

Anglican Parish of Diamond Creek
Knowing Jesus. Making Jesus Known.
Church News
February 4th, 2018

Our current series:



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*Readings: **Feb 4th** Philippians 3:7-11 **Feb 11th** Matthew 12:46-50*

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.

Know Jesus. Make Jesus Known

Welcome to St John's today as we gather together for our combined service and training day. It's wonderful to have all 4 of our congregations (St Katherine's 8am, St Michael's 8am, St John's 9:30am and Sunday@6) meeting together as we launch into the year and train together to be better equipped to serve Jesus.

Late last year we launched our new 5-year vision: Vision 2022. This document was the result of extensive consultation, input, feedback and prayer. It paints a picture of where we hope we will be as a church in 5 years time and something we will pray for and work towards. As we were developing this document I was conscious of different biblical passages that shaped the way we worded the Vision and defined our priorities as a church. Over the next 5 weeks at our services we will be reflecting on these bible passages as we think about our Vision and how we will put it into practice. If you haven't yet got a copy of Vision 2022 you can pick one up from the Welcome Table or look at it at stjohnsdc.org.au/vision

Today we are focusing on our church mission statement: *Know Jesus. Make Jesus Known*. The substance of this statement is unchanged from what we previously had (To know Christ and to make him known), although we have tried to make it more accessible to those outside the church by using the name Jesus rather than Christ. It makes sense that our mission should remain the same as it is the enduring purpose of the church to focus on Jesus as our centre, to grow more deeply in our relationship with him, and to share him with others around us that they too may experience the fullness of life that we have in him.

In our modern world we often think of 'knowing' as an academic exercise, which is just about knowing facts and information. This might mistakenly mean that we think that head knowledge about Jesus is the purpose of our church life. But 'knowing' in the bible is much more holistic than this. Knowing someone is more about living in a close personal relationship with them. It is intimate and includes loving them and knowing that they love you. It is about communicating with them and living each day with them. That is what knowing Jesus is about and what we are seeking after as a church. This is what we are holding out to others too, that they might enter into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ who is none other than God himself in human flesh. This is our mission and directs all that we do as a church. Let's commit to know Jesus and to make Jesus known in 2018.

Tim Johnson

A World that knows Jesus

Our church mission: *Know Jesus. Make Jesus Known.* is not simply a local mission but one that is committed to seeing people all over the world come to know Jesus and grow in him. For this reason we have a number of mission partners and give 15% of our offertory to mission in Australia and around the world. One of our key mission partners is CMS (Church Missionary Society) whose mission is *A World that Knows Jesus*. Through CMS we support the Gifford family in Barcelona and the Beer family working with indigenous leaders in the Northern Territory.

The Beer family is currently on home assignment in Melbourne and will be joining us at St John's on 22nd April. Here is an update from them and some prayer points. If you'd like to receive their monthly email updates directly you can sign up at vic@cms.org.au.

Tim Johnson

Welcome Back!

Our journey across this big land was completed just after Christmas. Our concept of 'home' is now a bit fluid. We like to think we have two homes now - Victoria and the NT. We are thankful to God for the safe travel, not taking for granted that there was no engine failure or substantial repairs required! We are grateful for some rest time in Qld and Canberra, and the chance to spend Christmas with family. We are also profoundly thankful to CMS, who with your support, provide for all our needs, including the provision of a fully furnished flat for us during our time in Victoria. Special thanks to those of you who have welcomed us to Melbourne by filling our pantry and sending cards!

For those who pray, we would welcome prayer for:

Preparing Talks: Please pray for wisdom, creativity and the ability to encourage others as we prepare material to share with our supporters over the next few months.

NT Ministries: Please pray that church leaders and Christians around Arnhem land would be able to share the reason for the hope we have in Christ.

Family Life: Please pray for our kids as they prepare and commence at yet another school. Please pray for good relationships with friends and teachers that establish unusually fast!

We are looking forward to reconnecting with many of you over the coming months.

Yours in Christ,

Kate, Tavis, Beka and Fin Beer

Dates & Details

More at stjohnsdc.info & Community Noticeboard

Lifegroup Leaders and Coaches Meeting dates:

You can attend the morning or the afternoon meeting, you do not need to attend both. This is likely to be our only all-in meeting for the year so please make it a priority.

Morning: 11:30-12:30 on Sunday 11th February

Afternoon: 4-5pm on Sunday 11th February

Contact: Kirk Mackenzie, kirk@stjohnsdc.org.au or 9438 1264

Coffee and Craft is starting back on Monday 5th February at 10.00am in the foyer at St John's. Speak with Nikki Isaks for more details. All Welcome.

Mainly Music prayer meeting 11.15am, 18th February, Room 2

Community News Board - The church noticeboard has been updated and now has Church News, Community News and Buy/Swap/Sell. This is located next to the welcome desk on the right wall. Details are below:

- Buy/Swap/Sell: fill in a description slip with date and pin it under the sign.
- Community news: pin up an appropriate community news ad.

Ads will remain for up to a month. No business advertising please

Code Red

If a day is declared "**CODE RED**" by authorities no activities, including Sunday services, weddings, or funerals will be held on the premises of any church of the parish on that day.

Offertory Update - December 2017

Budgeted giving: \$38,135

Actual giving: \$40,175

Giving via Direct deposit:

Account Name: St John's Anglican Church

BSB: 063 246, Acct No: 1006 0757

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