

## Weekly News

### Staffing for 2025

Good morning and welcome to Church. It's great to have you here especially if you're new or visiting. We'd love to meet you after church over a cup of tea.

Last week we announced that Rowan has accepted a full-time ministry position in the Parish of Mittagong for next year. Rowan's last Sunday with us will be the 29<sup>th</sup> of December. This is obviously an exciting development for Rowan and his family and for the Parish of Mittagong. It would be good to be praying for Rowan as he finishes the year working in our Parish, with his other job and starts to think about big changes.

When we hired Rowan this was always a likely outcome. I've valued Rowan's contribution across the Parish and I know Michelle and Graham have particularly appreciated Rowan's leadership on Friday nights at youth group. In an ideal world, we would love to find 'another Rowan' to continue this work next year. Michelle is certainly not in a position to take up all of her former responsibilities and would also love to have someone come on board to join our team.

In our draft Parish budget for 2025 we have allowed for the continuation of this position. I have begun putting out the feelers to find such a person. In the end however in the normal order of things, this will be a very hard person to find. Now is the time for us to pray that God would provide a person that is suitably trained, excited for youth ministry and somehow available to work a couple of days a week in Blackheath. For God, all things are possible.

For many years we had been praying that God would provide for us financially so that we could employ Michelle 3 days a week and not run deficit budgets. Wonderfully God provided for us in that way. We have managed to reach a point of not drawing down on savings every year. That said, many costs are increasing and Craig (our Parish treasurer) would want me to assure you that the pressure is not off! Craig does a wonderful job as our treasurer. He has expressed to me that he would love to have an assistant treasurer to lighten the load. If you have some skills in that area I would love to talk to you.

Please pray that the Lord would continue to provide for us, particularly in the provision of a worker to join our team next year.

Yours in Christ Tim.

**Blackheath Parish Men's Coffee Morning** will be on Friday 1st November starting at 10am at Hartley Fresh on the Great Western Highway in Hartley. All men from across the Parish are welcome, no agenda, just a chance to catch up. Bring a friend.

**Toy'n'Tucker is on again.** Flyers are at the back of the church to tell you what is acceptable for collection. The pick up will be in early December (no definite date yet). Speak to Michelle if you want to know more about this Christmas project in the Parish.

**MORNING BIBLE TIME**—Listen as God's Word is read to you each day.

No need to read or pray out loud, just listen as David Suchet, English actor and one of the world's best Bible readers, reads to you! Join a group of people from Upper Blue Mountains Anglican Churches who join on zoom:

Monday-Saturday 9am-9.30am.

No need to come every day, come when you can!

Morning Bible Time is different from a Bible Study group. Both are important and have their place. The focus in this is not on discussing the Bible but on hearing it, on listening to it and soaking in God's Word. The build of the time is spent listening, as God's Word is read to us.

Contact Tim for how to join this Upper Blue Mountains group.

**COMBINED CHURCHES FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS** on Saturday 2nd November for the Rhododendron Festival. Donations of flowers will be greatly appreciated, as will anybody who is able to use those flowers or any of their own to create arrangements. We will be at St Aidan's on Friday 1st November from 10am until we are finished—setting up and creating arrangements with the theme 'Perseverance'. Samantha Flaherty will find pertinent 'Perseverance' verses and type them in large type to complement the arrangements. Our church will be open from 10am until 4pm as an outreach to the community on Saturday 2nd November, Festival Day. All the Blackheath churches as well as the Campbell Gardens are regular contributors. Anyone who could lend a hand would be very welcome,

## Notes

### 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 27th October, 2024**

#### SERVICES FOR TODAY

8.45am Mt Victoria —Morning Service

10.30am Blackheath— Morning Service

6.30pm—Night Church

**First Reading**—Job 21:1-34

**Second Reading**—Luke 22:1-38

# Welcome

**Next Sunday 3rd November, 2024**

#### Bible Readings

1st Reading—Isaiah 53:1-12

2nd Reading—Luke 22:39-53

#### Prayers

**St Peter's** : Open Prayer. **St Aidan's**: Susie Easton.

**Night Church**: Rowan.

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