



Wk 3

Sunday 19 September 2021

**TODAY'S
SERVICE:**

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Psalm 3
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This Bulletin contains a number of hyperlinks throughout. Feel free to use them to link to forms, multimedia and Bible passages.

Welcome to St Stephen's. Great to have you join us for our online services this week. If you are new or someone has recommended you join in we would love to hear from you. You can contact us through the [electronic connect card](#).

The lockdown has meant many of the things in our church life have either slowed down or temporarily ceased. It can be tempting to think that God has become less relevant. For most of our church family this is not the case - they have prayed more, relied on the promises of God in the Bible more and longed to meet with God's people more.

In Term 4 we will be launching Simply Christianity. It's a 5 week course which allows people to explore who Jesus is. This course has changed the lives of 1000s of people. Do you know someone who needs to meet Jesus? Are you someone who wants to understand who Jesus really is? If so, sign up for the course or invite a friend along. It will be one of the best things you do! You can register [here](#).



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Prayers for the Service

These prayers are used during the service. Prayer is a privilege we are given because Christ died for us. His death & resurrection means we can confidently approach God seeking forgiveness (Hebrews 10:22). If you believe that Christ died to deal with your failings then you should be confident to pray with us. If you are still exploring who Christ is then feel free to listen in.

Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross,
so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness;
by his wounds we have been healed.

So let us acknowledge our failure and disobedience,
and return to the Lord with penitence and faith.

Confession Prayer

Most merciful God,

we humbly admit that we need your help.

We confess that we have wandered from your way:

we have done wrong, and we have failed to do what is right.

You alone can save us.

Have mercy on us:

wipe out our sins and teach us to forgive others.

Bring forth in us the fruit of the Spirit

that we may live as disciples of Christ.

This we ask in the name of Jesus our Saviour. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

This is the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray (Matthew 6:5-14).

Our Father in heaven hallowed be your name

Your kingdom come,

Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven

Give us today our daily bread and forgive us our sins as we forgive
those who sin against us

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever

Amen

Church (on the phone)

If you would like to listen (via phone) to the Sunday Service at 7:45am on Sunday Mornings:

1. Dial 8015 6011.
2. You will be prompted to enter the meeting ID at that point dial 890 595 1389 #.
3. If the meeting has not already started press # to wait. You will be prompted to enter your unique participant ID but you do not need a participant ID so press # to skip.
4. When asked for the meeting password Dial 088653. You can now listen to the service.

Sermon Notes

God the Deliverer | Passage: [Psalm 3](#)

1. They Say

2. He Says

3. How we know it better

Connect Group Study

1. When people mock or scoff at you for your belief in something (doesn't necessarily have to be God), how does it make you feel?

Read [Psalm 3](#)

2. If you were David and many were saying to you "God will not deliver you" how would you respond?
3. What is surprising or interesting or challenging to you about the way that David responds in the psalm (particularly verses 3-8)?
4. Where can you see God at work and his character in this passage

5. Why can you know even better than the psalmist that God will deliver you?

6. What have you learnt or been reminded of about today that you need to share with the unbelievers in your life as you live as God's missionary?

Listen to this Song: Psalm 3, Sons of Korah link [here](#)
Spend time praying God would encourage you as you reach people with his message.

Prayer Points

Read the Bible with us!

How does each passage help you understand who God is?

Ask yourself these questions:

1. How do these verses describe God's deliverance?
2. How can your hopes be re-shaped by these promises?

Monday - [Psalm 3](#)
Tuesday - [Isaiah 43:16-21](#)
Wednesday - [1 Cor 15:50-58](#)
Thursday - [John 10:7-11](#)
Friday - [Psalm 4](#)

Notices

Lockdown Update - The Wartons (5:30pm Service)

We have been enjoying the slow down of the lockdown period during which both of us have been working from home and the quieter weekends. Like most, we are missing seeing our family and friends. We have been enjoying the novelty of midweek lunches together in the sun on our balcony and going for a walk after work each day.



We have also taken the opportunity to try out lots of new recipes.

