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.

This past week or so yet another war has begun in the Middle East. This time Israel has attacked Iran claiming that Iran was close to having access to nuclear weapons which it could not allow. As always, many of the claims being made are disputed and surrounded by secrecy, it seems to be the nature of these things. It does leave us in a difficult position trying to make sense of complicated issues that have real world consequences for millions of people in those countries but also the budgets and well being of people all around the world.

The Bible tells us that there is a time for war and a time for peace. God has given the governments and rulers of the nations the right and authority to protect and defend it's citizens that they might live quiet and peaceful lives in all godliness and holiness. That seems to leave open the possibility that in certain circumstances, war can be the right path.

All that said, we Christians look to Jesus. In Him we see the Prince of Peace. The one who will bring an end to all wars. We also see a man who was willing to suffer even when others came against Him in violence. Ultimately, God's plans for His creation are that finally it will be at rest and there will be peace.

As we ponder the global chaos, we must remember Jesus' words. *'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.'*

Yours in Christ,

Tim.

Ubuntu African Children's Choir will be performing in the Blackheath Community Hall on Sunday 22nd June 2pm—3.30pm. This is part of a fundraising tour helping vulnerable children in Uganda, Kenya and Rwanda by this non-denominational Christian organisation. Tickets cost $20, $15, $10, family $55.

Blackheath Parish Men's Breakfast—Graham is once again cooking up a storm on Saturday 28th June at St Aidan's in the church hall. Starting at 10am. No need to RSVP.

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.

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

Sunday 22nd June, 2025
<u>SERVICES FOR TODAY</u>

8.45am Mt Victoria—Morning Service
10.30am Blackheath— Morning Service
6.30pm Blackheath—Night Church

First Reading—Genesis 11:1-9
Second Reading—Ephesians 2:11-22

Welcome

Next Sunday 29th June, 2025

<u>Bible Readings</u>
1st Reading—Genesis 11:10—12:1-3
2nd Reading—Romans 4:13-25

Prayers
St Peter's : . St Aidan's : Susie Easton.
Night Church: Michelle**.**