

Anglican Parish of Diamond Creek
Knowing Jesus. Making Jesus Known.
Church News
December 17th, 2017

Our current series:

*Walk
in the
Light*
Mornings

Catch up on talks at stjohnsdc.org.au

*Morning Reading: **Dec 17th:** 1 John 5: 1-21*

No Sunday@6 due to 6pm COMMUNITY CAROLS at COVENTRY OVAL

If you're visiting today, welcome! It's great to have you.

Children are always welcome in our services. Someone up the front will explain what's on for kids today.

Feel free to stay for a chat after the service, meet some new people, and find out what else happens during the week. You can also Connect with us at **stjohnsdc.info** or using the cards in the seats.

Ministry Update

Combined Service and Training Day February 4th, 2018

We love to start each year with a big all-in event where our various congregations and leadership teams gather in the same place at the same time and get focused for the year ahead. February is a great time to do this, as the weather is fine, school is back, and people are settling into their routines again. So, on Sunday 4th of February 2018 we will once again be gathering together for our Combined Service and Training Day. We would love you to join us. Here are some details:

10:00am Combined Service at St John's (Diamond Creek)

This is our only service that Sunday. Regular service times return the following week.

11:30am BBQ Lunch

A great chance to relax and enjoy each other's company over some delicious food. Please bring a few dollars to buy food.

12:45pm Training Begins

Our training sessions this year are inspired by our new Mission, Vision and Values. There will be some all-in training, as well as electives; always with the focus of equipping everyone to better achieve the vision God has put before us. Expect to be inspired by God's word, interact with people from different age groups and congregations, and be challenged to use your gifts and experiences to serve Jesus.

- 2:30pm Afternoon Tea Break
- 3:00pm Training Continues
- 4:00pm Finish

It's a big day, but we've found these days set a great foundation for the rest of the year and we're committed to making it engaging and stimulating from beginning to end.

Child Minding will be provided during each of the training sessions.

This is an event for everyone, not just leaders so please put the dates in your diary and join us for the full experience on Feb 4. See you there.

Prayer

At our church, we pray expectantly, confident that God changes things as we pray. Here are some things we'd love you to saturate in prayer over the next few months:

- **Christmas Services**

Tonight!	6:00pm	Community Carols at Coventry Oval
Sun 24 Dec	9:00am	St Michael's (HC)
Sun 24 Dec	5:00pm	St John's - Family Service
Sun 24 Dec	11:00pm	St John's - Candlelight Service (HC)
Mon 25 Dec	9:30am	St John's (HC)

- **Julie Blinco - Assistant Minister**

Pray for Julie's move and transition into her new role. Start date 4 Feb.

- **Appointment of new Children & Families' Minister**

- **January sermon series**

Look at Jesus! Talks from John 1.

- **Scripture Union Camps & Missions**

Pray for all those volunteering this summer, including: Lisa Schryvers, Andrew Simpson, Joanna & Mina Stubley, Alison & David Blake.

- **Summer Under the Son**

17-20 January. Pray for Tim, who will be doing the evening talks.

- **Training Day**

Sunday 4 February

- **Camp Crave**

High School Youth Camp, 9-11 March

- **Easter Services**

Maundy Thursday 29 Mar, Good Friday 30 Mar, Easter Sunday 1 April

- **Going Bananas**

Holiday Program for Primary School Children, 4-6 July

Dates & Details

More at stjohnsdc.info & Community Noticeboard

Do you have a heart for Mission and for Children in our schools?

Join us to pray for the Diamond Creek and Diamond Valley Schools.

When: Mondays - fortnightly - from 1:30-2:30pm

Where: St John's Diamond Creek Foyer

The last meeting for the year is this Monday, 18th December.

Little ones are welcome. Toys provided.

Enquiries: Diane King (0406 931 959) or Robyn Bland: 0438 055 368

Rosters: 9:30am Service and Hospitality are now available for January 2018 on the welcome desk today. Please put your unavailability for Term 1, 2018 in Elvanto or contact the office. Thank you.

Gifts for life - Buy a Christmas gift from TEAR AUSTRALIA

Useful gifts releasing people from poverty will be available in the foyer today at 9:30am at St John's.

Christmas Services:

Please note that, as Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday, our usual Sunday services are not being held, i.e. no 8am, 9:30am or 6:pm. There will be a 9am service at St Michael's, and 5pm & 11pm at St John's. On Christmas Day, the only service in the parish is a 9:30am combined service at St John's.

Notes, or drawing space:

Offertory Update - November 2017

Budgeted giving: \$38,135

Actual giving: \$37,903

Giving via Direct deposit:

Account Name: St John's Anglican Church

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Monday 9-2 | Tuesday 9-3.30 | Wednesday 9-4 | Thursday 9-4 | Friday 9-2