

Weekly News

Hello everyone,

This is Jodie McIver sharing with you an update on my role at church this year, as I've taken on some of Michelle's ministries while she is out of action.

It's been over a decade since I last ran a Friday night youth group (and I have many more grey hairs), but it's been great to get back into sharing God's word with tween/teenagers alongside Graham, and all the accompanying fun and food. We've had a good number of teens attending this term as we've journeyed through the book of Daniel, and we are looking forward to taking some of them to the KYCK convention in 3 weeks, with 3000 other high schoolers.

Year 5-6 SRE at Blackheath Public School has been a delight, as the children are so well-behaved and engaged in the exploration of life's 'Big Questions' that we've begun. Having known many of them since they were toddlers alongside our kids, it's a privilege to help them think through their understanding of themselves, God and the world.

I'm also continuing in ministry to women, leading our Monday morning group of wonderful women of all ages, and planning other events for the year. We'll have a women's afternoon tea at Mt Vic on the 17th of May, for women from across the Parish, which you might like to put in your diary.

I'm also planning a Mother and Daughter high tea for primary-aged girls (9-13) and their mums on June 14th, where we will think about life in our female bodies in a positive way as they approach adolescence. The aim is to open up communication between the girls and to better equip us mothers to support them through this transition.

Finally, I'm also keen to continue meeting up with women as I'm able, so if there's anything you'd like to talk about or think through, please do get in touch. My number is 0425343475 and my email: jodiemciver@gmail.com.

Thanks for your encouragement and support, Jodie McIver

Safe Ministry Refresher Training Course—to be held in St Aidan's hall from 9am this Saturday 29th March, 2025. This training is for members of the congregation who are involved in children's ministry and have already attended this sort of training in the past three years. Speak to Tim or Carol in the office if you would like to know more about it.

BCA Boxes—March is box opening month, if you have a BCA money box for your small change, now is the time to bring it to church. St Aidan's box secretary is Annabel Childs and St Peter's is Carol Crowther.

Both these ladies would welcome you bringing your box to them sometime this month. If you don't have a box and would like to support Bush Church Aid with your small change, then speak to either of these ladies to get a box.

A date for your Diaries—St Peter's is celebrating 150 years.

A service of celebration is planned for Sunday 15th June, 2025 starting at 2pm in the afternoon followed by an afternoon tea in the hall. Bishop Gary Koo is expected to attend and as many other past members as possible, The whole Parish is invited, St Peter's congregation is looking forward to this special occasion .

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, anyone is welcome to come and either pray together with others or support silently.

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 23rd March, 2025– 3rd Sunday in Lent

SERVICES FOR TODAY

8.45am Mt Victoria —Morning Service

10.30am Blackheath— Morning Service

6.30pm Blackheath— Night Church

First Reading—Genesis 3:1-13

Second Reading— Matthew 4:1-11

Welcome

Next Sunday 30th March, 2025– 4th Sunday in Lent

Bible Readings

1st Reading—Genesis 3:1-13

2nd Reading—John 3:11-21

Prayers

St Peter's : Leanne Stokes. **St Aidan's** : Barbara Ryan.

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