



2017

# St Phil's

January

To present every person in our community mature in Christ

# Ministry

## This Month's Feature

### Happy New Year!

This year, like most, we anticipate change ahead, as God leads us as a Church. The Smiths are moving Parishes. Pray for Mike, Ness, Riley, Jonah and Amelia as they relocate to Minchinbury Parish. Pray for a rest before they move, a good experience in moving, and for God to provide them with a loving community of people at Church and at the local school.

On February 6<sup>th</sup>, Al and Susie James arrive as Al takes up position of assistant minister here at St Phil's. Pray for Al, Susie, Ben (7), Will (5) and Heidi (1). Pray that as they move into Eastwood, we can help them settle in with their new church family, a new neighbourhood, and a new school. Pray that God will provide all their needs during this time of transition.

Here are two families we have been blessed, and will be blessed, to know in ministry. They are setting for us an example of following God's direction in the ministry he calls them to. But this is not unique to ministers and their families. God has called each of us to ministry in his kingdom. Maybe we don't often have to move suburbs for his purposes, but there is always some sacrifice. That is what love is about. Loving God - serving God - means sacrificing for him. It means putting him above other things and other people. It means sacrificing other things, even other good relationships in this life, in order to follow his plans for us.

Let me encourage you this year to reflect on the commitment of these two families. Reflect on how you will be able to be sacrificial in your time, gifts and finances to serve God. It will always involve sacrifice, since that will always be required in life in order to put God first.

Please consider your call to ministry this year, and if you would like to talk more about where God is leading you to serve, please talk to a member of the ministry team, or talk to someone you know and trust in your congregation.

Happy New Year!

Bruce Stanley (Senior Minister)

# For Our Prayers

## CHURCH

Pray for Full On Camp. For all the leaders and campers, and for this year's speaker, Boon Hwa. Pray for safety, for good teaching and discussions, and for lots of fun!

Continue to pray for the Smith family and the James family as they relocate Parishes. Give thanks to God for their heart to serve him.

## NEIGHBOURHOOD

Pray for those visiting our Church over January – that we may be welcoming and that they may hear and see the work of the Gospel of Jesus among us. Pray that the newer members among us may find a place to serve God here at St Phil's.

## WORLD

*Heavenly Father, we pray that in this new year ahead of us, we may seek to see the needs throughout our world among the poor, the lonely, the vulnerable, those seeking refuge, those facing war. Help us to uphold the governments of the world in prayer, seeking your wisdom and direction in this broken and lost world we live in. Amen.*

**Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances;  
for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.**

**1Thessalonians 5:16-18**

## Giving at St Philips

If you would like to give to the ministry at St Philip's electronically, please use the following account details:

**Bank:** Commonwealth Bank Branch: Eastwood

**Account:** St Philip's Anglican Church Eastwood

**BSB:** 062161 **Account Number:** 10075604

When prompted for a payment description, simply enter the service you normally attend and "offertory". E.g. 9:30 English offertory

# Calendar

## January 2017

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February 2017 >

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> Cake stall - Coins for Mission	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> No Parish Council in January	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 9am Mission Prayer meeting
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 7.30pm Mike Smith's Commissioning service Minchinbury	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> LAUNCH - Children & Youth leaders training day	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> End School Holidays	<b>31</b> 10am ESL 12.30pm ESL Bible Study	<b>Notes:</b> 1 Feb 11am Friendship church service and luncheon 3 Feb restart of: Friday Friends (10am) SPARK (4pm) SLAM & WOT (7.30pm) 5 Feb Mandarin Services First Anniversary 6 Feb Al James commences at St Phil's 12 Feb Safe Ministry Training - Essentials 15 Feb Parish Training Day: "Welcoming" 26/2-3/3 Caroline Evenden's deputation visit			

# Events & Activities

Visit our website or Facebook page for more information

## You're Invited

The Church Wardens of Minchinbury Anglican Church are delighted to invite you to attend the **Commencement Service of Reverend Mike Smith.**

7.30pm on Tuesday 24th January 2017  
MINCHINBURY ANGLICAN CHURCH  
86 Rupertswood Road Rooty Hill

THE SERVICE WILL BE FOLLOWED BY REFRESHMENTS.



