

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

8.30am, 10.30am & 6pm

Matthew 2

Sam Bleby

Upcoming Events

CMS Annual Dinner

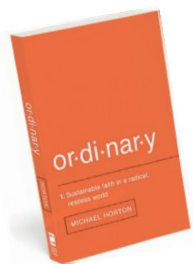
Blessed

20 or 21 August

www.cms.org.au/sant/cmsdinner

Book of the Term Released Today!

Or.di.nar.y by Michael Horton



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 Office

146 Kensington Rd Marryatville

Office Hours:

Mon, Wed & Thurs 9am – 12pm

Tuesday 1-3pm

Giving Electronically to St Matt's

BSB: 105 073

Account No: 286 016 340

If you require a reference we recommend using your surname.



26 July 2015

“But we do not belong to those who shrink back and are destroyed, but to those who have faith and are saved” (Hebrews 10:39).

There are many reasons we might be tempted to shrink back in the Christian life. It could be that we've been burned in the past in some way. It might be present pain or suffering, or fear about what the future might hold that triggers a kind of spiritual retreat. Sometimes it's just the ordinary stresses of daily life that lead to a gradual decline in our enthusiasm for the Christian life.

Whatever it is, something gives rise to spiritual wariness, or fatigue, or disillusionment. The confidence and excitement we once had in the gospel is no longer what it used to be, so when the next challenge comes along (whatever that might be) - we shrink back.

The writer of Hebrews warns that this is a very real and serious risk for Christians and that to shrink back is a sign that we've lost touch with the glorious reality of the salvation that has been worked for us in Jesus Christ. In chapter 10 he urges his readers to persevere because it will be worth it - "...do not throw away your confidence, because it will be richly rewarded" (v. 35).

I have my own triggers for shrinking back in the Christian life, as I'm sure you do too. We can so easily lose touch with what it means to belong to "those who have faith and are saved." We desperately need each other if we are going to persevere. So with that in mind, "let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together... but encouraging one another - all the more as [we] see the Day approaching" (vv. 24-25).

Blessings in Christ,

Shane Ellery

Associate Minister - SAS

Urgent...TGIF requires volunteers for this semester!!

God has used this ministry greatly with people coming to Christ and many hearing about Jesus for the first time, but we need volunteers to join the mission.

Are you able to assist with: cooking and preparation of meals, English conversations or Children's ministry???

TGIF runs for 8 Friday nights over the next 6 months.

For more information contact Sam Bleby (sam.bleby@gracechurch.asn.au or 0406 342 028)

Prayer Points

Special Needs: Peter Goddard, Joy Blanch, Judy & Ian Black & Eve Shillito

Ministry team and families:	Simon, Adele, Stella & Sebastian Jackson (<i>Senior Associate</i>)
David, Susan, Thomas & Elise Bassett (<i>Senior Minister</i>)	Greg, Sum, Isaac & Avalon Lock (<i>Youth Minister</i>)
Sam, Hannah, Sophia, Elias, Joseph & Raphael Bleby (<i>Grace Church Minister</i>)	John, Belinda, Caleb, Xavier & Emmanuelle Miller (<i>St Bart's Minister</i>)
Ian & Jan Bruce (<i>Wednesday Service</i>)	Peter Sage (<i>St Bart's one-to-one Men's minister</i>)
Shane and Caitlin Ellery (<i>SAS trainer</i>)	Rossie & Nick Smart (<i>St Matthew's Homes Visitor</i>)
Danielle, Stephen, Terrence & Madeleine Ho (<i>St Bart's Children's Minister</i>)	Andy & Rachel Stevens (<i>GAN accountant</i>)
Becky Hams (<i>Office Administrator</i>)	
Philip and Margaret Bassett (<i>David's parents</i>)	

Prayer focus: SAS

Praise God for:

- The glorious reality of the salvation that has been worked for us in Jesus Christ
- The opportunities we have to meet together every week across Grace Anglican Network in Jesus' name
- The ministry of Philip and Margaret Bassett who are with us at St Matt's while David and Susan are away on long service leave

Pray for:

- Strength that we will not give into the temptation to shrink back, but live in the confidence and joy of knowing Jesus as we spur one another on in the faith
- Semester two of St Matt's Youth and The HUB which starts again this week
- Simon Jackson who is currently acting as the Grace Anglican Network Senior Minister in David's absence

Community Notices

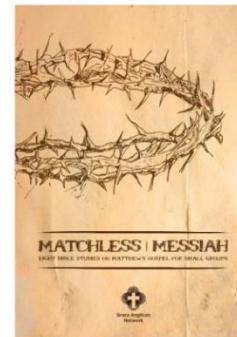
Message from David Re: John Miller

I want to take this opportunity (be it from afar) to express my great thanks to John for the great and faithful work he has done over many years first at St Matt's and then at St Bart's. We will have an opportunity as staff and as a church and network to publicly acknowledge this good work. I give thanks to God for John, Belinda, Caleb, Xavier and Emmanuel for their ministry in the gospel, their faithfulness and the love and witness as a family committed to love and service. I also want to thank John for his loyal support and great help to me as I came to KNATM and now the Grace Anglican Network and the great way he has been a co-worker in the gospel.

This is a great blessing for Henley Grange and for the gospel strengthening of the diocese. Please join me in praying for them and John and family as they prepare for this exciting ministry.

Matthew Bible Studies

Copies of the "Matchless Messiah" Bible studies are available in each center today for collection by Small Group leaders. The studies ideally follow in the week after the sermon at your congregation. The series begins at St Matt's on 26 July, St Bart's on 2 Aug and Grace Church on 9 Aug. You can also download a PDF of the studies from www.gracenetWORK.asn.au



CMS Dinner 2015

Title: Blessed? With Guest speaker Paul Barker. Thursday 20 and Friday 21 August.

For more information or to book : www.cms.or.au/sant/cmsdinner

Theology and Dementia (podcast) Dementia affects more than 342,000 Australians – and many other people besides – their loved ones, their friends, and their carers. So what happens to people when they lose a sense of their selves and spirituality? In a brilliant interview with John Swinton (Professor at University of Aberdeen) he provides great insights on dementia, what it means to be a person, euthanasia, what it means to be a Christian when you're here:

<http://www.abc.net.au/sundaynights/stories/s4272273.htm>

'I am not forgotten' with Richmond Wandera

Saturday 8 August, Seaton Christian Family Centre, tickets \$15pp. For more information vist

www.compassion.com.au/richmond

Can you help?

Sew & Chat urgently need air-line sized cabin bags (not suit cases) to send their warm clothing to Nepal at the end of August. To the people who have donated money, wool or knitted clothes, a very big thank-you.

Any enquires to Zelda Pearman 8332 1646 or Elspeth Clark 8431 1239.