



# St Phil's

February

To present every person in our community mature in Christ

# Ministry

## This Month's Feature

### Welcome to the James family!

This month we are blessed to welcome the James family to St Phil's. To help us get to know them better, here's a little from Al and Susie themselves:

*Al is married to Susie and they have three children, Ben (7), Will (5) and Heidi (1). Before going to college, both Susie and Al were teachers, although that seems like a long time ago now! Back then, Al would have called himself a surfer, but that label is not so apt any more (he is coming to terms with that). But, he now has a new bike which he loves riding alongside the boys and even Heidi has a seat to ride along. In an ideal world Susie & Al would enjoy leisurely breakfasts out, and are keen for their kids to enjoy dumplings for dinner as much as they do.*

*For the last four years Al has been the Assistant Minister at St Martins Killara. The whole family will miss the people there, but are very excited to be joining you all in Eastwood and are looking forward to getting to know you and serving alongside you in proclaiming the incredible, life changing news of Jesus. They would love you to be praying for them as they transition and especially for the boys starting at a new school.*

Please do pray for Al and Susie, and for Ben, Will and Heidi, as they move into Eastwood, changing schools, communities, churches, and jobs. Pray for us at St. Phil's, that we will honour God's call on their lives to join us here. Pray that we will welcome them warmly as part of our spiritual family. And pray that their presence here will be for the glory of the Lord Jesus.

# For Our Prayers

## CHURCH

Please pray for Bruce Chapman and his wife Jodi and their children. Bruce's treatment for Melanoma has had some difficulties lately and they ask for our prayers for God's strength for their family.

Continue to pray for the Smith family and the James family as they relocate Parishes. Give thanks to God for their heart to serve him.

## NEIGHBOURHOOD

Pray for our schools – especially our local schools Eastwood Public and Marsden High, as they begin back for 2017. Pray for our church involvement with schools with P & C, SRE (Scripture) and for all of our parents who are a part of our local school communities.

## WORLD

Pray for the leadership of our world at this time. For Donald Trump, US President. For NSW Premier, Gladys Berejiklian. Pray for our Prime Minister, Malcolm Turnbull, and opposition leader Bill Shorten.

***Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances;  
for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.***

***1Thessalonians 5:16-18***

## Giving at St Philips

If you would like to give to the ministry at St Philip's electronically, please use the following account details:

**Bank:** Commonwealth Bank Branch: Eastwood

**Account:** St Philip's Anglican Church Eastwood

**BSB:** 062161 **Account Number:** 10075604

When prompted for a payment description, simply enter the service you normally attend and "offertory". E.g. 9:30 English offertory

# Calendar

February 2017							March 2017 ▶
◀ January 2017	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> 10am Mandarin Young Mum's group 11am Friendship Service	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 10am Friday Friends 4pm SPARK 7.30 SLAM & WOT	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> Mission Cake Stall Mandarin 1 year anniversary service	<b>6</b> Welcome Al James & Family	<b>7</b> 10am ESL 12.30 ESL Bible Study	<b>8</b> 10am Mandarin Senior's Group	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 10am Friday Friends 4pm SPARK 7.30 SLAM & WOT	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 3pm morning music team practice
<b>12</b> 10.30am Safe Ministry – Essentials course	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 10am ESL 12.30 ESL Bible Study 8pm Parish Council	<b>15</b> 10am Mandarin Young Mum's group 7.30pm Welcoming Training event	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 10am Friday Friends 4pm SPARK 7.30 SLAM & WOT	<b>18</b> 9am Missionary Prayer meeting	
<b>19</b> 3pm Full On Reunion & Service	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 10am ESL 12.30 ESL Bible Study	<b>22</b> 10am Mandarin Senior's Group	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 10am Friday Friends 4pm SPARK 7.30 SLAM & WOT	<b>25</b>	
<b>26</b> Caroline Evenden (CMS France) visiting parish 26/2-3/3/17	<b>27</b> 7.30pm evening music team jam	<b>28</b> 10am ESL 12.30 ESL Bible Study	<b>Notes:</b> <b>1 March: Parish Prayer night with Caroline Evenden</b> <b>3 March: World Day of Prayer @ Eastwood Baptist Church.</b> <b>6-7pm dinner &amp; 7-8pm service praying focus: the Philippines</b> <b>5 March: Safe Ministry – Refresher Course 2pm</b> <b>12 March: AGM</b>				

# Events & Activities

Visit our website or Facebook page for more information



Growth Groups are Bible study groups where around 6-12 people meet together weekly, or fortnightly, to study God's word together and to share their lives together in fellowship and prayer.

They have always been an important part of our lives at St Phil's as they are key in helping us to mature in Christ. If you're not in a Growth Group, and you would like to be, please fill in a Connect Card today and let us know.



At St Phil's, we protect our children and youth. SAFE ministry training equips leaders to care for children in a safe environment, to learn about risks, and to understand reporting processes for child protection issues.

Our next SAFE ministry training dates:

**ESSENTIALS** (first time training)

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February, 10:30-3:30**

**REFRESHER** course (at least every 3 years)

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2pm - 4pm**

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2pm-4pm**

To register, email [office@stphils.org.au](mailto:office@stphils.org.au)

For more information, please visit:

[www.safeministry.org.au](http://www.safeministry.org.au)

## Visited our website recently?

New updates, new layout, new pages.