Please RSVP by Sunday 15th January to [info@visitmac.church](mailto:info@visitmac.church) or by calling Janelle Rigby on 0433831157.



At St Phil's, we protect our children and youth. SAFE ministry training equips leaders to care for children in a safe environment, to learn about risks, and to understand reporting processes for child protection issues.

Our next SAFE ministry training dates:  
**ESSENTIALS** (first time training)  
**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February, 10:30-3:30**

**REFRESHER** course (at least every 3 years)  
**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2pm – 4pm**  
**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2pm-4pm**

To register, email [office@stphils.org.au](mailto:office@stphils.org.au)  
For more information, please visit:  
[www.safeministry.org.au](http://www.safeministry.org.au)

## Visited our website recently?

New updates, new layout, new pages.

Events pages and calendar

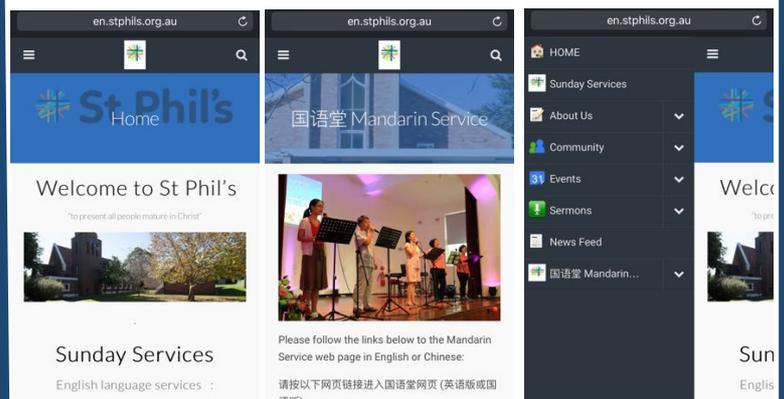
Mandarin language pages and downloads

Online newsletter

Preaching series info and recordings

Mobile or desktop – head over to:

[www.stphils.org.au](http://www.stphils.org.au)



# World Mission



Caroline is currently on home assignment from her work with CMS in France. She will be joining us for a week at the end of February to share with us about her ministry work.

Caroline works with the GBU – Groupes Biblique Universitaires – the IFES Affiliated University student group.

She has asked for our continued prayers:

Prayer for rest and recovery whilst she is in Australia.

Prayer for a helpful and encouraging time with all of her link churches – Eastwood, Riverwood, Beacon Hill, South Camberwell, South Wagga and Broadway.

Thanks for training and preparation time with CMS and AFES.

Thanks for the opportunity for time with her family in Melbourne.

Caroline will be with us from 26<sup>th</sup> February to 3<sup>rd</sup> March throughout the week, including:

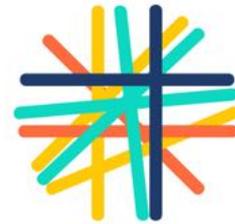
Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> Feb – at Sunday services

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> Mar – combined evening.

CMS Summer School is on January 7-13 at Katoomba. Details are available in the church foyer.

**More information about CMS is also available in the church foyer.**

# Local Mission



## Children and Youth

“LAUNCH” & “SAFE ministry”.

An important part of our ministry with children and youth is the training of our leaders.

We are blessed to have a dedicated team of leaders who care so deeply about our children and youth. They give so much of their time and gifts to serve. Part of this important work is their training.

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January, we will hold our annual “LAUNCH” leadership training for youth and children’s leaders. During this day our aim is to continue to equip our leaders as they serve God and to encourage each other in this important ministry.

