



# St Phil's

June

To present every person in our community mature in Christ

# VKP

## Vacation Kids Plus

### This Month's Feature

For many parents, a holiday kid's program is a day care option for their children. For many children, it's a fun time with your friends. For the community, it can just look like the church is doing good stuff.

But for us, St Phil's, this is much bigger. It is all of those things. Plus more. Here are three BIG opportunities that come from VKP that we should all pray for **and** give thanks for:

1. For children AND parents to connect with our church community. They get to meet US, and know US. For many, this can be the beginning of new relationships.
2. For children to hear the gospel of Jesus and respond. They get to meet GOD and know GOD! For many, this can be the beginning of a new eternal relationship.
3. We get to serve – with such a large leadership team of all ages, we get to serve God, serve our community and serve each other.

Pray that we will use these opportunities well – and please be involved – be generous, and be available if you are able.

One easy way to help is this: a list of resources will be out this month of items needed for VKP. You may be able to help provide some of these.



# For Our Prayers

## CHURCH

Pray for VKP (Vacation Kids Plus) at the beginning of July. Pray for connections with our community and for teamwork among our large leadership team.

Pray for our Development Application – praise God the funding has largely been received and that positive steps forward are being made.

## NEIGHBOURHOOD

*Heavenly Father, you have created us to live in community with one another in this world. We pray that you would help us to be your light in the Eastwood area. Help us to care for our neighbours that they may see your love in our words and actions. We pray this for your glory. Amen.*

## WORLD

### **A Prayer for the end of Terror**

Sovereign God, we ask that you would restrain evil in our world and hasten the day when your Son will reign in justice and truth. Please frustrate the wicked plans of those who seek to inflict terror and violence, who cause harm to others out of hatred or fear or the quest for power. We pray for victims of terror around the world that you would protect and deliver them, provide for all their needs and bless those who work for peace and justice. For Jesus Christ's sake, 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

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

June 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 10am Friday Friends 4pm SPARK 7.30pm SLAM & WOT	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> Cakes for Mission	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 10am ESL 12.30pm ESL Bible Study	<b>7</b> 10.30am Friendship Service 10am Mandarin Young Mum's group	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 10am Friday Friends 4pm SPARK 7.30pm SLAM & WOT	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Public Holiday - Queen's Birthday	<b>13</b> 10am ESL 12.30pm ESL Bible Study 8pm Parish Council	<b>14</b> 10am Mandarin Senior's Fellowship	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 10am Friday Friends 4pm SPARK 7.30pm SLAM & WOT	<b>17</b> 9-10.30am Missions Prayer Meeting
<b>18</b> 2pm VWP Meeting	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 10am ESL 12.30pm ESL Bible Study	<b>21</b> 10am Mandarin Young Mum's group	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 10am Friday Friends 4pm SPARK 7.30pm SLAM & WOT	<b>24</b> 8-12 Working Bee
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 10am ESL 12.30pm ESL Bible Study	<b>28</b> 10am Mandarin Senior's Fellowship	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 10am Friday Friends 4pm SPARK 7.30pm SLAM & WOT	<b>Notes: School holidays 1-17 July</b>

# Events & Activities

Visit our website or Facebook page for more information

## 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, and testimonies from our church family.



## 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.



## Giving needs at St Phil's

At St Phil's we have seen great generosity recently in giving towards the Development Application work, as well as missions such as SIM and BCA. It has been a great blessing to see such cheerful giving!

Currently, however, we are behind with our general budget by \$25,000. This general budget pays for staff, utilities, resources and the day to day running expenses of St Phil's.

We would like to ask members at this time to consider their regular giving. If you are able, under God, to increase your giving even by 10%, that would be incredibly helpful towards our ministry needs. But we do want to encourage you to pray about this first, and simply respond as God leads you in this matter.

Thank you for your prayers.

Sincerely, Bruce

A colorful poster for "Vacation Kids Plus 2017 Maker Fun Factory". The background is blue with a grid pattern. It features various colorful gears, a rocket, and a paint palette. The text includes "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", and the website "www.stphils.org.au/vkp".