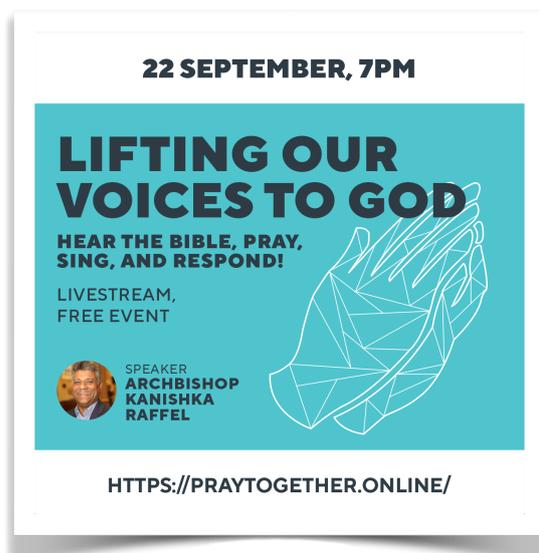
We have been praying that God might comfort and be near to those who are finding this time particularly difficult for any number of reasons.

Pray together Online - with Kanishka Raffel.

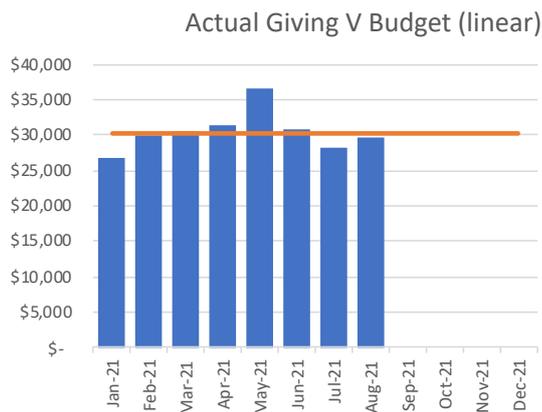
Let's together lift our voices to God - in prayer, song, and response! Live-streaming at 7pm on Wednesday 22nd September 2021.

Lifting our voices to God is an hour-long online event where we will collectively join together in song, be led in prayers, and hear a short message from Archbishop Kanishka Raffel.

The aim is to corporately lift the hearts, minds, and vision of God's people to Him during this pandemic. Who are we? We are collection of churches and organisations from the Sydney Anglican Diocese. It's a free event and will be live-streamed at praytogether.online



Finances update for September



Our monthly offertories have been impacted by members who give in person being unable to give. We have also lost rental income for the past term. We are thankful for the ongoing generosity of our church family.

On 7 November we will hold our annual Gift Day. This is an opportunity for us to give towards the future

ministry of our church as we seek to reach Chatswood, Artarmon and Willoughby. More details coming soon!

Friday Funday

H.P.S is meeting on Friday 24th of September for a day full of fun both on and off the screen. We will be thinking about how Jesus makes the world better. We will be doing baking, construction, and photo challenges. It's a time to think about big questions, connect with friends and have fun! Everything you need for the day will be delivered to your door! [Register Now!](#)

Help a another church through COVID

The Pastor of the Oakhurst Anglican Church's South Sudanese congregation, the Rev Samuel Majok, is aware of 15 families in the congregation and the wider community whose lives and livelihoods have been turned upside down by contracting COVID. The financial status of these families has been affected because of the pandemic. Most of the breadwinners don't have jobs that allow them to work from home. Our brothers and sisters in Oakhurst need us. They need our prayers. If you would like to help Oakhurst you can donate a [Woolworth E-gift Card](#). Process: pay for the e-card and amount you want to donate. Receive the e-card in your email and then forward it to minister@oakhurstanglican.org.au

Southern Cross Magazine

The September edition of the SouthernCross Magazine is available you can [download](#) it now.

What's Coming Up

- Sunday 19th Kidszone Online at 9:15 to 9:30.
For Zoom Details: Email - children@st-stephens.com.au
Switch at 9:45am.
For Zoom Details: Email - children@st-stephens.com.au
- Monday 20th Online Prayer Meeting 8:30-8:55am - [Zoom Link](#)
Meeting ID: 878 2345 9321 | Passcode: 836532
- Friday 24th HPS Online 6:30-7:30 pm.
For Zoom Details: Email - children@st-stephens.com.au
- October —
- Tuesday 19th Simply Christianity starts with visit from John Dickson

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