

AT ST JUDE'S

SUNDAY DECEMBER 09

8.00am Holy Communion
 9.30am Contemporary Service-Lords Supper
 10.00am Service of Word & prayer
 5.30pm Live

SUNDAY DECEMBER 16

8.00am Holy Communion
 9.30am Contemporary Service
 10.00am Holy Communion
 5.30pm Live

SUNDAY DECEMBER 23

8.00am Holy Communion
 10.00am COMBINED Service of Word & Prayer
 5.30pm Live
 7.30pm Lessons & Carols

MONDAY DECEMBER 24

5.00pm Children's Nativity Service
 9.00pm Contemporary in the Traditional Church
 11.00pm Holy Communion

Christmas Day TUESDAY DECEMBER 25

8.00am Holy Communion
 9.00am Contemporary Service
 10.00am Holy Communion

SUNDAY DECEMBER 30

8.00am Holy Communion
 9.30am Contemporary Service
 10.00am Service of Word and prayer
 5.30pm Live

Sermon:

Hope for the Sinner

Gavin Perkins

Bible Readings:

Luke 1:57-80 Isaiah 9:1-7

Details for Electronic Church Giving

Account name:

St Simon and St Jude's Anglican Church

BSB: 082-476

8 am service

A/N: 84-659-6063

10 am service

A/N: 84-659-6127

9:30 am service

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5:30 pm service

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The Unsettling Power of Beauty

For many today there is disinterest and apathy towards the big questions of life, and with that mindset people feel that religion is irrelevant. Why bother with the answers Christianity provides when I'm not even asking the questions?

In that context it's worth having in mind some pressure points – ideas and experiences that might get under the skin of a lethargic, seemingly content secular person.

One such pressure point is our experience of beauty. If we are simply accidents of nature then what is beauty – and yet we deeply sense such beauty.

When we look at a gorgeous sunset or our own precious child, or when we hear a breathtaking story, we intuitively assume a deeper and fuller significance than a purely secular framework provides.

Christians have an answer. Beauty exists because God exists, and that all that is true and beautiful is from God himself.

And yet, in this fallen world our experience of beauty is but a shadow of what is to come. Each glimpse makes us long for the coming day when beauty will be fully renewed into a perfect state. Beauty lures our hearts forward.

C.S. Lewis spoke about this in his 1941 sermon "The Weight of Glory".

"The books or the music in which we thought beauty was located will betray us if we trust to them; it was not in them, it only came through them, and what came through them was longing... They are not the thing itself, they are only the scent of a flower we have not found, the echo of a tune we have not heard, news from a country we have never visited... We usually notice [beauty] just as the moment of vision dies away, as the music ends or as the landscape loses the celestial light.

For a few minutes we have had the illusion of belonging to the world. Now we wake to find that it is no such thing... At present we are on the outside of the world, the wrong side of the door. We discern the freshness and purity of the morning, but they do not make us fresh and pure. We cannot mingle with the splendours we see. But all the leaves of the New Testament are rustling with the rumour that it will not always be so. Some day, God willing, we shall get in."

Christmas Flyers

Letter box drop for Christmas Services -Flyers are in the Foyer. Most Bowral streets to be covered. Please pick up a pack to hand out to your local area (it's a great way to get your steps up on your pedometer).

St Jude's Women's Ministry Breakfast 2019 - Save the Date

The Annual Women's Ministry Breakfast is on 23 February 2019 at the Mittagong RSL, Please save the date to come along to hear what is happening at St Judes for Women's Ministry in 2019.

Lost Property

The lost property basket is full (including lots of kitchen items that have been left behind after functions). Please have a look through and reclaim your items, otherwise all will be given to charity at the end of December.

Retired Mens Group

Next meeting of the RMG **Friday 14th December 2018 10.00am**

Speaker: **Tom Treseder** of **Megavoice** "With Man it is impossible - But ? ?"
All men are most welcome



Newsletters from the **Oldfields in Cloncurry** and from **John and Jan Bales in Greenacre** are available at the enquiry desk and at the back of the church and auditorium.

Addresses of our link Missionaries are below, please feel free to send them Christmas cards or letters of support, they all appreciate your support and kind words.

- **Rev Ian and Mrs Narelle Hadfield and Bethany Hadfield**

Flat B, 138 Nathan Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon, Hong Kong

- **Rev John and Mrs Jan Bales**

19 Latvia Ave, Greenacre, NSW 2190

- **Rev Captain Rod and Mrs Christene Oldfield**

PO Box 54, Cloncurry, Queensland 4824

- **Phil and Lynn Miles**

41 Plunkett St, Nowra, NSW 2541

- **Pastor Kalyan**

House 17, Road 1, Sector 9 Uttara, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

DIARY DATES

December

Sunday 09 K@ch BBQ 11.30am
Bradman Oval
Friday 14 RMG (Tom Treseder) 10am
Barbara May Lunch 1pm

A big thanks from Carmelo and Denise Venturini for all of your prayers and assistance while Carmelo was in hospital. It is much appreciated.



Children's Books for the K@ch kids

If anyone would like to contribute towards the cost of our book gifts for the children of St Jude's as is our tradition.....to help them grow in their faith. Please pass money on to the office or put it into a marked envelope into the collection bag.

K@ch BBQ

TODAY Sunday 9th Dec at Bradman Oval Park

Enjoy a picnic, cricket game, playground and friendship from 11.30am

Children will receive a book gift

Families A-K bring dessert

Families L-Z bring salads

Please pray for Stephen and Sharen Fifer as Stephen's mother Audrey Fifer died last week.

**If you wish to contact them:
25 Bain Place , Dundas 2117**

MUSIC AT ST JUDE'S

www.stjudesmusicassociation.com

Organ Postludes at 8am and 10am:

Toccata on "Veni Emmanuel"
... Page Long

The Berrima District Music Group

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

with

The Berrima Singers

A program of music and readings for the Festive Season



Tonight at 7.00pm

Entry by donation

Refreshments after the concert



Traditional Service of Lessons & Carols

Sunday 23 December

at 7.30pm

St Jude's Singers

Music at St Jude's 2019

A leaflet (blue) advertising details of the Classical Music Program at St Jude's is available at the back of the Church and in the Foyer.

Further details are available on the St Jude's Music Association website:
www.stjudesmusicassociation.com