

Anglican Parish of Diamond Creek
Knowing Jesus. Making Jesus Known.
Church News
February 11th and 18th, 2018

Our current series:



Catch up on talks at stjohnsdc.org.au

*Readings: **Feb 11th** Matthew 12:46-50 **Feb 18th** 1 John 4:7-12
 Feb 25th Colossians 1:28-2:5 **March 4th** Acts 20:17-24*

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.

An Intergenerational Community, which is loving like Jesus

Over the next four weeks in church we are looking at our church Vision: Vision 2022 and thinking about what the bible has to say about putting this into practice. Vision 2022 aims for us to be:

An intergenerational community, which is

Loving Like Jesus

Growing in Jesus

And Sharing Jesus

I want to reflect here on what it means to be an intergenerational community and what it means to love like Jesus.

Intergenerational is different to multigenerational. Multigenerational means that we have different age groups present with each other, existing side by side. Intergenerational is aiming for more than that because it sees the different age groups interacting with each other and ministering to each other as a normal and natural part of our church life. So the vision is to see an increased interaction between children, teenagers, young adults, older adults, and the elderly, all mixed in together. This is driven by a radical new vision of family and community, which comes from Jesus himself. When asked about family Jesus says:

"Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?" Pointing to his disciples, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother." Matthew 12:48-50

Church is a new community of all ages where we minister to each other and care for each other because of our shared relationship with Jesus. And just as love characterises our relationship with Jesus so it must characterise our relationship with each other. We love each other because God has loved us in Jesus Christ and we want our church community to be a reflection of his deep love for us. This is not primarily about our feelings for each other but more about our practical commitment to care for each other, to pray for each other, and to help each in the ups and downs of life. It is a shared commitment for all of us to be involved in. So who can you show love to today?

Tim Johnson

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:

- **Camp Crave**

Pray for our High School Youth Camp, 9-11 March.

- **Chaplaincy**

Pray for chaplains across Victoria/Australia as they begin for 2018. Pray for them and their volunteers as they build relationships with young people, support school communities and represent Jesus love.

Pray for our politicians who are currently deciding if the current funding model for Chaplaincy will be extended.

- **Mainly Music and Playgroup**

Give thanks for all volunteers involved on the teams. Pray for good relationships with families who attend. Pray for a playgroup team member to volunteer on Thursday mornings. Pray for Kylie in her role as children & families' Minister for energy and wisdom.

- **Youth Unite - Friday 23rd Feb at Uni Hill Bundoora**

Pray for many of our youth to attend and build great relationships between local churches.

World Day of Prayer - Friday March 2nd 10.30am at St John's

The service has been compiled by the women of Suriname, South America.

Please bring a plate of finger food to share for a light luncheon after the service finishes.

Help needed with set up for the day before (Thursday 1st March at 2pm)

and to clear away after the function. . Please contact Pam Bramley on 9435

0931 or 0400 978 420

Monthly Prayer Meeting - First Saturday of each month

Next meeting is Saturday 4th March 8am at Ted and Diane King's home. Enjoy a light breakfast. 15 Timbertop Drive, Doreen.

Fortnightly Prayer Meeting in the foyer at St John's 1.30pm-3.00pm

Pray for Schools/Chaplains in the Diamond Valley area.

Next meeting Monday 19 February. Young children welcome. Toys provided!

Dates & Details

More at stjohnsdc.info & Community Noticeboard

Lifegroup Leaders and Coaches Meetings TODAY 11th Feb

Morning meeting: 11:30-12:30 or Afternoon meeting: 4-5pm

Contact: Kirk Mackenzie, kirk@stjohnsdc.org.au

Ash Wednesday Service

9.00 am- 9.30am Wednesday 14th February at St John's

This marks the beginning of Lent. Lenten reflection booklets are available today on the welcome desk.

Coffee and Craft - Monday's during term. 10am at St John's

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

BSF (Bible Study Fellowship) begins Tuesday 20th Feb at St John's. Studying the book of Romans.

Triple Ms - More Mature Members

Friday 23rd February 12noon at St John's. BYO Lunch.

Toddler Time - the toddler time roster is now up in the creche room for anyone who loves small children and would be able to give up an occasional Sunday morning. Please contact Robyn Gorfine 0403 819 777

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