Weekly News

Rhodo Festival – Fruits of the Spirit

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.

Next weekend (Saturday 7th Nov) Blackheath is celebrating the Rhododendron Festival and St Aidan's are once again hosting the Festival of Flowers in the church. This year there will also be a vintage car display on our lawn. It is wonderful to be able to welcome people into our church to view the flowers and to meet us. Our hope for our weekend of flowers is that we might welcome people into our building and more importantly into our church.

The theme of our flower show this year is 'The Fruits of the Spirit'. The Fruits of the Spirit are a list from Galatians 5 where Paul is describing what it looks like to live by the Spirit. When he speaks about Spirit here he is of course speaking specifically about the Holy Spirit, God himself. For those who have the Spirit of God in them, that is, all who have repented and turned to Jesus, life should be lived differently. We are to leave our old ways behind and instead act in love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. As Paul declares these things to be Fruits of the Spirit he is not so much recommending that we try really hard to be like this (though we should!), he is suggesting that if we walk by the Spirit, in step with our God, these things will be the natural and obvious fruit.

It is worth remembering that this list is not only a list of positive moral attributes or qualities, it is also a list of acting and living that are profoundly beautiful. And so, as we look at flowers and the beauty of creation, we should also remember what can be beautiful in people when they walk in step with the Lord.

Yours in Christ,
Tim.

Hartley Monthly Morning Tea will be on Monday 2nd November starting at 10am and will be at the home of Ron & Jill Simon, 85c Cranbrook Park Rd Little Hartley Phone 6355 2326. Please bring a small plate of food to share. All welcome.

Blackheath Parish Council will meet on Tuesday 3rd November at 1pm in the church hall at St Peter's in Mt Victoria.

Blackheath Parish Men's Coffee Morning is again on this Friday 6th November starting at 10am at Hartley Fresh on the Old Great Western Highway in Hartley. No agenda, just an opportunity to get together with men from across the Parish for a cuppa and a chat. All welcome, bring a friend.

Blackheath Rhododendron Festival of Flowers display at St Aidan's. Saturday 7th November 10am – 4pm.
The church will be open on Friday 6th November, if you have any flowers that could be used to help with the display, please drop them in from 9am onwards. If you could make up a vase of flowers for inclusion in the display it would be very helpful. Any questions or queries or offers of help give Samantha Flaherty a ring on 0422 868 070. Many thanks.

ConfirmationClasses.

Confirmation Classes have commenced at St John's Hartley each Sunday 11am-12pm. All are welcome to come and hear what it's all about. We'll be looking at basic Christian truths over 5 or 6 weeks. Topics will include; 'Can we trust the Bible?' 'What is a Christian and how can we have eternal life?' What is Baptism and Confirmation and why would we bother?' 'Why is church important and how to belong?' 'What does a personal relationship with God look like?' No one is required to continue with Confirmation after the course unless they want to, so interested onlookers are welcome.
More details from Ray Robinson 0423 161363.

Notes

Bible Readings for St John's Hartley.
Sunday 1st November, 2026
1st Reading—Genesis 11
2nd Reading—Matthew 21:23-32
Sermon—Ross Nicholson -The Two Sons.

Next Sunday 8th November, 2026

Bible Reading
1st Reading— TBA
2nd Reading- TBA
Prayers
St Peter's :Open Prayer. St Aidan's :Kathy Thurston.
Night Church :Michelle Seers.

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Building up One Another, Reaching Out to the World

Sunday 1st November, 2026
SERVICES FOR TODAY
8.45am Mt Victoria—Morning Service
9.30amHartley – Morning Service
10.30am Blackheath – MorningService
6.30pm Blackheath—Night Church

First Reading—Nehemiah 13:15-30
Second Reading—Mark 12:1-17

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