

Unwrap the Ancient

ST STEPHEN'S WILLOUGHBY



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TODAY'S 9:00AM SERVICE

- Welcome
- Song
- Bible Reading:
Matthew 1:18-25
- Video
- Spotlight
- Song
- Bible Reading:
Matthew 2:1-12
- Sermon
- Song
- Thanksgiving,
Confession &
Assurance
- Announcements
- Song
- Conclusion

Most St Stephen's collection is received electronically.

BSB: 062 272

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00490436

If you are a visitor please don't feel obliged to contribute financially.

Christmas Day 2023

Our service is live streamed to our YouTube and Facebook Channels. If you don't wish to feature on our stream, please occupy the pews towards the back.

Welcome to St Stephen's and Merry Christmas! We're so glad you joined us this morning to celebrate the birth of Jesus. We would love to hear what you thought of our special service today. Would you take a moment and connect with us using the QR code? After the service we're serving morning tea so please stick around and continue the celebration!



What are your plans for today? Some of us are rushing off to family functions. We're planning a lunch or attending a dinner. We're hoping the turkey is well cooked but not overcooked! We're keen to get home and play with presents or call family overseas. But for others the house is quiet, the day is unremarkable and the sense of loneliness is only heightened. What a mixed day lies ahead. For some joy, for others sadness.

Amid our various experiences of Christmas let us remember that the birth of Christ is God's declaration – "you are not alone". God came into the world to be known and to show love. Christmas transcends our experiences today. It reminds us God is the ultimate joy and comfort.

Next Steps

Have you been struck by Jesus? We'd love to help you [explore](#) the Christian faith a little bit more. Scan the QR code for some ways you can discover Jesus.



Big Questions for our world

- Are we getting softer?

What Jesus says about pleasure and pain

- Are we getting smarter?

What Jesus says about tradition and being authentic

- Are we getting happier?

What Jesus says about fulfilment and joy

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NIGHT CHURCH TURNS

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Join us as we celebrate our first birthday!

Come taste and see our Night Church community. Join us as we celebrate one year of experiencing and sharing the grace of Jesus!

Free dinner provided after the service.

Sunday 14th Jan 2024 6pm

Intsika Gift

Each year, we use our offertory from our Christmas services to support Anglican Aid's Intsika Campaign in South Africa.

The Intsika Community Outreach Programme is helping underprivileged children on the outskirts of Port Elizabeth. These communities live in extreme poverty, a high rate of disease, alcohol problems, unemployment and family breakdown.

Intsika was established in 2016 to prepare young children for school and support them through their primary education.



Christmas is all about God's generosity to us. What better way to mark it than by being generous to others?

Scan the QR Code to make your donation



What's Coming Up

7 January	Baptism Course
14 January	Night Church 1st Birthday Dinner
17 January	Dessert & Prayer Night
19 January	HPS Family BBQ
21 January	Friday Kids Family BBQ

For more on what's happening this summer at St Stephen's, visit st-stephens.com.au/summer

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