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# World Mission

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## UPDATE FOR FRANCE:

Caroline Evenden's time of home assignment and visiting her partner churches is almost complete. She will return this month to Toulouse, France after an absence of almost seven months. Please pray for her as she takes on the new role of GBU South-west Regional Co-ordinator. Please also pray for the new GBU student representative for the S-W region. Caroline will still have involvement with Toulouse GBU but not to the same extent as previously.

Everyone is invited to attend Caroline's commissioning service –

**Saturday June 17, 2:30pm at St Barnabas Anglican Church, Broadway.**

## SPECIAL GIVING UPDATE!

At the time of printing this newsletter, we would like to say thank you to everyone who has given so generously over the last few months. We have raised (to date):

Bush Church Aid (BCA): \$1,773

SIM (Malawi Hope for Aids): \$2,740

Development Application (DA): \$59,172

 **A WORLD THAT KNOWS JESUS**

**SIM**

 **bca**  
bush church aid  
*Going the distance*

# Local Mission Social media

## Social media? Missions? Really?!?!

It's no secret that today, people engage more and more through technology. Websites, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram – these are all a daily part of society for many people.

As a church, we aim to reach people IN our world. And one of the most powerful ways we can do this today is through technology and media.

Have you ever considered your part in this area of mission work? What can you do to be involved?

1. **USE** our website and encourage others to do the same. Our website is now in THREE languages!
2. **COMMENT** and like posts on our Facebook page in an encouraging and helpful way.
3. **LIKE** our Instagram posts. They're really good!
4. **SHARE** our posts with others. This helps to spread the word, and it can be a great witness to your friends to see you talking about your church family.
5. **EMAIL** staff (Bruce, Al or Jason) if you see a problem with the website or an update that is needed. We want to make it the best we can.

(Note: Our Twitter account is due for launch soon – stay tuned!)

Facebook:

[www.facebook.com/EastwoodAnglican](http://www.facebook.com/EastwoodAnglican)

Instagram:

[@eastwoodanglican](https://www.instagram.com/eastwoodanglican)

Twitter:

[@stphilseastwood](https://twitter.com/stphilseastwood)



# 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(a), Yvonne Hall, Jenny Pullen, Rose Shum(a), 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](mailto:mike.lum@gmail.com)*

## **Bible – Acts 18:7-17**

We read of the boldness of Paul in following God's call on his life to preach the gospel and not to be afraid. We were reminded of the power of God to go before us in all ministry.

## **General business:**

We read chapter 4 from the book "Giving Generously". We were reminded that God is the source of generosity and the owner of all things, and that cheerfulness is the attitude of generosity. We live in a very affluent society and as Christians, we need to be using our wealth for the blessing of others and the furthering of God's kingdom.

## **Works report:**

The Development Application is well under way and a full review is to be provided to the congregations soon. At the time of the meeting, we were \$10,000 short of our \$60,000 goal for financing the DA. (Update: as of time of print, we are nearly at 100%)

## **Finances**

We have seen some wonderful generosity this year with missions giving and DA fund raising. Giving has certainly increased, but our general offertory has not. Hence we are currently \$25,000 behind budget and need to consider how to address this immediately, in order to maintain and grow existing ministries. Please continue to pray for this.

## **NCLS**

The preliminary results are back from the NCLS (National Church Life Survey). Early results show that as a church we greatly value bible teaching and small groups. We also desire to give attention to spiritual growth and welcoming newcomers. We are a church with 53% born in Australia. 44% speak a language other than English, and 28% of attenders are new to this church in the past 5 years!

*Next Parish Council- Tuesday June 13<sup>th</sup>*

## January – March 2017 Giving Update

Offertory required:	\$197,027
Current Offertory:	\$171,626
Weekly required:	\$10,946
Current weekly:	\$9,535
<b>Shortfall (year to date):</b>	<b>\$25,401</b>

**Current Offertory is 87.1% of budget**

## **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
June 4 <sup>th</sup>	Creation to Fall "You are free"	Al James	Genesis 2:1-17
June 11 <sup>th</sup>	Creation to Fall "It was not good"	Al James	Genesis 2:18-25
June 18 <sup>th</sup>	Creation to Fall "Did God say?"	Bruce Stanley	Genesis 3:1-7
June 25 <sup>th</sup>	Creation to Fall "Dust to dust"	Bruce Stanley	Genesis 3:8-24

Next series: Colossians: "Supremacy"

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 (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

## Church Staff Contact Details

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