



St John's Camden
Putting lives on the right track

W E L C O M E

Pastor's desk

This week we are considering Jesus' teaching on divorce. Sadly some marriages do end in divorce. Jesus tells us however, that this should be avoided at all costs.

Jesus and the Bible right from the beginning are advocates for marriage, not divorce. The relationship of husband and wife is to be modelled upon the relationship Christ has with the church. It is that strong, and that important a bond.

As we consider this very difficult subject, I pray that I might sensitively approach this topic and that we will be able to see that God has a very clear view of the importance of marriage. I also pray that we might see clearly that we are all broken, sinful beings that all need to come to understand the mercy and grace of Jesus Christ.



Marriage and divorce are important topics for us to understand, but it is more important to understand that Jesus Christ has freely saved us. First and foremost I want you to know of the love God has for you. Together let's begin by looking at that.

Mitchell

We are glad you have been able to join us. If you are new to this service a special welcome to you, we want you to feel at home. Please fill in a card (found in the pews) and place it in the box near the door so we can stay in touch and give you more information.

For Your Prayers

For our Staff:

Tony and Debbie, Mitch, Tim, Karina, Debbie B, Pat, Trish, Jan, David, Cameron, Sarah.

Wardens:

Ian, Ross, Steve and Parish Councillors.

Sick and Sad:

Val B; Pat E; Joyce N; Tracey; John B, Janice J, Paul R, Clare McW, Joan C, Rachel N, Louise M, Darren (N), Carolyne H, Yvonne G, Barbara H, Gail H, Ron H, Bill C, McWilliam family.

Pregnant Mothers: **Lauren T.**

Scripture Teachers.

Parish Centre Services:

Carrington

Grasmere 9:15 am

Mackillop 9:30 am

Paling Court 9:30 am

Mt Hunter 10:00 am

Werombi 10:30 am first

Sunday of the month

Retirement Village/

Nursing Home Services

2nd Tuesday of the month

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fundraiser

Today: After the service, GFS are selling plants, homemade jams & pickles for the Benn's in Mongolia.

BCA Boxes

Please leave your box at the back of the church for collection.

School holidays

Men@6, Women's Church, Kids activities and most small groups are in recess.

Thank you for supporting Maiden Chorus Concert and Relay for Life.

Shoebboxes September

We are collecting tennis balls, library bags and face washers for Operation Christmas Child.

Kid's Holiday Club

Monday to Friday this

week: 9am – 12pm, Hall.

For kids K-6. Cost: \$5 a day or \$20 a week. See Karina.

Daylight Saving

1 Oct: forward one hour.

Prayer Meeting and Working Bee

7 Oct: 8am, Church hall for prayer. 9am Church grounds for working bee.

Understanding Islam

16 Oct: 7:30pm, Monday, in Church. Pastor Daniel Scot, Ibrahim Ministries, will speak on how to share Christ's love with our Muslim neighbours.

Divorce & Separation Workshop

28 Oct: Six weeks. Cost \$50. Book at church office. Led by Michael and Mandy Pilottos.

Year 12 HSC - Prayer Cards at the back.

Thanksgiving month

Don't miss this last chance to be generous. Total is now \$56,081.

Mission Partners:

Financial and Prayer support: Nick Cole (Bible Society, NSW) bibles@biblesociety.org.au; Daniel & Rebecca Faricy (BCA – Kununurra) d.faricy@bushchurchoaid.com.au; Linda & Jim McIntosh (OMF - Thailand) jiljmcintosh@gmail.com; Kristel & Justin Clerke (AvServe - Lilydale, VIC) Justin@acma.vic.edu.au; Murray & Elizabeth Benn (Pioneers – Mongolia) bennsonthestepppe@gmail.com; Rick & Jenny Hooper (Pioneers - Tanzania) emailhoopers@gmail.com; Jo (CMS - Middle East) nswact@cms.org.au; SMBC, Sydney: Imli & Heather Jamir imliheatherjamir@gmail.com.

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Prayer for the month

Father God, we praise you that we are fearfully and wonderfully made in your image, male and female, to live for your glory and the honour of your name.

We thank you for the gift of marriage, your plan for the nurture of children and the health of our society. We pray for our nation, as it contemplates overturning your good design for men and women.

Give us courage to serve you without fear as we declare your truth for the good of all Australians.

Give us wisdom and grace as we seek to persuade our friends and family that God's way is best. Grant us humility, compassion and steadfastness when we encounter views to the contrary.

May you be pleased to bless our nation so that marriage remains as the union of a husband and wife, in accordance with your purposes and the benefit of all.

We ask this in the name of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Parish Council Meeting - 11 September

- The 10am service morning tea will continue in the hall until the end of the year.
- The Strategic Planning Team are meeting to review the plans for the new building.
- A timetable for the next steps re consideration of property and possible sale has been drafted.
- Armen to commence his ministry in January 2018.
- Thanksgiving month has raised \$55,000 so far, however we pray that many in the Parish will prayerfully consider still giving.
- Young adults weekend went well with approximately 40 people attending. All enjoyed the studies and fellowship together.
- Heritage Office update - 3 properties proposed to be listed with State Heritage. We all need to keep praying that God's will, will prevail.
- The Financial Report was given by the Treasurer, Steve Lardner. There is an increase in Direct Debit offerings, which is appreciated. Also, many volunteers are helping to keep the costs down on the upkeep of the buildings and grounds.

Prayer of the Day

Look inside the Newsletter
for the Prayer for the Month
from Archbishop Glenn Davies

1 October 2017

8:00 am

Bible Christine Culas
Matthew 20

Prayer Sarah MacRaid

10:00 am

Bible Heather Marshall
Matthew 20

Prayer Nick/Angela Cole

6:00 pm

Bible Janine Philip
Matthew 20

Prayer Sandra Ellis

	Target	Actual
Have you considered giving through your will? See Tony	Weekly Target \$8,000	Last Week \$7,874
	Year to Date \$304,000	Year to Date \$284,088
Mission \$373		

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The whole Church Family

