner has gone missing from inside the church.

Do you know where it is? If so, please speak to Pat McKeown.

Milkshakes! (for high schoolers only...)

On Tuesday April 24 high schoolers are invited to meet at 2:00pm at Mountain Ridges Café (just up the road from St Hilda's) for a relaxed time of milkshakes and munchies.

It is recommended you bring about \$6, depending on what you want to buy.

Your parents/carers either need to sign a permission note or give verbal consent to Angie Johnson (0431 028 275), John Burke (0488 190 688) or Kathy Powell (0405 553 746).

