

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.

In a week and a half, we will be running a Monday evening seminar on Voluntary Assisted Dying (VAD). Every year across NSW, thousands of people with a terminal diagnosis are choosing to intentionally end their lives and are aided in doing this by doctors and health services. This is a complex issue, morally, theologically, and practically, that, as the church, we can't afford to ignore. It marks a significant new development in how our society provides 'healthcare' to the sick and dying. If you haven't already had someone in your circle of family and friends, choose this path, then you are likely to come across it in the coming months or years. However, by the time you hear about it from someone, the process is likely already well underway.

We want to take the time now to think through this new reality so that we can be prepared to respond well to those we care about. We need to consider how we will engage with and support those who are facing this decision-making process. We will use the scriptures, ethical principles, and real-life scenarios to equip ourselves to love and care for others within the context of VAD.

Although this is a heavy topic and may bring up various thoughts and feelings for you, I really encourage you to come along to St Aidan's Blackheath on Monday, October 19th at 7 pm, to think through and discuss this together. Feel free to get in touch with me in advance if you have any questions.

Hope to see you there,
Jodie

St Peter's Open Day Saturday 17th October 10am – 3pm. Come and spend time in our beautiful historic building then have a complimentary Devonshire Tea in the hall and meet the locals. A small trading table will be operating with homemade goodies and crafts.

Voluntary Assisted Dying (VAD) Seminar. Blackheath Anglican Church 7pm Monday 19th October, no RSVP required. Come along to learn about and discuss this new reality together, so we are better prepared to support those in our lives who are thinking this through for themselves.

Blackheath Men's Coffee Morning will be on as usual this Friday 16th October at Hartley Fresh on the Old Great Western Highway in Hartley. **There will be no Ladies Coffee Morning for this month only.**

St Aidan's Garage Sale is only weeks away and much help is needed both days before and on the day.

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Please remember items can be dropped off at the church hall from Tuesday all that week if no one is there just leave on the paved area beside please.

Here are some of what we are selling and need more of

TOOLS

Hand tools, electrical tools(electrically safe)battery operated tools

GARDEN STUFF

Garden tools, wheel barrows, garden pot, plants.

BRICABRAC

Kitchen stuff, vintage kitchen things, kitchen electrical items

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

CLOTHING

Good quality clothes, shoes, bags leather goods, jewelry

Unopened toiletries or gift items anything that can be gifted as Christmas is just around the corner

CHRISTMAS

Decorations, Christmas trees.

Notes

Bible Readings for St John's Hartley.
Sunday 11th October, 2026
1st Reading—John 8:12-20
2nd Reading—1 John 1:5-10
Sermon—Stephen Fifer – The Light of the World.

Next Sunday 18th October, 2026

Bible Reading
1st Reading— Nehemiah 12:27-47
2nd Reading— Mark 11:1-26

Prayers
St Peter's :Deb Orford. St Aidan's :Stephen Fifer.
Night Church :Margaret.

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 11th October, 2026

SERVICES FOR TODAY

8.45am Mt Victoria—Morning Service

9.30am Hartley—Morning Service

10.30am Blackheath—Morning Service

3.00pm Mt Wilson – Communion

6.30pm Blackheath—Night Church

First Reading—Nehemiah 11

Second Reading—Mark 10:32-52

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