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Lavender Bay

Newsletter

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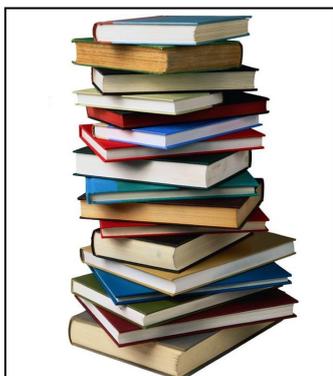
ANGELICAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA



Matt's a man on a mission - to Broome, WA



Meet our newest Mission Partner, Sydney-raised **Matt Morrison**. Matt was recently ordained into the order of Priest in the Anglican Church of North West Australia. He has now taken on the role of Assistant Minister at Broome Anglican Church. We thank God for the opportunity given to Matt to move from Dongara (WA) to Broome to focus on children and youth ministry and undertake training in Aboriginal ministry. Small world: Lachlan Edwards began his ministry in the same church in 2006. Graeme and Virginia Adam visited there the following year! Photo: Matt and wife Leonie with Zoe and Sophia.



The church library is open!

We have quite a range of books to choose from. Bible study aids, biographies, evangelism, Christian life, history, theology, audio; we've got something for everyone. Books are grouped by subject. Pick what you want, leave your details in the lending book, keep for as long as you need. We also have Bibles to share with someone who doesn't have one. Every book has been kindly donated by a member of the congregation; a library by the people for the people. Have a browse after the service.

Children and Youth Minister

A warm welcome to **Chris Tompkins**, who takes over children and youth ministry from Emily Smith (nee Edwards). Chris has considerable youth and young adult ministry experience and is keen to learn more. He has been doing MTS (Ministry Training Strategy), has been working with the Australian Fellowship of Evangelical Students. He has just started at Moore Theological College. **Lachlan Edwards** commented: "I praise God for calling Chris to take on this position. Not only will he be a blessing to our children and youth, but I trust we will be a blessing to him as we provide important ministry experience for him as a theological student."

As you read this, we are just beginning our three months with you. Elizabeth and I want to say how keen we are to spend this time with the Christ Church family, and so grateful to Lachlan. Christ Church is a very well attested Christian community. When we arrived at Lavender Bay in 1997, we met a parishioner whom I had known years before in a different place who, in those days was a long way from the Christian faith and very happy to be so! It was he who said, 'It was the people of Christ Church who LOVED me into the kingdom.' It is not a small thing to be known as a loving congregation, a loving church. As well as describing love in his famous treatise, 1 Corinthians 13, St. Paul says without love everything is empty, every effort useless and incomplete. Love has no end. Faith, hope and love endure and the greatest is love, SO 'make love your aim'. Only God knows how many more folk could be 'loved into the kingdom' by the people of Christ Church.

Peter Smart- Locum Minister

Peter's Message

February Diary

Sun 6 10am Communion
5pm The Gathering

Sun 13 10am Morning Prayer
5pm The Gathering

Wed 16 7am Parish Council

Sun 20 10am Communion
5pm The Gathering

Fri 27 10am Morning Prayer
5pm The Gathering

Join a Bible Study Group
Contact Di Nicolios for
more details

Monday nights (fortnightly) Bible Study Group (Contact Keith & Anne Mason)
Monday nights: Bible Study Group (Contact Geoff Kells)
Tuesday nights: Bible Study (contact Philippa or James)
Wednesday nights: Bible Study Group (contact Jurgen and Diane Joester)
Thursday mornings: Rectory Bible Study Group (contact Ann Kells)
Thursday nights: Bible Study Group (contact Graeme/Virginia or Conrad)
Sunday afternoons: Youth Bible Study. (contact Chris Tompkins)

Buzz from the Bay



Carols al fresco a hit with visitors

"Do you do it like this every year?" one delighted visitor exclaimed. The morning and evening voices combined to produce a glorious sound with the joyous message of our Saviour's birth at our first-ever Christmas Carols in the Garden. Regulars and visitors alike were in praise of the outdoor format.

Highlights of 2021 – from AGM reports

Despite Covid, we as a church family have been able to serve God in innovative and caring ways over 2021. Here are just a few of the special things that have been achieved: The choir and Gathering band recorded 61 hymns and 41 songs for use in services. We had seven Bible study groups (up two) and three men's discipleship groups consistently meeting through 2021. Administrative support was strengthened with the appointment of Alice Hung. And our focus on youth and children was boosted with the appointment of Chris Tompkins. The Gathering attracted an average of 20 in-person participants and volunteer support was firmed up. The Covid Safety team under Penny Morris once again demonstrated expertise and care in keeping us safe. The tech team and helpers pre-recorded interviews, readings, prayers and hymns, thereby giving us a sense of still being part of our church community. As reported by Treasurer Brian England and Rector's Warden, Rod Pearse, we finished the year in a solid financial situation despite reduction in cash offerings during lockdown. After three years, we are over half-way (\$260,000) to our five year rejuvenation fund with work ongoing. As part of that, we launched the Mobile Kitchen; thank you Bec.

