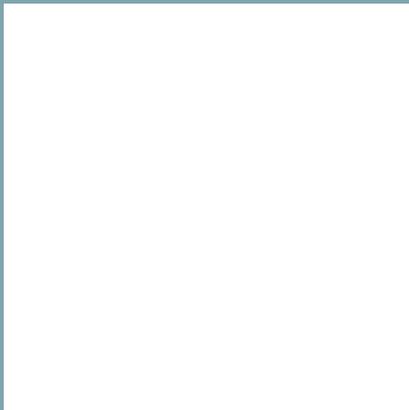


Can we help YOU

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:

Growth Groups

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

| | Growth Groups |
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| Mon: | 9:30am Blackheath/Leura - Margaret B |
| 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 Leura - Ian Wilson 7:00pm The Cecil - David Ashton 7:30pm Katoomba - Sue Stones |
| Fri: | 10:00am men@shop Join us at the church |

I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God — this is your spiritual act of worship.

- Romans 12:1 -



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)

June 17, 2018



St Hilda's

Anglican Church Katoomba

Refugee Week

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:

Minister:
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John Burke 0488 190 688

Discipleship Minister:
Robyn Giindemann 0438 401 088

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Growth Groups:
Trevor Rath 0401 291 497

For some strange reason, it seems in recent years the term 'refugee' has become, at best, disparaging and, at worst, demonised. 'Economic refugees' are looked down on as somehow bad because they are looking for a better life and why should we share what we have with them anyway? 'Political refugees' are assumed to be terrorists, and 'Asylum seekers' are somehow wrong for choosing to risk their lives.

This week is 'Refugee Week' and I welcome the opportunity to profile the plight of people in great need. I will never forget an Anglicare worker some years ago telling me of how a refugee, fresh on the ground from a war zone, was told she could take more than one of the beautiful garments she was being offered and at the offer she just burst into tears.

Anecdotally, it appears the great fear of refugees is because it's thought they will impact our lifestyle. But from where I stand, it looks as if every influx of migrants to this country has, on the whole, benefitted the place; from the benefits of our current multiculturalism, back past the post war boom and the gold rush influx, to even the coming of British settlement. One might question the good or otherwise of the impacts to Australian lifestyle, but according to *The Economist* (October 5 2017) it appears there is a net gain when we share what we have, certainly in terms of economic development and the GDP of the country.

To my mind it is a Christian duty to do what we can to care for the foreigner and stranger in need (Exodus 23:9, Leviticus 19:10, 19:34, Psalm 146:9, Matthew 25:35f, Hebrews 13:2). And the blessing that comes to us when we do that is but another example of Jesus' encouragement that when we lose our life we gain it (Matthew 16:25). We as a parish have recently taken steps to do what we can for a refugee family in need.

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SUNDAY MATTERS

Sunday Services June 17

“Shaped by Grace: Living Sacrifices”

8:30 Holy Communion
10:30 Morning service
5:30 Evening service
Bible Readings:
Ephesians 2:1-10
Romans 12

Sunday Services June 24

“Shaped by Grace: Honouring Others”

8:30 Holy Communion
10:30 Morning service
5:30 Evening service
Bible Readings:
Titus 2:11-3:15
Romans 13

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 to pray for Christianity Explored and evangelism in Katoomba (or for personal thanksgiving or needs), please come to the front of the church over by the organ after the 10:30am service and members of our prayer team will pray with you.

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

PRAYER MATTERS

- Mon Pray for Shine and Jessica, Oswin and Tamim, for refreshment physically, emotionally and spiritually. Also pray for the transition of new fellow workers and those leaving the field – especially the children.
- Tue Pray for all the ladies at the "Mum's Night Out" event tonight. Pray they will feel welcome in Robyn's home and that God would guide their conversations.
- Wed Give praise to God that we can go into the schools and share the word of God every week during SRE. Pray for children who struggle to believe or have doubts about God and are faced with uncertainties in many aspects of their lives. Pray that God will make himself known to them and our SRE teachers will love them as Jesus did.
- Thu Give thanks for the receptionists who are the face of St Hilda's and Anglicare, welcoming a wide range of people and trying to solve their issues. Pray for them as they handle Anglicare clients whenever Sue is out of the office.
- Fri Give thanks that God has given us his word, the Bible. Pray he will give us eyes so that we might be able to see beyond the everyday of this world to what lies beyond, especially the victory won by his son at the cross.
- Sat Pray for Ruth Kazadi and our involvement with the refugee support team at Wentworth Falls, that we might be guided as to how we can help refugees both in our city and beyond.

from the cover...

A while ago I asked for expressions of interest from people who may be interested in exploring how we might help a particular refugee family currently stuck in a refugee camp in Jordan. Their plight was explained to me by a missionary who met them in Jordan and is seeking to put together a group of churches who are willing to be part of bringing them to Australia and helping them settle here.

A few people responded to that request and things have developed since then. A coalition of churches have agreed to work together: us, Wentworth Falls, Springwood, South Liverpool and Wahroonga. Anglicare and Anglican Aid are also involved in helping us and parish council agreed to support the application of the paperwork at their last meeting.

A small team headed by Ruth Kazadi will be working in particular with Wentworth Falls to develop links with the family and explore other ways we can help refugees here in Australia. Please do chat with Ruth if you want to be involved.

