

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

The Judgement of the Messiah

Sam Bleby

Upcoming Events

Raising Teens Course

Course runs for 5 weeks starting August 24 at St Matts.

For more information contact Jacko.

'Blood, Sweat & Treason'

CBF event – 'How Henry Olonga decided it was time to declare'

Tuesday 1 September

www.citybibleforum.org

Partner Churches

St Bartholomew's Norwood

77 Beulah Rd Norwood

Grace Church Trinity Gardens

Trinity Gardens Bowling Club
Canterbury Ave Trinity Gardens

Bible College SA Open Night

On Tuesday, September 1, 6-7.30pm at 176 Wattle Street Malvern. Register at:

www.biblecollege.sa.edu.au/events

GAN Training Afternoon

September 19, From 12.30pm at St Matt's.

Elvanto Training Workshop

Sunday 30 September, at St Matt's, 12.30-1pm.

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.



St Matthew's
KENSINGTON

Zealous Zacchaeus

23 August 2015

Hi Church,

Meet Zacchaeus. He may have been a little man but trust me he was the kingpin of the Jericho tax cartel! He was a filthy rich little guy but when he met Jesus, everything changed — not only his heart but his hands. The same fingers that once reached out to extort others, now extended with generosity to the poor, and to pay back fourfold anyone he'd defrauded ([Luke 19:8](#)).

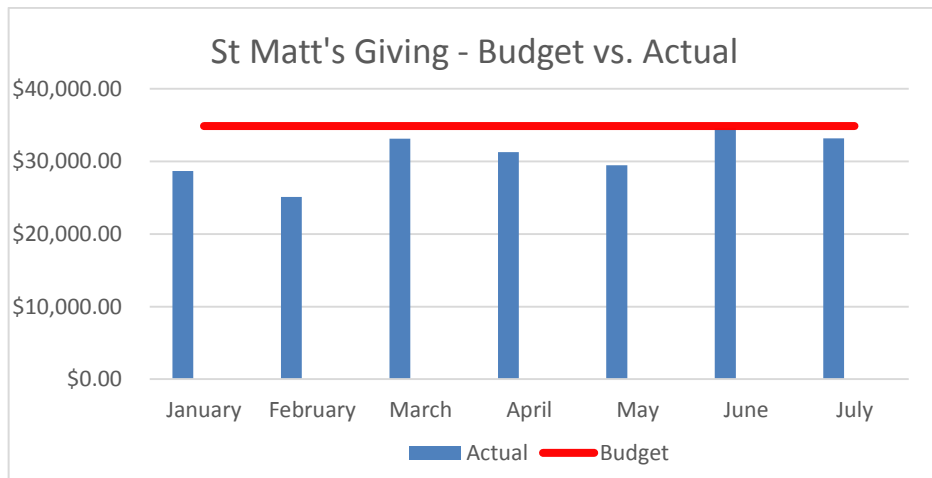
Only a few verses earlier in Luke's Gospel Jesus encountered another wealthy man - 'the rich young ruler.' His great possessions were the barrier to him following Jesus. You see, how we handle our money has everything to do with what we think of Jesus. The rich young ruler chose his wealth over Jesus, but for Zacchaeus, meeting the matchless Messiah loosed his hold on his material possessions.

There's a very intentional theology of generosity in the Gospel of Luke - the point is that generosity is a sign of a regenerate soul. There is no such thing as a Christian scrooge. I don't think you can claim to really know Christ and be a stingy person. The gospel opens our soul and with it our hands.

Christians are to be radically generous. Generosity is more than tithing, and more than just money. A stingy person can give 10%. Tithing isn't necessarily a sign of grace as it can be very legalistic. The issue is giving sacrificially. Christians ought to give in such a way that there are things we forego in order to be generous — the holiday, that new car, the latest shoes. Christianity encompasses all of our life. So the born again are generous — not only with their money but with their time, talents and possessions too.

Brothers and sisters we are called to give gladly ([2 Cor 9:7](#)) and our gladness rests on the great why of Christian generosity: that Christ himself — our Savior, Lord and greatest treasure — demonstrated the ultimate in generosity in coming to save us. 'Though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich' (2 Cor 8.9).

If Jesus is in us, then increasingly such an open-handed tendency will be in us also. For God's glory and renown,
Simon (Senior Associate Pastor)



Giving at St Matts

You will see above the month-by-month financial giving data up to July 2015 for St Matt's. Overall we are currently behind budget. This is not great and we need to dig deep. If you are a member of St Matt's (young or old) you're part of a family, and each family has financial needs. There are costs associated with church life, and these are only covered by God's people, members of God's family in our church. If you consider this to be your church family, it's your responsibility to give generously to provide for its needs. Thanks to those who already give generously via the plate or electronically.

Please contact me if you would like to discuss what it would look like for you to give financially to the St Matt's family (simon.jackson@stmatts.asn.au, 0402 109 827). Keep trusting Jesus!

Prayer Points

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

Ministry team and families:

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

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

Ian & Jan Bruce (Wednesday Service)

Shane and Caitlin Ellery (SAS trainer)

Danielle, Stephen, Terrence & Madeleine Ho (St Bart's Children's Minister)

Becky Hams (Office Administrator)

Philip and Margaret Bassett (David's parents)

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 focus: Grace Anglican Network

Pray for:

- Upcoming events around our network and city: City Bible Forum Cricket night, Grace Network training day, 'Adelaide as 1' worship night, Adelaide Prayer Breakfast, Asylum Seeker Information Night, TGIF, and others.
- The vulnerable in our church, city and nation – widows, children, refugees, homeless, the poor' may God help us to be a generous church
- Yourself; ask God to keep making you more like Jesus

Community Notices

St Bartholomew's Day Lunch

On Sunday 30 August we will be celebrating St Bart's Day at our 10am service, followed by a lunch of hearty soup and fresh bread rolls. All are welcome. Cost for lunch is \$5pp.

St Matt's lost property

There are a lot of lost property items from the last few weeks including a journal and glasses in a black case. Please check with the office if you have misplaced anything.

Grace Network Training Day: 'Sunday Worship'

Saturday 19 September, 12.30-4.30pm at St Matt's. Do you currently serve in a gathering? Would you like to serve? Everyone across the network is strongly encouraged to attend our training afternoon. Enjoy a tasty BBQ lunch, choose two electives for the afternoon and sharpen your skills. Electives will be lead by both staff and congregation members.

Elvanto Training Session

Are you finding the Elvanto system hard to use? If yes, you're not alone! On Sunday 30 August at St Matt's from 12.30-1pm join others for an education session. You'll learn why it's good, how it will help us be a 'church' and how to use it.

What do you know about the Gospel?

A survey is being conducted to find out what lay people in the Diocese of Adelaide know about the Gospels and what part of the Gospels play in their lives. You are invited to participate by filling in the survey found at:

www.adelaideanglicans.com/gospelsurvey

South Australian Prayer Breakfast

Tuesday 16 September at the Adelaide Convention Centre, 6.45am for 7-9am. Register at: www.cbmcint.com.au

Adelaide as 1

Join Christians from across the city at St Peters Cathedral for an evening of praise and worship. Monday 14 September, 6.30-8.30pm.

Asylum Seeker Information Night

Come to St Matt's on Tuesday 15 September at 7.30pm to explore the issues surrounding our Christians and national response to asylum seekers and refugees.

Greg Lake from Sydney will be our guest speaker. Greg spent many years running detention centers across Australia. He has first hand experience in this area and he is an excellent communicator. There will be a panel discussion after the main talk. Everyone welcome – invite your friends.