

Weekly News

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.

Today we start our sermon series in the book of Genesis. For the moment we'll be covering the first 11 chapters, and even then we'll be travelling slowly through the first couple. It will be an easy task to read ahead and get into this amazing account.

On a much less exciting note, I'm sorry to have to let you know that on Tuesday Michelle was attending an SRE conference and had a fall. Sadly she broke her right leg just above the knee. She was operated on on Thursday and is recovering well. It goes without saying that this setback is hugely frustrating for Michelle. Please pray for her as she continues her long journey of recovery.

This will obviously have an impact on Michelle's return to work plans. I've assured Michelle that we will band together and keep ministry happening while she focuses on getting well. I'll obviously be continuing to discuss staffing arrangements for this year with Michelle and the Parish Council, as always, your prayers would be appreciated.

It is difficult to see God's good purposes in moments like these. And so we must cling onto the promise of Romans 8:28, *'In all things God works for the good of those that love him'*. If the good that He is doing was always obvious, it wouldn't be a very important promise. Promises are most important when we are tempted to believe the opposite. Even in this moment of maximum frustration God is at work for Michelle's good.

Since I'm sure Michelle will read this, I should add that this frustration we feel is a frustration for Michelle not because of Michelle. This year we will seek to love and care for one another and reach people with the good news of Jesus, whatever obstacles we find in our path.

Yours in Christ,

Tim.

Safe Ministry—Face To Face Training.

A refresher Course will be held at St Aidan's in Blackheath on Saturday 29th March 2025 starting at 9am until 12.30pm. This is for people who have already done this course before and need to renew it. Cost is \$25 and booking and payment is essential. Go to "safe ministry—face to face training" - follow the prompts for registering and payment. This must be done by the beginning of March, 2025. If you have any difficulties please speak to or email Tim or Carol in the office for assistance.

Safe Ministry—Essentials Course. This is for anyone who would like to be involved in Children's Ministry and have not completed this sort of training. Cost is \$50 and either "face to face" or "on line" is available. Contact Carol in the office for venues and dates.

MORNING BIBLE TIME

Our next sermon series will be on Genesis and The Morning Bible Time group are starting their "4th lap" of the Bible on **Monday 10th February at 9am**, starting at **Genesis Chapter 1!**

- **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 together 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 Morning Bible Time is not on discussing the Bible but on hearing it, on listening to it and soaking in God's Word. The bulk of the time is spent **listening**, as God's Word is read to us. We aim to listen to the whole Bible each year.
- The group is co-ordinated by Robyn Glindemann.
- Contact Tim for how to join this group.

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 9th February, 2025

SERVICES FOR TODAY

8.45am Mt Victoria—Morning Service

10.30am Blackheath— Morning Service

3.00pm Mt Wilson—Evening Service

6.30pm Blackheath—Night Church

First Reading—Genesis 1:1-13

Second Reading—John 1:1-14

Welcome

Next Sunday 16th February, 2025

Bible Readings

1st Reading—Genesis 1:1-13

2nd Reading—Colossians 1:15-20

Prayers

St Peter's :Deb Orford. **St Aidan's** : Stephen Williams.

Night Church: Open Prayer.

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