

# Parish News

*Our Mission: To know Christ and make Him known.*

*Our Vision: By 2017 we will be actively engaged in the life of our local community and celebrating more people becoming Christians each year.*

15 October 2017

## This week's services

St Katherine's 8.00am  
Holy Communion  
Preacher: Ros Rudd  
Ruth 1

St John's 9.30am  
Preacher: Tim Johnson  
Ruth 1

St Michael's 8.00am  
Study Leader:  
Roy Gwyther-Jones  
Ruth 1

St John's 6.00pm  
Preacher: Tim Johnson  
Ruth 1

## Next week's services

St Michael's 8.00am  
Holy Communion  
Preacher: Tim Johnson  
Ruth 2

St John's 9.30am  
Holy Communion  
Preacher: Tim Johnson  
Ruth 2

St John's 6.00pm  
Preacher: Tim Johnson  
Ruth 2

Sermons on Podcast: [stjohnsdc.org.au/sermons](http://stjohnsdc.org.au/sermons) OR like our Facebook page: [facebook.com/stjohnsdc](https://facebook.com/stjohnsdc)

## Vision 2022

Today at all our services we are launching Vision 2022, the 5-year Vision for our Parish. I'm very excited by this Vision and feel personally inspired about where it is leading us as a church in the coming years. I look forward to sharing it with you and joining together in partnership with you as we seek God's blessing in making this Vision a reality.

The development of this Vision has been a process that began back after Easter this year. I'm grateful for the high level of involvement and input that we have received from church members throughout the process. We had around 100 responses to the original Vision survey and around 40 people involved in Vision focus groups. After release of the draft Vision we had helpful feedback from 10 Life Groups and also around 20 individuals who took time to write responses. There was also numerous informal conversations with members of the Vision team. This has been a genuinely consultative process and I'm thankful for your willingness to engage with it. This truly is a Vision that we have all developed together

I'd also like to thank the Vision team of Andy Barras, Ros Rudd, Damien Knuckey, Nat Coleman, Carolyn Fairweather, Kirk Mackenzie, Vicki Miller and Robyn Bland. This group has worked and prayed relentlessly over the course of the year to develop this Vision. I give thanks to God for them and their sacrificial service on our behalf.

As we launch Vision 2022 today my prayer is Ephesians 3:20-21:

*Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.*

Tim Johnson

## A God to be praised

We praise God for:

- the new 5 year church vision. For the tireless effort of the vision team and everyone who prayed and provided insight and feedback.
- a wonderful family fun night held at St John's on Saturday with many families enjoying fun, food, friendship and a great film.

## A God who hears prayers

We pray for:

- those we know who are sick or recovering from illness, surgery or stress.
- the Youth Unite gathering on 27 Oct as they gather in support of raising funds for 'Destiny Rescue' who rescue kids from sex slavery all around the world.

## Monthly update of offertory giving

September 2017

Budgeted giving:	\$38,215
Actual giving:	\$33,385
YTD surplus	\$ 3,862
(including Financial Appeal)	

## Giving to the Parish via Direct Deposit. Details below.

Account name: St John's Anglican Church  
BSB: 063 246  
Acct No: 1006 0757

To increase or alter your giving through the ADF (Anglican Development Fund) simply email or phone Robyn or Julie at the ADF. Email: [adf@adfmelbourne.org.au](mailto:adf@adfmelbourne.org.au) Phone: 9653 4220

## Children & Youth

### 9:30am KIDS

Toddler Time 6 months - 2 years

Kingfishers 3yrs - Preschool  
Prep - Grade 4

SWAMP Grade 5 - Year 8

### YOUTH

Join us at Sunday@6  
Sign up for a Youth Life Group  
[stjohnsdc.org.au/youthlifegroup](http://stjohnsdc.org.au/youthlifegroup)  
Parents keep in touch  
[stjohnsdc.org.au/stjohnsparents](http://stjohnsdc.org.au/stjohnsparents)

### Youth Unite - ping-pong-a-thon

Friday 27th October - drop off at St John's for car pool at 6.30pm. Pick up at St John's at 10.30pm. \$5 (supper included) Register at: [stjohnsdc.org.au](http://stjohnsdc.org.au) and click on 'Church Hub'

### Sunday @6pm Dinner Dates - 5pm Start

15 October  
29 October  
19 November  
3 December

### AGM

Wednesday November 15th 7.30pm

**Electoral Roll.** Please check the list on the church noticeboard for your name if you wish to vote. **Roll application forms** are available and should be completed and posted in our office box by Sunday 29th October.

#### **Nomination Forms**

For church Wardens, Parish Council and Incumbency Committee member are now available. Closing date is Sunday 5th November before the 6pm service. Please post them in the office mail box.

### Preserves Stall - Sunday October 29th after the morning service at St John's.

Jams, marmalades, chutney, relishes and more for sale. All contributions raised go to ACCESS ministries to support Chaplaincy and SRI in schools.

**ARE YOU ...** someone who is keen to investigate the Christian faith, or learn more about Jesus? If so, head to [www.stjohnsdc.org.au/more](http://www.stjohnsdc.org.au/more) and fill out a form, so that we can assist you.

#### **OFFICE MANAGERS**

Carolyn Burns  
Kylie Pilkington

#### **PARISH OFFICE**

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## 150 years of St John's Diamond Creek

Sunday 12th November 2017

10.00am Thanksgiving Service followed by lunch.

### **Lunch bookings essential:**

Go to: [stjohnsdc.org.au/150th](http://stjohnsdc.org.au/150th) OR take a form from the Welcome Desk and post it in the office mail box.  
RSVP by 3.11.17

### **Why are you thankful to God for St John's?**

Next week (Sunday 22nd October) at the morning and evening service at St John's we'll have a video booth set up for people to share their answers.

### **Help Needed in set up & pack up for lunch**

The lunch will be held at Tobin Brothers (next door to St John's) We need a team of people to assist in setting and packing up. Set up will be on Saturday 11th Nov 2pm-5pm. If you can assist please indicate this on the list on the noticeboard.

**Light on the Hill - a history of St John's written by Roy Gwyther-Jones.** Orders for this book are recommended before the event.

Go to: [stjohnsdc.org.au/150th](http://stjohnsdc.org.au/150th) or grab a flyer to place your order and see further information about the book.  
**RRP \$25 or \$23 for orders placed before 10/11/17**

## CFA Catering Opportunity

Several times a year a team at St John's supply meals for CFA Diamond Creek and Hurstbridge meetings. The CFA have asked if we would cater for their upcoming training meetings to be held 23rd & 24th October and 16th November. If you are able to help by providing sausage rolls, mini quiche or slices. We would love to hear from you if you can provide food and/or help out on any of these dates. Please contact Linda Cridland 0403 029 692 or Robyn Gorfine 0403 819 777.

## Community Involvement News

Garden Working Bee for local Refugee Home

Saturday 21st October 10.00am - 12noon

Rundle House: 43 Diamond Street, Eltham

Text Pam Hickingbotham if you can come. 0437 816 580

Take a green flyer from the noticeboard for requirements.