



St Phil's

March

To present every person in our community mature in Christ

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This Month's Feature

For Our Prayers

CHURCH

Please continue pray for our missionary Bruce Chapman, and his wife Jodi and their children, during Bruce's continued treatment for Melanoma. Pray for the development of our new women's pastoral team as final planning and preparations are undertaken. Pray that the women of our church will be care for well in all aspects of life.

NEIGHBOURHOOD

Heavenly Father, we pray for our neighbours. We especially pray for those who do not know you. Give us opportunities to share the hope we have in Jesus, through our words and actions. May those who visit our homes or church be blessed to hear the gospel clearly, and find salvation. Amen.

WORLD

"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth." (1 Timothy 2:1-4)

**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

Please consider giving electronically to the ministry at St Philip's. Below are the account details required:

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 Mandarin offertory

Calendar

Events & Activities

Visit our website or Facebook page for more information

World Day of Prayer – Join with other Christians from other denominations to pray for our world today.

Friday 3rd March

Eastwood Baptist Church. 6pm – 8pm.



**World Day of Prayer
AUSTRALIA**



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:

REFRESHER course (at least every 3 years)

Sunday 5th March 2pm – 4pm

Sunday 2nd April 2pm-4pm

To register, email office@stphils.org.au

For more information, please visit:

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.

Songs.

Preaching series info and recordings

Mobile or desktop – head over to:

www.stphils.org.au

AGM

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Sunday March 12th, 1pm in the main hall
Nomination forms available at the entrance

World Mission

CMS

Local Mission

Scripture

SCRIPTURE (SRE)

In NSW, religious organisations have the wonderful opportunity to go into public schools and give “special religious education”. This is a privilege which is now constantly under threat.

In many public schools across our state, religious groups arrange for people to come and teach about their religion. Christianity, (Protestant and Catholic), Hindu, Islam, Buddhism, Bahai, and many more. Recently, Ethics classes have also been introduced to some schools in an effort to allow instruction for children in other non-religious matters.

What is taught is set by the religious institution. However, at least with Sydney Anglicans, it is discussed with the Education department and the curriculum is set as a standard across the state. Our Scripture teachers **MUST** use the material that is set by our Diocese. This is a good thing. It keeps us accountable to a good curriculum.

But there are some who still wish to see teaching of religions completely removed from schools. Many will fight valiantly either way. However, Christians can do one thing others cannot. We can pray to the God of all – for his will to be done, and for his wisdom to be heard.

Please pray that God will direct the current critique of SRE. Religion is a part of most, if not all, societies. It is a part of our humanity. But religious instruction is under threat of being removed from schools. So let’s pray for God to direct this situation. And if the door is closed, pray for God to open a new one for us.

Parish Council Update

WARDENS: Trevor Strickland, Chris Stretton, Mike Lum

MINISTERS: David Yue, Raymond Leung, Al James, Bruce Stanley (Chair)

COUNCILLORS: Darrel Causbrook, Peter Chik, Andrew Fairhurst, Yvonne Hall, Jenny Pullen, Philip Reichardt, 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

The current Parish Council met for its final time on February 24th. The AGM will be held on Sunday March 12th and a new Parish Council will be elected.

Focus for 2017

The Rector outlined 3 focus areas for 2017 – women's ministry, Growth Groups, and building work. A women's pastoral team is currently being put together and will be announced soon. New Growth Groups and leaders are needed urgently. We are seeking to train more leaders for this ministry area. And the building work continues with the Development Application currently being put together. Fund raising will begin next month for the funds for this DA, estimated at around \$60,000.

Budget:

The parish Council agreed to seek a 12% increase in budget for 2017. This is similar to 2016. We hope to see this reached by increased generosity, and increased attendance/membership.

Staff updates:

Al James was welcomed as the new assistant minister, as pastor of youth and young adults, and night church.

2016 budget

We finished the 2016 year reaching 96.3% of budgeted offertories. We are thankful to God for this. Total capital expenditure was \$142,058 for the year, mainly for work on 8am Clanwilliam street, and final repairs to the church and the old hall (kitchen).

Main Church Projector:

The new church projector and screen have been ordered. It will take around 6 weeks for this to be made and installed. The cost is just under \$6,000. The cost to general funds will be only around \$2,500 thanks to donations from the 11am congregation and others.

*Annual General Meeting: Sunday 12th March
Next Parish Council- Tuesday March 14th*

January – December 2016 Giving Update

Income required:	\$54,628
Weekly required:	\$10,926
Current Offertory:	\$43,745
Current weekly:	\$8,749
Shortfall (year to date):	\$10,883

**Current Offertory is 80.1% of budget
Please consider your giving for 2017.**

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
March 5 th	Jesus: King	Bruce Stanley	John 12
March 12 th	Jesus: servant	Bruce Stanley	John 13
March 19 th	Jesus: way, truth, life	Al James	John 14
March 26 th	Jesus: vine	Al James	John 15

preaching program available at: <http://en.stphils.org.au/preaching-program/>

*All sermons are recorded and are available on line at 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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