Another important aspect of this work is training in child protection. It is a requirement for all those involved in ministry to youth and children that they are accredited through the “SAFE” ministry training scheme. This requires essentials training (5 hours) for the first time trainees, and a refresher course (2 hours) every 3 years. The next training days are:

12<sup>th</sup> February – SAFE ministry essentials (first time training)

5<sup>th</sup> March and 2<sup>nd</sup> April – SAFE ministry refresher (every 3 years)

Pray and give thanks to God for our leaders. They work hard, train diligently, and care so much for our children and youth.

# Parish Council Update

**WARDENS:** Trevor Strickland, Chris Stretton, Mike Lum

**MINISTERS IN ATTENDANCE:** David Yue(a), Mike Smith(a), Raymond Leung, Bruce Stanley (Chair)

**COUNCILLORS:** Darrel Causbrook, Peter Chik, Andrew Fairhurst, Yvonne Hall, Jenny Pullen, Philip Reichardt (a), Rose Shum, Ambrose Yip

*Parish Council meets the 2nd Tuesday night of each month. Correspondence can be made to the Secretary, Mr. Mike Lum - [mike.lum@gmail.com](mailto:mike.lum@gmail.com)*

## Bible

The Rector lead Bible study and prayer time from Revelation 3, the Church of Sardis. Lively discussion followed on who we are as a church, and what areas within ourself we might seek to address in 2017. Outreach and welcoming were 2 particular areas which were discussed.

## 2017 budget:

Budget discussion finalised. We are forecasting approximately a 10% required increase in general offertory giving for 2017 in order to continue to grow in ministry and care for property.

Our different approach for Missions giving in 2016 resulted in decreases in some mission giving areas, but increases in others. Parish Council voted to continue this approach to missions giving as it was

helping to engage people more personally, and it was believed giving will continue to increase in 2017. We were thankful for the many people who stepped up to raise funds. An example of this was the monthly morning "coins for cakes" stall which raised nearly \$2000 this year.

## General matters

We are in the final stages of arranging a license agreement for a Korean Presbyterian Church to use our premises on a Sunday afternoon from January 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Building work update:

The site survey has been completed. We are now preparing to begin the next step: a computer aided design draft (CAD plans).

*Next Parish Council- February 14<sup>th</sup>  
(no meeting in January)*

## January – November 2016 Giving Update

Income required:	\$497,805
Weekly required:	\$10,371
Current Offertory:	\$475,771
Current weekly:	\$9,912
Shortfall (year to date):	\$22,034

**Current Offertory is 95.6% of budget  
(Trend: +0.6%)**

## OUR MISSION

To present every person in our community mature in Christ

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## OUR CORE VALUES

The Command to Love God and one another  
The Authority of the Bible

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## OUR STRATEGY

Connect, Grow, Serve

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# Preaching Program



DATE	SERIES	PREACHER	PASSAGES
Jan 1 <sup>st</sup>	"BELIEVE" : Jesus – Lamb	Bruce Stanley	John 1:19-51
Jan 8 <sup>th</sup>	"BELIEVE" : Jesus – Temple	Bruce Stanley	John 2:1-25
Jan 15 <sup>th</sup>	"BELIEVE" : Jesus – Light	Bruce Stanley	John 3:1-36
Jan 22 <sup>nd</sup>	"BELIEVE" : Jesus – Water	Bruce Stanley	John 4:1-42
Jan 29 <sup>th</sup>	"BELIEVE" : Jesus – Healer	Bruce Stanley	John 4:43-5:15

*All sermons are recorded and are available on line at [www.stphils.org.au](http://www.stphils.org.au) and on iTunes: search for "St Philips Eastwood Anglican Church".*

## Sunday Service times:

8am Traditional Prayer Book Service

9.30am Family Service with Children's program

9.30am Mandarin Service with Children's program

11am Cantonese/Mandarin Service

6.30pm Contemporary English Service

## Church Staff Contact Details

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