



St Phil's

May

To present every person in our community mature in Christ

SIM - Malawi

This Month's Feature

The Hammonds – “hope for AIDS”

‘so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth, it shall not return to me empty’ Isaiah 55 : 11

With 80% of Malawians still being subsistence farmers, sowing & reaping is very much an integral part of life and we praise God for the good harvest in many parts of Malawi.

In HOPE for AIDS we feel like we do lots of seed sowing and pray that the harvest will be plentiful in changing lives through the many programs we run. The above verse will be used as the guiding verse for the “Today for Tomorrow” program we are introducing in training of trainers, bringing bible based and aims to disciple children, and in the process help them to make good life choices to avoid getting HIV.

To see more of the Hammond’s work in Malawi, follow this link to a video they have put together:

<http://vimeo.com/9524000>

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If you would like to know more about SIM,
regular payer updates are in the main church foyer.



For Our Prayers

CHURCH

Our heavenly Father, we give you thanks for our Church family and community. We thank you for your leadership, wisdom and guidance. We pray that you might continue to draw us closer to you and closer to one another as we seek to serve you and honour you in our lives. May we show our love for you and each other in all that we do and say. Amen.

NEIGHBOURHOOD

Please pray for outreach to our neighbours, especially those who are new to the community of Eastwood and the wider area of Ryde. Pray that we might have more opportunities in following up from Easter, through the upcoming VKP (Vacation Kids Plus) holiday program, and other opportunities God provides.

WORLD

Pray for the governments of our world. Pray especially at this time for Australia, the United States, Russia, North Korea, South Korea, Afghanistan, and the many other nations who are under pressure at this time of unrest throughout our world. Pray God might reveal himself to the leaders of the nations of this earth, and that they might seek His wisdom and listen to Him.

***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

◀ April 2017		May 2017					June 2017 ▶	
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
	1	2 10am ESL 12.30pm ESL Bible Study	3 10.30am Friendship Service	4	5 10am Friday Friends 4pm SPARK 7.30pm SLAM & WOT	6		
7 Cakes for Mission	8	9 10am ESL 12.30pm ESL Bible Study 8pm Parish Council	10	11	12 10am Friday Friends 4pm SPARK 7.30pm SLAM & WOT	13		
14	15	16 10am ESL 12.30pm ESL Bible Study	17	18	19 10am Friday Friends 4pm SPARK 7.30pm SLAM & WOT	20 8am Missionary Prayer Meeting Focus CMS (Claraspire room)		
21 Open V&P Meeting	22	23 10am ESL 12.30pm ESL Bible Study	24	25	26 10am Friday Friends 4pm SPARK 7.30pm SLAM & WOT	27 9.30am-3.30pm Equip Women's Conference and Lunch - Live streaming in War Memorial Hall		
28	29	30 10am ESL 12.30pm ESL Bible Study	31	Dates for June 18 th June - V&P meeting 24 th June - Working Bee				

Events & Activities

Visit our website or Facebook page for more information

SATURDAY MAY 27TH 9:30 - 3:00

EQUIP 17
women

DAUGHTERS OF EVE

Saturday 27th May 2017
International Convention Centre Sydney

TICKETS \$20 / \$15 (CONCESSION)
CONFERENCE AND LUNCH
LIVE STREAM INTO THE WAR MEMORIAL HALL
ST PHILLIPS ANGLICAN CHURCH EASTWOOD
CONTACT: BRONWYN LUM - BRONLUM@HOTMAIL.COM

ALL WOMEN INVITED TO ATTEND:

Women's Equip Conference.

Tickets: \$20 (\$15 concession)

Conference and Lunch
Live stream into the War Memorial Hall at St. Philip's Anglican Church, Eastwood.

Contact: Bronwyn Lum
bronlum@hotmail.com

30 days of prayer

Ramadan is the ninth month in the Islamic calendar. It is a period of prayer, fasting, charity-giving and self-evaluation for Muslims. 30 Days International produces a prayer booklet to help Christians pray for Muslim countries and people groups around the world during Ramadan. Ramadan in Australia is from May 27 to June 25 this year. Prayer booklets will be available from Clare Stretton for \$6 from Sunday May 20. The booklets also include articles to help us understand the many faces of Islam.



Follow us on Instagram!

St Phil's now has an active Instagram account. Follow us to be encouraged with God's Word and with pictures from our events and activities each week.

