

Next Week's Bible Talks

8:30am Bexley

Jason Veitch on "Learning to Pray"
(Matthew 6:5-15)

9:00am Carlton

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6.30pm Church

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Events

Prayer Meetings

First Saturday of every month, 8am
Email office@snac.org.au for location.

English for Life

Every Friday during school terms,
9:30-11:30am at St James

Big Day Out

Saturday 25th March
Register at www.snac.org.au/bdo

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 28th March, 8pm at St James

Easter Services

Good Friday 14th April (8:30am Bexley, 9:30am Bexley North, 9:30am Carlton)

Easter Sunday 16th April (normal service times)

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Sunday Locations

8:30am Bexley (Contact Jason)

Corner of Albyn St & Dunmore St, Bexley

9:00am Carlton (Contact Kevin)

St James' Carlton, entry via Henry St

10:30am Carlton (Contact Phil)

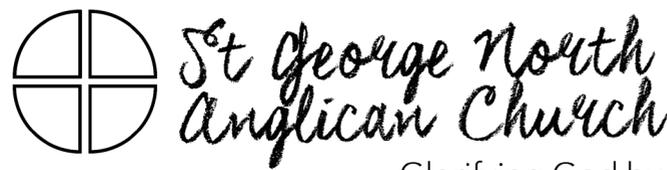
Carlton Public School, entry via Cameron St

10:30am Bexley North (Contact Jason)

Holy Trinity, entry via Carrisbrook Ave

6.30pm Church (Contact Troy)

St James' Carlton, entry via Henry St



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I Will Glory In the Cross

Last Sunday we started singing a great new song at our 6:30 congregation called "I Will Glory In the Cross" (by Rob Smith for Emu Music). The song explores the wonder of the cross – that Jesus died for us, and also explores many ways that the cross impacts our lives, and how we should respond to God's incredible love shown to us in the cross.

All of this is summed up in the refrain: "I will glory in the cross," which comes from Galatians 6:14 where Paul says: *But as for me, I will never boast about anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Our Holman translation uses the word "boast", but older translations used the word "glory", which is a word that's not really used as a verb (doing word) very much these days. We know what it means when something is "glorious" (e.g. "This cake is glorious!"), but we don't really use the verb "I glory" very much (e.g. "I will glory in this cake").

So what does it mean to glory in something? According to Google, to glory means to "take great pride or pleasure in." It means to boast in, to revel in, to be satisfied in, to enjoy. (I often glory in peanut butter toast!)

I love this song because it shows the simplicity of the Christian life – Jesus died for me, an undeserving sinner, to give me eternal life, and so now in response I will give my all for him, living for him, counting the cost, rejoicing in him, singing his praises, resting in his work (not mine!), suffering for his sake. All of this is worth it... why? Because of the cross!

So the Christian responds to the cross with: I will glory in the cross! I will boast and revel in the cross. I will find my joy and satisfaction in God's love for me, shown as Jesus died on the cross in my place.

But part of glorying in the cross is not to keep it to ourselves. How can we if it means so much to us?! That's what the end of the song (and my favourite part is about):

*For my king has borne my blame
And has sent me in His name
As a servant to the lost
I will glory in the cross*

So my prayer is that we would be a church who glory in the cross, who boast in it, who are satisfied in it, who rejoice in God's great love and serve our world by declaring the cross of Christ to our world!

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If you're keen to have a listen you can find the song in many places – on YouTube, Spotify, iTunes, or on the Emu Music album *Songs of the Saved*.

Verse 1

To the Saviour of my soul
I will gladly give my all
For He gave His life for me
On the cross of Calvary
On this hill I'll take my stand
With His promise in my hand
Counting all my gains as loss
I will glory in the cross

Verse 2

He has bought me with a price
Now He bids me: "Come and die"
And although the battle's long
In His strength will I be strong
For where else have I to flee
But to Him who died for me
So I'll gladly count the cost
I will glory in the cross

Bridge

Hallelujah, hallelujah
Worthy is the Lamb of God
We will give You endless glory
For You saved us by Your blood
Hallelujah, hallelujah
We rejoice in Your great love
We will sing Your endless praises
For You ransomed us for God

Verse 3

In His grace will I press on
Resting in His work alone
Unafraid His path to take
I will suffer for His sake
For my king has borne my blame
And has sent me in His name
As a servant to the lost
I will glory in the cross

Troy Munns

Church Finances

Praise God for the generosity of his people at St George North. In January our giving was very strong and set us on a good start to the year. However, as we will hear at our AGM in a couple of weeks our monthly required offertories has increased for this year, which means we are slightly behind budget as we start.

Our work can only happen through the generous support of our church members. Please prayerfully consider your giving so that we are able to do the things under God we have planned to do.

January Offertories	\$66,752
Offertories Budgeted	<u>\$69,893</u>
Shortfall ytd	\$ 3,141

For those wishing to give electronically the church's Bank account details are:

Bank: Westpac	Account Name: Parish of St George North General A/C
BSB: 032 158	Account No.: 268126



Important Information for Big Day Out

It's encouraging to see so many people from across our parish register for our Big Day Out. Our first session will begin at 9:30am. Please aim to arrive at 9am so we can start on time. For those who are registered, you will receive more detailed information next week via email. If you have any questions about the day or registration, please contact Kevin - kevin@snac.org.au or 0421 286 835.

Date: Saturday 25th of March 2017

Time: 9am for 9:30am start. Lunch is 1pm with free time to follow

Location: Danebank School, Hurstville

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday night 28 March, 8pm at St James' Carlton

We are coming up to that time in our calendar where we meet to elect important leadership positions in our church. At our Annual General Meeting we elect people to fill the roles of Parish Councillor, Warden, Synod Representative & Parish Nominator. Here are some answers to some common questions people ask about the AGM.

Who should come to the AGM?

Everyone who counts himself or herself a member of St George North Anglican Church. This is every member's opportunity to ask questions and be involved in the decision making of our church. If we care about the future of our church we should attend the AGM.

What do Parish Councillors and Wardens do? (one year term)

Ultimately parish councillors and wardens are similar to the 'Deacons' we read about in the New Testament. They are people who support the work of teaching and evangelism in our church. In practice that means that they are responsible for dealing with finances, property and other important matters that ensure that we as a church are equipped to do our job of making and growing disciples of Christ.

What do Parish Nominators do? (one year term)

Most years, absolutely nothing! They don't even meet once. However, in the event of something happening to the Senior Minister (or the Senior Minister leaving) they play a vital role in choosing his replacement.

What do Synod Representatives do? (three year term)

They represent our parish at the annual Synod of the Anglican Diocese of Sydney. This involves attending 5 afternoon and evening sessions over a two week period.

Am I suitable for these roles (or who should I nominate)?

There are certain requirements (see the nomination forms in your Weekly SNAC). However, the most important qualifications are godliness and Christian maturity. We need godly people with a heart for growing the kingdom of God who are willing to serve in these capacities.

Please consider if you might serve in one of these capacities and ask someone to nominate you. Please consider other people who might be appropriate and ask them if you can nominate them. While nominations can be taken right up until the actual meeting it is best if people are nominated before the night so that people can consider the positions.