Events pages and calendar

Mandarin language pages and downloads

Online newsletter.

Songs.

Preaching series info and recordings

Mobile or desktop – head over to:

[www.stphils.org.au](http://www.stphils.org.au)



Welcoming training For EVERY member.  
**Wednesday February 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 – 9:30pm**

# World Mission



**Bruce Chapman is the youth minister for the Northern Territory, employed through the ministry of BCA (Bush Church Aid).**

Bruce is married to Jodi and they have 4 children – Matthew, Laura, Felicity, and Oliver.

Here is a brief from their latest prayer letter:

Today, we have a prayer request to bring before you.

Bruce has recently changed treatments for his melanoma, which he was diagnosed with in June last year. Earlier this week, he was admitted to hospital due to fevers caused by the new medication he is taking.

Please pray for our family: for Bruce to be healed of the fever so the treatment can continue; and for God to sustain and support Jodi, Matthew, Laura, Felicity and Oliver. We want to encourage you with the below Bible verse:

"I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through Him who gives me strength." Philippians 4:10-13

**More information about BCA is also available in the church foyer.**

# Local Mission



## THE MINISTRY OF WELCOMING

Welcoming is such an important part of who we are as a community.

What was it that made you feel welcome when you first arrived as St Phil's? maybe the person at the front door when you arrived? Maybe someone who spoke to you before or after the service? Maybe an invitation to lunch or coffee?

Every year, we encourage ALL of our members to attend our welcoming evening to remember and renew our commitment to welcoming at church. This year, the welcoming training for English speakers will be held on:

**Wednesday February 15<sup>th</sup>,  
7:30-9:30pm  
in the main church building.**

We will use this time together to think about 10 important ways to be a welcoming church.

It doesn't matter how long (or short) you've been a member of St Phil's, **YOU'RE INVITED** to attend this evening.

# Parish Council Update

**WARDENS:** Trevor Strickland, Chris Stretton, Mike Lum  
**MINISTERS:** David Yue, Raymond Leung, Bruce Stanley (Chair)  
**COUNCILLORS:** Darrel Causbrook, Peter Chik, Andrew Fairhurst, Yvonne Hall, Jenny Pullen, Philip Reichardt, Rose Shum, Ambrose Yip

*Parish Council meets the 2nd Tuesday night of each month. Correspondence can be made to the Secretary, Mr. Mike Lum - [mike.lum@gmail.com](mailto:mike.lum@gmail.com)*

**There is no Parish Council held in January. However the following is reported for Jan 2017:**

#### **Building work update:**

Working bees were held at the Clanwilliam street property (assistant minister residence). External landscaping was undertaken including new gardens, trimming of trees, weeding and repairs. Internal repairs and renovation included painting, new carpets, new blinds, and repairs to windows, and other required maintenance. Our thanks to the multi-skilled team lead by David Smith, who managed the work in consultation with the wardens. We are very thankful as a church for all of you and your service in this ministry.

#### **Budget:**

A reminder that we are forecasting approximately a 10% required increase in general offertory giving for 2017 in order to continue to grow in ministry and care for property. Please do take the time, if you haven't already, to consider your ability to give this year for God's work in Eastwood and beyond.

#### **Development application:**

A computer aided design draft (CAD plans) are currently underway!

#### **General matters**

The Korean Church (Big Tree Church) began meeting in our main building on Sundays at 2pm from January 1<sup>st</sup> this year. Please pray for them as they meet, that they would grow under God,

#### **Main Church Projector:**

We are currently investigating the replacement of the main church projector. We are also considering the installation of a centrally located retractable screen. If you have thoughts on this matter, or are able to assist, please speak to the wardens or to Bruce.

*Annual General Meeting: Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March*

*Next Parish Council- Tuesday February 14<sup>th</sup>*

## January – December 2016 Giving Update

Income required:	\$539,289
Weekly required:	\$10,371
Current Offertory:	\$519,163
Current weekly:	\$9,984
Shortfall (year to date):	\$20,126

**Current Offertory is 96.3% of budget  
(Trend: +0.7%)**

### OUR MISSION

To present every person in our community mature in Christ

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### OUR CORE VALUES

The Command to Love God and one another  
The Authority of the Bible

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### OUR STRATEGY

Connect, Grow, Serve

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# Preaching Program



DATE	SERIES	PREACHER	PASSAGES
Feb 5 <sup>th</sup>	Jesus, bread of life	Bruce Stanley	John 6
Feb 12 <sup>th</sup>	Jesus gives sight	Al James	John 9
Feb 19 <sup>th</sup>	Jesus good Shepherd	Bruce Stanley	John 10
Feb 26 <sup>th</sup>	Jesus, resurrection and life	Al James	John 11

preaching program available at: <http://en.stphils.org.au/preaching-program/>

*All sermons are recorded and are available on line at [www.stphils.org.au](http://www.stphils.org.au)  
and on iTunes: search for "St Philips Eastwood Anglican Church".*

## Sunday Service times:

8am Traditional Prayer Book Service

9.30am Family Service with Children's program

9.30am Mandarin Service with Children's program

11am Cantonese/Mandarin Service

6.30pm Contemporary English Service

## Church Staff Contact Details

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