@eastwoodanglican



VACATION KIDS PLUS 2017

MAKER FUN FACTORY
Created by God
Built for a Purpose

12, 13, 14 & 16 July
For Children aged 3 to 12 at
Preschool and Primary School
www.stphils.org.au/vkp

World Mission

SIM

This month, we are especially praying and giving towards the work of Mike and Jacky Hammond with SIM in Malawi and the “hope for AIDS” project.

Please pray especially for inspiration and stamina for Pastor Bonface Milanzi (AEC Children’s Co-ordinator) and Christopher Maphosa (SIM T4T Co-ordinator from Zimbabwe) who are doing the teaching.

Please pray for on-going spiritual growth for us in our mentoring program. Also pray for the HBC & OVC refresher trainings over the next few months. Pray also for Mike at the Regional Council meeting in Johannesburg in May.

More information can be found on their website at:

www.simmalawi.org



Local Mission

VKP

Each July school holidays, St Phil’s runs Vacation Kids Plus (VKP) – a kids club for ages 3 – 12. Please pray for us as we prepare for this wonderful outreach opportunity.

Pray in thanks that we have the opportunity to run this great programme that connects the children and families of our Eastwood community with the gospel and with our church community.

Pray that as the team prepares for Vacation Kids Plus we can be diligent, creative and faithful in our work leading up to the holiday programme.

Pray that we may see over 100 children come to the programme over the week, and that we can be effective in connecting with families and bringing them into our church family.

Pray that during the programme that God will uphold all the leaders, give them great patience, and great opportunities to share the love of Christ with the children of Eastwood.

Jason Smith (VKP Co-ordinator)



Parish Council Update

WARDENS: Trevor Strickland, Chris Stretton, Mike Lum

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

COUNCILLORS: Darrel Causbrook(a), Peter Chik, Andrew Fairhurst, Yvonne Hall, Jenny Pullen, Rose Shum, Naomi Lum, Terence Chu

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

Bible – John 19:38-42

Beginning with God's word, we discussed how important everyone is in ministry in a church, even those who seem to be "quiet" or unassuming in their faith. Everyone has a ministry to exercise in God's Church.

General business:

Parish Council are reading and discussing chapters from the book "Giving Generously". The aim of this discussion is to help us with long term financial thinking about giving in our Church, and also in planning for development of the site and the financial needs of this work.

Works report:

At the next working bee, we will endeavour to begin cleaning up the front entrance of the main church building, including better paving, gardens and seating. (At the time of printing, most of this work has already been completed).

Finances

As can be seen from the financial summary below, we are behind in terms of budgeted giving this year, and this is something we need to keep in our prayers. However, we also note that we have received much funding towards the Development Application fund raising (currently we have raised around \$50,000 of the \$60,000 required). Please pray that we would balance our regular giving with special giving projects over these next months (and years).

Building planning

The building finance committee will meet April 27th to further discuss finance planning for our future building work. All options and possibilities are being discussed at this stage. The Development Application process continues and is expected to take a few more months. So far, a site plan has been done, a quantity survey has been completed and computer generated models (plans) are complete.

Next Parish Council- Tuesday May 9th

January – March 2017 Giving Update

Offertory required:	\$142,298
Current Offertory:	\$123,870
Weekly required:	\$10,946
Current weekly:	\$9,528
Shortfall (year to date):	\$18,428

Current Offertory is 87.1% of budget

OUR MISSION

To present every person in our community mature in Christ

1

OUR CORE VALUES

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

2

OUR STRATEGY

Connect, Grow, Serve

3

Preaching Program



DATE	SERIES	PREACHER	PASSAGES
April 30 th	<i>Life Matters</i> "Believe: See"	Bruce Stanley	2 Timothy 1
May 7 th	<i>Life Matters</i> "Follow: Do"	Al James	2 Timothy 2:1-3:9
May 14 th	<i>Life Matters</i> "Disciple: Teach"	Jason Smith	2 Timothy 3:10-4:22
May 21 st	Creation to Fall "It was good"	Bruce Stanley	Genesis 1:1-31
May 28 th	Creation to Fall "It was very good"	Bruce Stanley	Genesis 1:26-31

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 (English)

9.30am Family Service with Children's program (English)

9.30am Family Service with Children's program (Mandarin)

11am Cantonese/Mandarin Service

6.30pm Night Church - Contemporary English Service

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