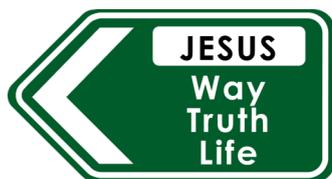
Pastoral care continued under the leadership of Seniors Minister Di Nicolios with volunteers making calls and doing home visits. We engaged Louie Chen as church organist, and conductor Lachlan Massey as guest conductor. The choir, with the dedication of Helen Chuawiwat, showed love to each other through the ups and downs. Philippa Armfield reported support for missionary activities continued with our seven active mission partners. During 2021, our sermon series continued the focus on key parts of the Bible and we were blessed with some ten preachers. We launched the Christ Church Library. Diane Joester reported that all processes had been followed under the Diocesan Safe Ministry Policies. In closing, Bishop Paul Barnett expressed gratitude to God for Senior Minister Lachlan Edwards' outstanding leadership and service during a very testing time. Lachlan summed up: "Our focus through 2021 has been and will always be on the enduring and everlasting hope of Jesus as returning Lord and Saviour." Note: Reports made to the AGM can be found on the website. The audited accounts will be presented at 11.15am Sun 6th March.

Office Bearers for 2022



Lachlan Edwards, Brian England, Peter Moll, Rod Pearse, Jurgen Joester, Ann Kells, David Wood, Philippa Armfield, Ian Davidson, Helen Chuawiwat, Richard Neal, James Flynn, Penny Morris, Clarrie Stevens

Wardens: Rod Pearse (Rector's Warden), Philippa Armfield, Ian Davidson
Parish Council: Brian England, James Flynn, Helen Chuawiwat, Jürgen Joester, Penny Morris, Peter Moll; **Nominators:** Anita Barnett, Ann Kells, Rod Pearse, Philippa Armfield, Richard Neal
Synod Representatives: James Flynn, Clarrie Stevens



"I have come that they may have life to the full." (John 10:10)

From February through Easter, we will be continuing our John's Gospel Series that we began last year. The overarching theme of John 5-10 can be summarised as: Jesus comes from the father, is rejected by his people but continues to offer life (two healings on the Sabbath bracket this material). This theme of "true life is found only in Jesus" continues to be a balm in our ongoing wrestle with Covid.

News: Guiding the Gathering



Presenting the focus group who currently guide the 5pm Gathering service. From left: **Isabelle Mata** (assisting meal coordinators), **Conrad Chang** (digital, assisting **Graeme Adam**), **Chris Gilbert** (Tech), assisted by **Michael Mata** and **Alex Richard** (absent), **Virginia Adam** (newcomer follow-up coordinator/prayer warrior), **Bec Edwards**, **Lachlan Edwards** (overseer), **Jo Kadlecsek** (creative director +assisting on digital & music), **Michael Mata** and **James Flynn**, (meals coordinators), in front, **Chrissy Fulcher** (Coordinator/Music Director). Absent: **Alice Hung** (assisting on digital) and **Graeme Adam**. Please pray for these gifted disciples of Christ as they coordinate the Gathering service each Sunday, and that more young adults and those young at heart will be drawn into its worship and fellowship.

March Diary

Sun 6 10am Holy Communion
11.15 Presentation of Audited Accounts
5pm The Gathering

Sun 13 10am Morning Prayer
5pm The Gathering

Fri 18 2pm Wedding of Georgia Shultz and Nicholas Wright

Sun 20 10am Holy Communion
5pm The Gathering

Wed 23 7am Parish Council

Sun 27 10am Morning Prayer
5pm The Gathering

Buzz from the Bay



Emily and Ben wed

On 8th January Emily Edwards and Ben Smith made their vows to each other before God, their parents, families and friends from Christ Church and Nareburn Anglican Church, at Nareburn.

Proud Dad Rev Lachlan Edwards took the bride to be down the aisle and Assistant Minister, Rev Adrian Foxcroft officiated, as happy mum, Bec Edwards looked on. We wish the couple God's blessings on their marriage and a full and happy life.

Calling all volunteers

Are you a church volunteer? Leisa Davidson needs your input at those times when she is laying out the rosters for each quarter. Soon, she will be planning the second quarter. So when she makes contact, be kind to her by advising of your "unavailable" dates or even better, log into the Elvanto system and enter your unavailables there.

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