

Weekly News

January 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.

January is upon us and this Weekly News will in fact be the monthly news for January. If you're reading this in the first couple of weeks of January I am likely still away on leave. If you're new to church I very much look forward to meeting you in the later half of the month, I hope your time with us has been an encouragement.

During January we will have a few different preachers (including me) preaching on different topics. Come the 2nd Sunday of February we will be starting a new sermon series on the book of Genesis. In this series, we'll be covering Chapters 1-11, which should be more than enough to chew on. I'm hoping that we can deal with many of the commonly asked questions about creation, identity, gender, purpose and sin. I'm also looking forward very much to discovering answers to questions we didn't know we should be asking. This is one of the great joys of setting out on a new series.

I've already had a couple of people come to me with questions and concerns about some of the content and interpretation of Genesis. I'd be very glad to hear from you (in person or an email) if you have questions or worries about Genesis. It would also be great if you could read through the chapters. Whilst they have a tremendous amount to ponder, chapters 1-11 really don't take very long to read.

I look forward to seeing you all in the second half of January if I'm not seeing you already.

Yours in Christ,

Tim.

SEE BACK OF NEWSLETTER FOR DETAILS OF JANUARY SERVICES.

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Blackheath Parish Men's Morning Tea—will be on next Friday 10th January, at Hartley Fresh on the Great Western Highway in Hartley starting at 10am. This is a one-off January special, come if you can for a catch up, back to the usual first and third Friday dates in February. All men from across the whole Parish are welcome, bring a friend, no agenda, just a coffee and chat.

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 8.10am in the vestry, anyone is welcome to come and either pray together with others or support silently.

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.

Notes

5th January 2025—Sermon—Ray Robinson—Jesus loses it.
Readings—Isaiah 49:13-16. Matthew 23:1-38.

12th January 2025—Sermon—Stephen Fifer.
Readings—Psalm 103. Ephesians 3:14-21

19th January 2025—Tim Mclver
Readings—TBA

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

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Building up One Another, Reaching Out to the World

Sunday 5th January, 2024

SERVICES FOR TODAY

8.45am Mt Victoria —Morning Service

10.30am Blackheath— Morning Service

3.00pm Hartley—Communion Service

6.30pm Blackheath—Night Church

First Reading—Isaiah 49:13-16

Second Reading—Matthew 23:1-38

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