At this stage we are looking at a long-term process to bring people out from Jordan, but there are some things we can do before they get here. We will be looking at getting to know these people and build bridges with them. (Would you like a pen friend in Jordan?). We are also looking at ways we can help people currently here in Australia. Please do pray for this ministry, that we might show the love of Jesus to people who have had to leave all they had and escape to a foreign land.

Ray Robinson

Comments

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

Text of the month: Isaiah 49:15-16

"Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you! See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands."

BIBLE MEMORY VERSES

Here are some of the memory verses that our young people are learning this term:

KidzChurch (preschool-Year 1)

"Show me your ways, O Lord" (Psalm 24:4).

KidzPlay

"God is with you always" (Matthew 28:20).

Kmotion

"Everything in the Scriptures is God's word" (2Timothy 3:16).

"Flowers and grass fade away, but what God has said will never change" (Isaiah 40:8).

House/pet-sit for the July holidays

The Mitchells are off to the Philippines from July 5-26 and would love for their house (and pets) to be cared for while they are away.

They have two small dogs, a cat and a fish tank. They describe their older-style centrally-heated brick house as "cosy" and it is only a five-minute walk into central Katoomba. There are free range eggs and garden produce, and the chooks and garden are very low maintenance.

They can be contacted on 4782 2925.

Helping hands still available...

If you, or someone you know, could do with some helping hands around the home (e.g. with gardening) in the July school holidays, high-school campers from MMM (run by CMS) are available to assist on Wednesdays July 11 and 18.

If you would like to take advantage of their help, please contact Ian Robinson (0402 455 006, ianrobbo2088@yahoo.com.au) by next Sunday, June 24.



Ladies planning to attend the Mum's Night Out at Robyn's place this Tuesday (6-8:30pm) need to RSVP today - phone/text 0438 401 088 or e-mail robyn@sthildas.net

MISSION MATTERS:

Kingsley and Veronica Box



LASTING HOPE

As we come to the end of another school year in Slovenia, we are thinking about our plans for the new year - with our family and our church.

This week we have our annual pastoral visit from CMS - we are thankful for a chance to review, assess and re-evaluate our ministry and our part in God's work here in Slovenia.

We are very conscious that we could not be here without the support of many of our friends and church family from Australia and around the world. CMS is holding their annual appeal at the moment - at this time please consider prayerfully how you can support God's work around the world.

PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for our plans and thinking about the next academic year, that God will direct us to the areas in which he wants us to serve.
- Pray that others in our church will also evaluate how they can best serve in the coming year.
- Thank God for the many people who give sacrificially that we can serve God here in Slovenia.
- Pray God will provide the finances through the Lasting Hope appeal so that God's word can continue to be preached around the world.

A world that knows Jesus

HEARING LOOP AMPLIFIER

Thanks to Joshua Burke, we now have a new hearing loop amplifier. We are aware that some have missed this facility over many months, but we have been making sure that we purchased the appropriate equipment for the acoustics of the church building.

For those who wish to make use of this, please adjust your hearing equipment to the appropriate setting.

At this stage we have not been able to test the equipment properly, as we did not have people with hearing equipment available to do that. Please let me know if you have any issues in hearing through this new amplifier.

Doug Mavay, on behalf of the wardens.

Equip in Ministry Conference

In response to the requests from St Hilda's members for more opportunities and training to equip them for ministry the parish council has organised a conference to do just that.

The day will have a wide range of seminars, including those aimed at youth. You may choose to receive more training for something you are doing or select a topic just to see if it appeals. Other churches from the upper mountains will be invited to join us on the day.

So, save the date - Saturday October 27.

FINANCE MATTERS:

Last Week's Giving

Weekly offertory budget: \$5,148

Offertory (June 10): \$4,938 market morning \$274

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



KidzArtz notices

The next KidzArtz whole team meeting is on Sunday July 8 at 12 noon in the church hall. This is the last chance to meet to fine tune the program, organise details and pray together before KidzArtz. Don't miss out!

Also, small glass jars (pesto or mustard size) with or without lids, preferably with labels removed, are required for this year's program. There will be a box in the foyer where you can leave them.

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 drink 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

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| KidzArtz | Monday to Friday July 16-20 |
| Anglicare Food Drive | Wednesday July 18 |
| Exploring God through stories (KidzArtz follow up) | August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 5:30-7:00pm |
| 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 25 |
| 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 |

KidzArtz Prayers

Please commit the following items to prayer for KidzArtz:

- Pray that the church would support the KidzArtz program.
- Pray that people would be able to serve at KidzArtz in the little tasks and the big ones - eg. craft, registration, food etc.
- For the provision of a professional coffee machine.
- For the advertising team to be able to put together all the advertising material and that it would be able to be put out on time.
- David Powell and the teaching team in their planning and preparation.
- People to help with the drama and teaching time.
- People willing to sit and chat with the parents that drop off their children.
- Prayer for the registration team and the registration process, that it would be able to be smooth and inviting.
- For the craft team, that the activities would be fun, interesting and perhaps challenging.
- For the catering team as they serve the children and staff.
- Pray for the set up and pull down team to be effective in working together.
- Pray for the follow up nights in August, that people would be interested in coming along and think through what God has done for them.
- That in all things that God would be honoured and glorified!

