

Next Week's Bible Talks

8:30am Bexley

Tim Baron on "The Riches of the Kingdom"
(Matthew 19:13-30)

9:00am Carlton

Kevin Yeung on "Fighting the Real Fight"
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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

FIT Camp - for years 7-12

Thursday 5 - Sunday 8 October
Register at www.snac.org.au/fit

SNAC Women

Saturday 21st October, 9am-4pm
Register at www.snac.org.au/snacwomen

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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 Percival St

10:30am Carlton (Contact Phil)

Carlton Public School, entry via Cameron St

10:30am Bexley North (Contact Jason)

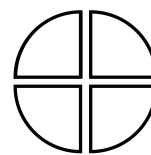
Holy Trinity, entry via Carrisbrook Ave

4:30pm Bexley North (Contact Jason)

Holy Trinity, entry via Carrisbrook Ave

6.30pm Church (Contact Troy)

Carlton Public School, entry via Cameron St



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Christmas already?! What's coming up in Gospel Teams

Sometimes in church life we can go a long time without really stopping to read and think about the stories of Jesus' birth and infancy. Each year we dip into these stories at Christmas time (with great joy!), or we look at them briefly at the beginning of a series on Luke's or Matthew's gospel, but often we don't plumb the depths of these incredible passages of scripture.

With this in mind, next term in Gospel Teams we will be spending a whole term looking at the Christmas story in Luke's gospel as we lead up to celebrating Christmas. It's my hope that as we take this slower approach to these chapters (Luke 1-2) that we would notice things that we haven't seen before, that we would be struck by these historical events, and that we would learn more about who our Lord Jesus is through the events surrounding his birth into our world.

One thing that strikes me from these chapters is the incredible statements that different people make about Jesus. Here are some of my favourites...

The angel's words in 1:32-33:

*32 He will be great
and will be called the Son of the Most High,
and the Lord God will give Him
the throne of His father David.
33 He will reign over the house of Jacob forever,
and His kingdom will have no end.*

Zechariah's words in 1:78-79:

*78 Because of our God's merciful compassion,
the Dawn from on high will visit us
79 to shine on those who live in darkness
and the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace.*

Simeon's words in 2:30-32

*30 For my eyes have seen Your salvation.
31 You have prepared it
in the presence of all peoples—
32 a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and glory to Your people Israel.*

So that's what we're looking forward to next term! Here's 2 things you can do to prepare in the meantime:

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1. Grab yourself a copy of the book *Read / Mark / Learn: Luke Volume 1* by William Taylor, which is a Bible study resource that you might find helpful as we go through Luke 1-2. It has an introduction to Luke, commentary, and questions for reflection or group study. You can get it for as cheap as \$12 online! The title of the book comes from a prayer in the Anglican Prayer Book (see below).

2. Join me in praying that God would teach us about who our Lord Jesus is, as we read his word, mark it in our hearts and minds, and learn from it. Here is the prayer you could pray from the Prayer Book where William Taylor's book title comes from:

*Gracious Lord, you have caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, **read, mark, learn,** and inwardly digest them, that, encouraged and supported by your holy Word, we may embrace and always hold fast the joyful hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.*

Troy Munns

Christianity Explained

Are you interested in finding out more about the central claims of the Christian faith? You might be investigating Jesus for the first time or you might like a refresher in the basics of the Bible. Either way, our free Christianity Explained course provides a great opportunity to:

- * Hear a clear and simple explanation of the Christian faith
- * Ask questions or remain silent
- * Read one of the accounts of Jesus' life for yourself.

We have a number of courses available:

Daytime for women (with creche):

- * 10am Tuesdays at Bexley North.
- * 10am Thursdays at Carlton.

Evenings for men and women:

- * 7:45pm Tuesdays. Starting 24th October.
- * 5pm Sundays. Starting 29th October.

Please speak to your congregational minister or contact Kevin Stepniewski (0421 286 835 / kevin@snac.org.au) if you would like to come along, if you would like to bring someone along or if you have any questions.

Welcome Afternoon Tea

Our next Welcome Afternoon Tea is coming up on Sunday 15 October. These times are an opportunity for you to meet people from church, find out more about the church and ask any questions you might have. If you have joined us in the last 6-12 months or have not been to one of our previous suppers or afternoon teas it would be great if you could come.

The details are as follows:

- Date:** Sunday afternoon, 15 October
- Time:** 2pm-4pm
- Place:** The Colgan's home, 24 Prospect St, Carlton
- RSVP:** By Tuesday 10 October on 9553 1840 or to phil@snac.org.au



St George North Anglican Church SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY



Join us this Spring for:

Introduction to the Bible

When: **Sunday afternoons 4:45-6:00pm**
beginning 15th of October over 10 sessions

Where: **St James Carlton**

Register: email netane@snac.org.au



SNAC Women 2017 - 'Godly Women in an Ungodly World'

SNAC Women 2017 is a great opportunity for women from the different SNAC congregations to get together and encourage each other as disciples of Christ. Throughout the day we will be exploring different aspects from God's word about how we are to live in a godly way in this present age. In the afternoon there will also be one-hour workshops on various topics - you will be able to choose which of the 4 workshops you would like to attend when you register. Of course there will be time to chat, pray, read and eat delicious food as well. So sign up online at www.snac.org.au/snacwomen today!

Date: Saturday 21 October

Time: 9am-4pm

Venue: Mortdale Anglican Church

Cost: \$35

For more information see one of your congregational representatives:

8.30am.....Mel Walker
9am.....Winnie Ling
10.30am Bexley North....Bri Haines

10.30am Carlton.....Cath Grant or Victoria Colgan
4.30pm.....Heather Veitch
6.30pm.....Avril Lonsdale, Jess Ko or Emily Brown

Church Finances - Giving to August

Praise God for the wonderful response to the building appeal. As at the end of August we have now raised **\$119,790!** What a wonderful answer to prayer.

We are now drawing that appeal to a close and would ask people who wish to contribute further to give to the general offertory from this time. 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.

Giving for August	\$65,494	Offertories YTD	\$531,073
Budgeted	<u>\$69,892</u>	Budgeted YTD	<u>\$559,140</u>
Shortfall	\$ 4,398	Shortfall YTD	\$ 28,067

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