

Vision Statement:

We see a Jesus-orientated church having a passion for the Gospel and compassion for the world expressed through dynamic worship, love in action, the empowering of the servant Leader and the growing of disciples.

Reverend Button can be contacted at j.button@bigpond.com.

I am available in the event of emergencies at any time, but other than that would appreciate not receiving calls on Wednesdays, where possible, as this is my day off.

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This Week's Roster

6th November, 2022

Next Week's Roster

13th November, 2022

Preacher: **Ceri**
Leader (am): **Ceri**
Leaders (pm): **Renée & James**
Manager: **Neil**
Reader: **Sandy**
Musician: **Heather**
Kidz Connect: **Tina**
Morning Tea: **Ailsa, Chris & Tina**
Audio Desk (am): **Ralph**
Audio Desk (pm): *********
Camera : **Tim**
Computer (am): **James**
Computer (pm): *********
AV Editing **Rykhardt**

Preacher: **Jonathan**
Leader (am): **Jonathan**
Leader (pm): **Jonathan**
Manager: **Ray**
Reader: **Owen**
Musician: **Brunetta**
Kidz Connect: **Tina**
Morning Tea: **Trevor, Sandy & Owen**
Audio Desk (am): **Rykhardt**
Audio Desk (pm): **Rykhardt**
Camera : **Lucinda**
Computer (am): **Rykhardt**
Computer (pm): **Rykhardt**
AV Editing **Rykhardt**

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Sunday, 6th November, 2022

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Preacher:: Ceri

Theme: **Jesus's Ascent into Heaven**

New Testament Reading: **Acts 1: 1-12**

Mission Statement: To draw people

to our Lord Jesus Christ

and nurture them through our church



A One Talent Person

Arthur Stace was a loser, a no-hoper, and an alcoholic. Shortly after becoming a Christian, he heard an evangelist – John G. Ridley, thunder out the words, "Eternity! Eternity! Oh, that this world could be emblazoned across the streets of Sydney!" And that is what Arthur Stace did.

Even though he could not read or write, he left the church that night, took some yellow chalk and bent down and wrote the word on the footpath. And throughout the night, and early morning, for the next 40 years, while Sydney slept, Arthur would take his chalk and write, in immaculate copperplate script, the word 'Eternity' on footpaths, entrances to the train stations, and anywhere else he thought it would catch people's attention.

For a long time his identity remained a mystery and he was referred to as "Mr Eternity", until the press tracked him down in the late 1950s. He continued his unusual ministry long after he retired as a hospital cleaner. It is estimated that he wrote the word some 600,000 times.

"Eternity" is a little-used word today, but it reminds us of another world beyond this one and of our ultimate appointment with death and beyond.

When we think about the implications of Christian discipleship, what a remarkable tribute Arthur Stace is, to what God can do with a "one talent" person who is available and committed to Him.

Reverend Gordon)

Advent Friend

Yes, it's that time of year again back by most popular demand, and what a year it has been. Particularly this year, when so many are struggling, it can be a time to get to know people, give someone a lift and focus on Advent.

What does it mean?

For four weeks during Advent, if you participate, you will be given a name of a member of the congregation (you keep it a secret until the last Sunday in Advent). Each week it is suggested that you buy, make, or send a little note relating to the theme for the Sunday, e.g. HOPE, PEACE, JOY, LOVE.

Someone will be given your name and she/he will do something for you.

When does Advent begin?

Sunday 27th November, and then for a further three weeks
4th December, 11th December, 18th December

How can I participate?

Write your name on the sheet in the hall or email me at halesy45@hotmail.com, mobile 0417865543 before **Sunday 20th**.

Then, on **Sunday 20th** you will be given your secret Advent Friend's name.

What do we do at the end of Advent?

On **Sunday 18th**, when you give your final gift, note, etcetera, you will write your name on it so that the person knows from whom it has come.

Looking forward to many of you joining in, and please contact me if you require more information.

Sandy Walker

Advent
A Season of Hope
& Expectation

OCTOBER HAS SPRUNG INTO NOVEMBER

- Jonathan on Leave: 24th October to 7th November
- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 6th November: 10.00 am
- Café Youth: Sunday, 6th November: 6.30 pm (Painting)
- KYB: Monday, 7th November: 10.00 am to 11.30 am
- Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 10th November: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 13th November: 10.00 am
- Café Church: Sunday, 13th November: 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm
- KYB: Monday, 14th November: 10.00 am to 11.30 am
- Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 17th November: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 20th November: 10.00 am
- Close of Council Nominations: Sunday, 20th November
- Café Youth: Sunday, 20th November: 6.30 pm (Sports Night)
- KYB: Monday, 21st November: 10.00 am to 11.30 am
- Estia Worship Service: Monday, 21st November: 2.00 pm
- Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 24th November: 8.00 am to 9.00 am

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Samaritan's Purse Boxes

Thank you so much to our church family for its incredible support of Occupation Christmas Child this year. We have collected 48 filled boxes as well as \$200 in cash donations. Thanks to your overwhelming generosity the lives of some of the children in desperate need will be considerably brightened this Christmas. May God bless you all.

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Nomination Forms for Church Council and Church Elders

Nomination forms are available from our Congregation Chairperson, Owen Davis, for you to prayerfully consider being either a member of Church Council or a Church Elder for 2023.

The nominations will close on Sunday 20th November, and the forms can be returned to either Owen or Cath, so that names can be published in the Gazette the following Sunday, 27th November.

The election will be held after Worship on Sunday 4th December.