

Weekly News

Welcome.

Welcome to church today. It's a great blessing to be able to meet with God's people and reflect on His goodness to us. We are so glad you're able to join us for that today and we hope that you may be encouraged in your journey to know God in your time with us. If you are visiting today, we're very glad you could be with us. Please stay for a cup of tea in the hall afterwards.

How shiny is your armour?

I discovered on a trip to Tasmania last year that it is still possible to buy a suit of armour. Anne and I wandered into this very eclectic store in North Tasmania that sold everything from children's toys, through to wood stain to medieval armour. I briefly contemplated how it might look in my entrance foyer, but then decided it would take too much work to keep it polished.

I wondered how many suits they sold as there doesn't appear to be much call or need for such armour these days.

However for a Christian, a suit of armour is standard issue in the spiritual battle we are involved in. And what a suit of armour! Read Ephesians 6:10-20. It is the armour of God that we are issued with. We don't fight with physical swords and metal protection. The biggest and most destructive weapon of the devil is his lies. He wants us to believe that if we enter his service we will know happiness and fulfilment, but he makes promises he never intends to keep. That is why in our struggles against temptation and evil, the truth is so important. Ephesians 6:14 encourages us to wrap ourselves around with truth as we put on the armour of God. It's a great comfort to know it's God's armour that protects us, His truth, His salvation, His gospel. We will explore these things today in our services. A soldier, going into battle does well to know his equipment, because it is a matter of life and death. It's even more important for us, as this is a battle not just for this life, but for our eternal souls.

Ray Robinson

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Blackheath Parish Men's Coffee Morning—will be on once again on Friday 19th April at Hartley Fresh on the Great Western Highway in Hartley starting at 10am. Come along and bring a friend, men from all over the Parish are welcome, no agenda, just a cuppa and a chat.

A Date for your Diaries—An Imprint Youth Fundraiser at St Aidan's in Blackheath. Christmas in July—

Please save the date for a special night of food and fellowship on Saturday 27th July 2024. More details to come.

Children's Ministries.

Play and Sing on Thursday morning.

Kid's Club—Mt Victoria on Thursday afternoon.

Kid's Club—Blackheath on Friday afternoon.

Imprint Youth Group— Blackheath on Friday evening.

Scripture in Mt Victoria Primary school on Wednesday afternoon.

Scripture in Blackheath Primary school on Thursday morning.

Scripture in Katoomba High School on Friday morning.

Sunday School at St Aidan's on Sunday mornings.

Although on holidays for the next two weeks, please pray for the children that attend any of these ministries and for all those who lead, teach and help in any way during each program.

Prayers before church services.

St Aidan's invites anyone who would like to pray with others before the Sunday service each week at 10am in the small meeting room in the church hall. Any questions speak to -

Ian Robinson who facilitates this time together.

St Peter's also has a prayer time each Sunday before the service at 8.15am in the vestry, everyone is welcome to come and either pray together with others or support silently.

Notes

Sermon Series -
8 things Christians know but don't necessarily believe.

1. **Jesus is Lord.**
2. **You are loved more than you ever realise.**
3. **We are in a spiritual battle.**

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF BLACKHEATH

St. Aidan's Blackheath, St. Peter's Mt Victoria,
St. John's Hartley, St. George's Mt Wilson

CENTRED ON CHRIST

Building up One Another, Reaching Out to the World

Sunday 14th April, 2024

SERVICES FOR TODAY

8.45am Mt Victoria —Morning Service—Rev Ray Robinson
10.30am Blackheath— Morning Service—Rev Ray Robinson
3.00pm Mt Wilson—Evening Service—Rev Ray Robinson
6.30pm—Night Church—Rev Ray Robinson

First Reading—Joshua 24:14-33

Second Reading—Ephesians 6:10-20

Welcome

Bible Readings—for next Sunday 21st April, 2024

1st Reading—Psalm 19

2nd Reading—Hebrews 5:1– 6:3

Rev Ray Robinson

Prayers

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