

Next Week's Bible Talks

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Phil Colgan on "Vision Sunday"

9:00am Carlton

Kevin Yeung on "The Christian Hope"
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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' Carlton

Welcome Afternoon Tea

Sunday 25 November,
2-4pm at 24 Prospect St, Carlton

Confirmation service

Sunday 9 December,
6:30pm at St James' Carlton

Big Day Out 2019

Saturday 23 March 2019,
9am-3pm

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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)

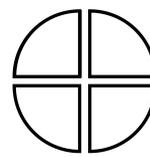
Holy Trinity, entry via Carrisbrook Ave

4:30pm 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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SNAC Women 2018: Perseverance in Suffering

The worse thing about SNAC Women? That you can't attend all the afternoon electives!

This year, we had 4 different electives to choose from and I was part of a fantastic workshop that heard from 4 different women who have persevered through suffering. These women have gone through a lot - experiencing depression, anorexia, severe anxiety, obsessive compulsive disorder, infertility, still birth, caring for a child with depression, caring for a disabled child and grief. Yet in their suffering, they testified to the goodness and greatness of our God. Here are some things we learnt from them...

For those who are **in the midst of suffering** and need help to persevere, the key theme that kept ringing was to keep meeting with God's people as you experience suffering. Fellowship with Christian brothers and sisters is a great gift that God gives to us. One of our speakers said "Often when you're suffering the temptation is to stay away from church family but we need each other more in suffering! God uses his word on the lips of our brothers and sisters to help us persevere and so we need to not give up meeting with one another." Another speaker said "During that time (of suffering and grief) a number of new people visited the church and they were drawn to Christ as a result. I strongly encourage you to resist the urge to stay away from church when you are suffering - both for your own good and for the good of the church."

Other encouragements were to listen to Christian songs and let the truths of scripture play through your mind and get professional help. Some Bible passages that these women found helpful included: Romans 8, Psalm 34:8, Psalm 46:1-3, Psalm 46:10, Psalm 73:25-26, Philippians 4:4-7, Habbakuk 3:17-19, Isaiah 41:10, Isaiah 43:2, 1 Peter 5:7, Proverbs 3:5-6 and Joshua 1:9.

In addition, these women pointed us to the wonderful promise of the new creation where there will be no more pain, suffering or tears. Come Lord Jesus! Come!

For those who want to **prepare for suffering**, the encouragement was to take the time now to cultivate your personal knowledge of God. Be grounded in the scriptures and the knowledge that God is sovereign and good. Suffering will come so don't be surprised when it does. Be prepared.

For those who are seeking to **love people who are suffering**, a variety of helpful suggestions were raised:

- Don't avoid people who are suffering.
- Pray for them and keep praying for them.
- Take an interest in them and their situation - ask how they're going, even if it feels awkward.

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- Encourage them to get help.
- Love them. It's ok to say that you don't know what to say, but don't be dismissive.
- Offhand comments can be really unhelpful! Eg, "It will happen" with regards to pregnancy, "God doesn't give you more than you can bear", "Oh yes I know..." (You probably don't, unless you have been in the same situation as them.)
- Listen carefully and speak carefully. Don't oversimplify the sufferer's situation or provide a simple 'fix' for what they are dealing with.

To enable you to do any or all of these things, in loving others, one speaker made the passionate plea to make sure we make time to care for others.

Hope this has been helpful for you!

Amy Stepniewski

Toys 'n' Tucker



To help provide food and toys to families who otherwise might go without this Christmas, this year we as a Church have decided to support Anglicare's Toys 'n' Tucker project. We bring in food and toys over the next few weeks. Then in a few weeks' time Anglicare will pick up all of our donations and deliver them to families in need this Christmas all over Sydney.

Food items must be non-perishable and not liable to break or melt. Suggestions include Christmas cake/pudding, biscuits, sugar, coffee, long-life milk, jam, pasta and tinned ham. For toy suggestions, please see the diagram below. Please note that all items must be *new* and *not used*.

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You can bring in your donations to your congregation on the following two Sundays:

November 18th

November 25th

Or drop them at St James during the week.

Romans 8:32 says 'God did not keep back his own Son, but he gave him for us.' God has been so generous to us in giving us Jesus. Christmas is a great time for us to remember God's gift of his Son. Let's share that joy with others by being involved in this appeal. You don't have to bring much but please consider prayerfully how you might support others less fortunate than ourselves this year. Let's also be praying that God would use this Christmas to grow his kingdom!

These are some gift ideas...



Pre-school
educational toys,
games, picture books



Children
toys, outdoor games,
sporting equipment



Teenagers
vouchers/gift cards, sporting
equipment, toiletry packs

Welcome Afternoon Tea



Our welcome afternoon teas are always one of the highlights of our church calendar. 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 year or so or have not been to one of our previous suppers or afternoon teas it would be great if you could come.

When: Sunday afternoon 25 November, 2pm-4pm

Where: The Colgan's home, 24 Prospect St, Carlton

RSVP: By Tuesday 20 November on 9553 1840 or to phil@snac.org.au

More Good News – October Giving

Praise God that for the fourth month in a row, in October we were able to meet and slightly exceed our budget. This has gone a long way towards reducing the shortfall from our slow start to the year. Thank you to those who have reconsidered their giving over that time and once again we praise God for the generosity of his people.



2 Corinthians 9:6-7 – Remember this: The person who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the person who sows generously will also reap generously. 7 Each person should do as he has decided in his heart — not reluctantly or out of necessity, for God loves a cheerful giver.

	October Giving	YTD Giving
Actual giving	\$73,530	\$710,421
Budgeted giving	\$73,179	\$731,790
Monthly surplus	\$351	
Year-to-date shortfall		\$21,369

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

Bank: Westpac

A/C Name: Parish of St George North General A/C

BSB: 032 158

Account No.: 268126