

Services

Sunday 8.30am	Holy Communion (traditional)
Sunday 10.30am	All age worship (contemporary service with kids & junior youth programs)
Sunday 6pm	Sunday at Six (for the young and young at heart)
Wednesday 10.30am	Holy Communion and companion time

Next Week's Sermon

Friday 9am	8.30am	10.30am 6pm
Good Friday	Easter Sunday	'Easter Sunday
David Bassett	David Bassett	Simon Jackson

Upcoming Events

Thrive
Friday 10 April
Temple Christian College

Men's Convention
Sat 16 May
Concordia College

Grace Conference
Sat 30 May
Concordia College

Partner Churches

St Bartholomew's Norwood
77 Beulah Rd Norwood

Grace Church Trinity Gardens
Trinity Gardens Bowling Club
Canterbury Ave Trinity Gardens

Grace Anglican Network
Term 2 Prayer Launch
Wednesday 29 April
7pm @ St Matt's

Grace Anglican Network Office
146 Kensington Rd Marryatville
Office Hours: Mon– Thurs 9am – 1pm



Foreigners and exiles!

29 March 2015

Did you know that migration is part of the very fabric of the experience and identity of God's people in the Bible? For instance, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and their families all became refugees at various points because of famine or as a result of conflict with other nations. Joseph was forced to migrate to Egypt after his brothers sold him to Midianite slave traders. Later, God used Moses (himself, a refugee!) to free the Israelites from their slavery in Egypt and to lead a great migration to the Promised Land. There are many more instances of migration scattered throughout the Old Testament. But the apostle Peter also picks up on this theme in the New Testament when he tells his Christian audience that they are in fact, 'foreigners and exiles' (1 Pet 2:11), not in an earthly sense but in a spiritual sense. And this is the reality for believers today: our true homeland is heaven and therefore our earthly inhabitation and possessions are only temporary.

As Christians living in the highly materialistic culture of the west, this is both wonderfully liberating and deeply challenging for us. The impulse to invest in material security and comfort is strong and it is easily justified in our culture but the gospel challenges us to hold loosely to these things and to invest, first and foremost, in the things of heaven.

We have been challenged during our 1 John series to think about what it looks like to love God and others. One answer to this question is that if we are truly loving God and our neighbours, our lives will bear the marks of a temporary resident. Our eternal security and comfort, and that of others, will matter much more to us than what this world has to offer. And it will be in the everyday, ordinary, but costly acts of love that our citizenship in heaven will be made evident.

Blessings in Christ,
Shane Ellery (SAS
Trainer)



Easter Services

Thursday 2 April	Maundy Thursday	7pm St Bart's
Friday 3 April	Good Friday	9am St Matt's
Sunday 5 April	Easter Day	8:30, 10:30 & 6pm St Matt's 10am St Bart's 10am Grace Church

Join us as we journey through John's account of Easter

Prayer Points

Special Needs: Joy Blanch, Judy Black, Olive Bishop & Roger Goldsworthy

Ministry team and families:

David, Susan, Thomas & Elise Bassett
(*Senior Minister*)

Sam, Hannah, Sophia, Elias, Joseph &
Raphael Bleby (*Grace Church Minister*)

Ian & Jan Bruce

Shane and Caitlin Ellery (*SAS trainer*)

Danielle, Stephen, Terrence & Madeleine

Ho (*St Bart's Children's Minister*)

Becky Hams (*Office Administrator*)

Simon, Adele, Stella & Sebastian Jackson
(*Senior Associate*)

Greg, Sum, Isaac & Avalon Lock (*Youth Minister*)

John, Belinda, Caleb, Xavier &
Emmanuelle Miller (*St Bart's Minister*)

Peter Sage (*St Bart's one-to-one Men's minister*)

Rossie & Nick Smart (*St Matthew's Homes Visitor*)

Andy & Rachel Stevens (*GAN accountant*)

Prayer's focus: SAS

Praise God:

- That as believers our true citizenship is in heaven.
- For the many people who have been genuinely challenged and encouraged during our series in the book of 1 John.
- That we have the unity in the gospel which was clearly evident at the Annual Vestry Meetings held last weekend.

Pray for:

- That we will invest in the eternal work of loving our neighbours with everyday, ordinary, costly acts of love in the name of Jesus.
- The upcoming GAN Easter services, please pray that many people will visit our gatherings to hear and respond to the gospel.
- Those among us who suffer with mental illness – that they will find rest, strength, hope and wholeness in the Lord Jesus.

Community Notices

BCA Boxes

The BCA boxes are now due to be handed in ready for counting. Please drop them off to the office at your earliest convenience.

Easter Reading Guides

Why not share the Easter story with a friend! There are Easter reading guides published by City Bible Forum which are available for a gold coin donation at the office.

Crèche helpers required

Our Wednesday morning women's Bible study is in real need of crèche helpers to help supervise our group of up to 14+ children, to allow young mums the chance to study the Bible together. Please contact Sum Lock (0410 332 422) if you are free and willing.

Easter Seminar at Norwood Primary

Please pray for the Easter seminar at Norwood Primary on Wednesday 1 April, asking God to work in the hearts of the students who come as they hear the message about Jesus' death and resurrection.

Burnside Interchurch Council Prayer Breakfast

Saturday 11 April at Burnside Family Church from 7.30-9am. Please come and join in prayer for the work of the Christian Churches in the district, the Schools Ministry, the needs of our community, our Nation and the World.

St Matt's Easter Flowers

If you would like to donate flowers or make a donation towards the cost of flowers for our Easter services, please contact Pam Thomson 8331 3815 or the office.

2015 Grace Conference

Steadfast Love in bitter places at Concordia College on the 30 May.

Register at:

<http://graceconference.org.au/>

Adelaide Men's Conference

Promoting the Gospel: Living for Christ in a post-Christian world at Concordia College on Saturday 16 May. Register at: <http://www.adelaidemensconvention.org/>.

Bush Church Aid AGM

Saturday 11 April at 12 noon at Christ Church, North Adelaide, for more information please refer to their website:

<http://bushchurchoaid.com.au/index.php/supportingmission/events/>

Lets do lunch

Next meeting – Thursday 9 April, at Becco's on The Parade at 12 noon. Discussion theme: Easter Symbols. All women welcome. Enquires/RSVP to Kay by 7 April – ph: 722 6823