

## Next Week's Bible Talks

### 8:30am Bexley

Jason Veitch on "Get ready! Stand in the Lord!"  
(Jeremiah 1)

### 9:00am Carlton

Phil Cogan on "Get ready! Stand in the Lord!"  
(Jeremiah 1)

### 10:30am Carlton

Phil Cogan on "Get ready! Stand in the Lord!"  
(Jeremiah 1)

### 10:30am Bexley North

Jason Veitch on "Get ready! Stand in the Lord!"  
(Jeremiah 1)

### 4.30pm Bexley North

Jason Veitch on "Get ready! Stand in the Lord!"  
(Jeremiah 1)

### 6.30pm Church

Phil Cogan on "Get ready! Stand in the Lord!"  
(Jeremiah 1)

## Events

### Prayer Meetings

First Saturday of every month, 8am  
Email [office@snac.org.au](mailto:office@snac.org.au) for location.

### English for Life

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

### 'Introduction to the Bible' PTC course

Ten Sunday afternoons starting 15th October  
4:45-6:00pm at St James

### SNAC Women

Saturday 21st October, 9am-4pm  
Register at [www.snac.org.au/snacwomen](http://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)

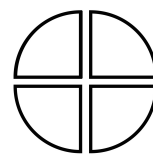
Holy Trinity, entry via Carrisbrook Ave

### 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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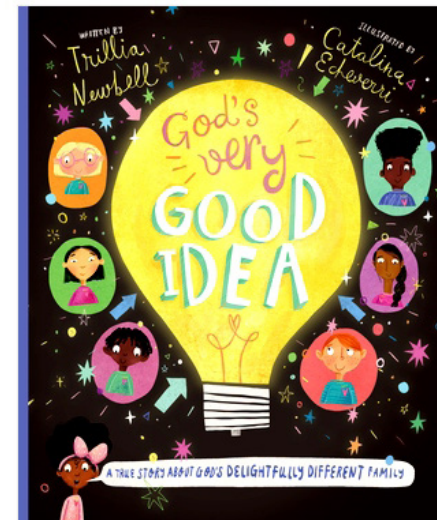
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## Book Review: God's Very Good Idea

One of my secret joys of being a Children's Minister is that I have a good excuse to find and read Christian children's books. It's the best! I'll often go searching for new ones during the holidays because it's a bit quieter. Last week I stumbled across a new book called **God's Very Good Idea: A true story about God's delightfully different family** by Trillia Newbell. It's part of the Good Book Company's series called Tales that Tell the Truth (which includes *The Garden*, *The Curtain* and *The Cross*, which is one of my favourites!). I thought I was buying a book about diversity. I was excited because I'd love a good resource on helping kids think through how to love those who are different from them. But what I got was so much better. It's really a book about the gospel!



The story goes like this...

In the beginning God had a **very good idea**! His very good idea was to make people in his image to love him and to love each other. So God made people. All people are different but they are also all the same because they are made in God's image and valued equally by him.

But then we see that **people ruined God's good idea**. All people choose not to love God and because of this all people need forgiveness.

But this was not a surprise to God! He had always planned to **rescue his very good idea**. He sent Jesus to die so that we might be forgiven. When we are forgiven God gives us his Spirit who helps us to love God and love each other.

One day God will send Jesus to **finish his very good idea**. When he comes there will be people from every tribe, language and nation in heaven, loving God and loving each other. But the good news is that we don't have to wait til then! Jesus welcomes anyone who trusts in him. God's family is full of different people loving God and loving each other.

I love so many things about this book!

1. Its pictures are wonderfully and captivatingly detailed. Bright and fun, they fill in details and give meaning to the story told through the text.
  2. Its engagement with diversity is biblical and helpful.
- Differences between people are very obvious to children. The book points out

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- these obvious differences and teaches kids to see them from God's point of view. God loves each of us equally and he made us to love each other, even those who are different from us. This is a wonderful result of being part of God's family and should be celebrated and enjoyed. What a great reminder to kids and adults alike!
- It shares the gospel. Woven through a story about diversity, God's plan from creation to new creation is clearly shown. This makes it both another tool for parents discipling their own children and a great tool for sharing the gospel with friends and family.

At around \$15 from Koorong or Book Depository, this book would make a wonderful Christmas present! I plan to give it to my nieces and nephews. I want them to grow up knowing all about **God's very good idea: lots of different people enjoying loving him and loving each other.** God made it. People ruined it. He rescued it. He will finish it.

Sarah 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.
- \* 7:45pm Wednesdays at Bexley North.
- \* 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.

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

**Date:** Saturday 21 October

**Time:** 9am-4pm

**Venue:** Mortdale Anglican Church

**Cost:** \$35

**SNAC Women 2017** is a great opportunity for women from the different SNAC congregations to get together, learn from God's word and encourage each other as disciples of Christ. There will be talks and a one-hour workshop in the afternoon - 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](http://www.snac.org.au/snacwomen) today!

For more information see one of your congregational representatives:

8.30am.....Mel Walker	10.30am Carlton.....Cath Grant or Victoria Colgan
9am.....Winnie Ling	4.30pm.....Heather Veitch
10.30am Bexley North....Bri Haines	6.30pm.....Avril Lonsdale, Jess Ko or Emily Brown

## Safe Ministry Training

Safe Ministry Training courses are running again. If you are thinking of becoming involved in Children's or Youth Ministry in 2018 (including crèche and Jitterbugz) and have not completed the Safe Ministry Essentials course then please consider attending one of these courses.

Head to <https://safeministry.training/face-to-face-safe-ministry-training-events/> for more details and to register for a course.

## 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



## Prayer Request for HSC Students

HSC Written Exams begin on Monday 16th October. The exam period finishes on 3rd November. Please be praying for the following HSC students from our SNAC youth community:

Harry Benn  
Gryffen Cunningham  
Lachlan Fitch  
Jacob Ho

Jack Hodgson  
Simon Josling  
Claire Schanzer  
Timothy Semsarian

Julia Steele  
Jessica Wise  
Timothy Wong  
Zoë Wrench

## Church Finances - Giving to August

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	Offeratories 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