

Services

Sunday 8.30am	Holy Communion (traditional)
Sunday 10.30am	All age worship (contemporary service with kids & junior youth programs)
Sunday 6pm	Sunday at Six (for the young and young at heart)
Wednesday 10.30am	Holy Communion and companion time

Next Week's Sermon

8.30am & 10.30am	6pm
<i>Ephesians 2</i>	<i>Acts 17</i>
Simon Jackson	David Bassett

Upcoming Events

Men's Convention

Sat 16 May
Concordia College

Grace Conference

Sat 30 May
Concordia College

Grace Anglican Network

Term 2 Prayer Launch

Wednesday 29 April
7pm @ St Matt's

Partner Churches

St Bartholomew's Norwood

77 Beulah Rd Norwood

Grace Church Trinity Gardens

Trinity Gardens Bowling Club
Canterbury Ave Trinity Gardens

Grace Anglican Network Office

146 Kensington Rd Marryatville

Office Hours: Mon- Thurs 9am – 1pm



Your deepest identity: *in Christ*

19 April 2015

"Hey! Who are you?" I wonder how would you answer that?...

On September 18, 2013 Tony Abbott stood before the Governor General of Australia and recited the oath of office. In that very moment when he recited the oath, he received a new identity: Prime Minister of Australia. From that moment I've wanted him to take on – over time - the full identity of Prime Minister and to behave accordingly. Why? Because if he doesn't take on that identity, he can't do his job effectively, right!

As a Christian, you, too, have received a new identity. Just like Tony Abbott you were given a new identity in the very moment when you put your faith in Christ Jesus and were justified by him. The best identity! And just like the Prime Minister, it takes time and knowledge for you to grow into that new identity. All through the Christian life, you will be growing and straining to understand it in better and deeper ways, and to live as if it is true.

More than anything else, your new identity hinges on this one simple truth: You are *in Christ*. You are united to Christ, and identified with him. What a blessing! It is only through your union with Christ that you gain all the benefits of Christ. His life is your life, his death is your death, his righteousness is your righteousness - all because you are united to him.



Who are you? You are *in Christ*, and all that is His, is yours. This is your deepest identity.

Keep. Trusting. Jesus.

Simon Jackson (Senior Associate Minister)

CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED



A 7 week course exploring Christianity.

Why not join the next Course starting at St Matt's Mondays 7pm.
Beginning Monday 26 April. Facilitator: David Bassett

RSVP office@stmatts.asn.au or 8332 7715

Prayer Points

Special Needs: Joy Blanch, Judy Black & Roger Goldsworthy

Ministry team and families:

David, Susan, Thomas & Elise Bassett
(Senior Minister)

Sam, Hannah, Sophia, Elias, Joseph &
Raphael Bleby (Grace Church Minister)

Ian & Jan Bruce (Wednesday Service)

Shane and Caitlin Ellery (SAS trainer)

Danielle, Stephen, Terrence & Madeleine

Ho (St Bart's Children's Minister)

Becky Hams (Office Administrator)

Simon, Adele, Stella & Sebastian Jackson
(Senior Associate)

Greg, Sum, Isaac & Avalon Lock (Youth
Minister)

John, Belinda, Caleb, Xavier &
Emmanuelle Miller (St Bart's Minister)

Peter Sage (St Bart's one-to-one Men's
minister)

Rossie & Nick Smart (St Matthew's Homes
Visitor)

Andy & Rachel Stevens (GAN accountant)

Prayer focus: 10.30am

Praise God:

- That in Christ, by grace, we have an unshakeable identity: loved, forgiven, called.
- For the many oppressed and persecuted Christians around the world who inspire us to keep trusting Jesus.
- For the way He faithfully and generously provides for our daily needs: food, shelter, work, friends, family, arts, fitness, refreshment, rest etc.

Pray for:

- The vulnerable in our society – the widows, sick, orphans and children. May our hearts become more like God's heart and see the needs of people and respond with practical generosity.
- The indigenous people of Australia that they may come to know the love of Jesus and be renewed in Him.
- The city of Adelaide – may God bring revival to this place by pouring out His Holy Spirit and turning hearts to follow Jesus, the King!

Community Notices

BCA Boxes

The BCA boxes are now due to be handed in ready for counting. Please drop them off to the office at your earliest convenience.

Crèche helpers required

Our Wednesday morning women's Bible study is in real need of crèche helpers to help supervise our group of up to 14+ children, to allow young mums the chance to study the Bible together. Please contact Sum Lock (0410 332 422) if you are free and willing.

Joint Council – Giving Update

January & February Giving

	St M	St B	G-C
Budget:	\$69,793	\$16,354	\$9,833
Actual:	\$53,781	\$16,354	\$9,820
Difference:	-\$16,012	-\$ 696	-\$ 13

Please pray that we will be able to meet our financial needs through the generosity of God's people. Pray for good financial management and wisdom.

We encourage all members of Grace Anglican Network to consider moving to Electronic Funds Transfer for their tithes and offerings.

Account details

St Matt's & Grace Church

Name: St Matthews Church Kensington Inc

Account No: 286 016 340

BSB: 105 073

(we recommend surname and Grace or Matts as reference)

St Bart's

Account Name: Anglican Parish of Norwood

BSB: 105 900

Account No: 139 578 040

St Bart's Extraordinary Prayer Gathering

Gather with St Bart's people to seek the growth of God's kingdom in our midst, on Monday 20 April at 7.30pm at St Bart's.

St Bart's Small Group Leaders

are gathering on Thursday 7 May, 7.30-9.00pm at the Miller's house for encouragement, equipping and prayer. Please rsvp to John Miller.

Adelaide Men's Conference

Promoting the Gospel: Living for Christ in a post-Christian world at Concordia College on Saturday 16 May. Register at: www.adelaidemensconvention.org

2015 Grace Conference

Steadfast Love in bitter places at Concordia College on the 30 May. Register at: www.graceconference.org.au

Raising Kids

There will be a raising kid's workshop held at St Matthews on Monday evenings for 4 weeks. Starts Monday 4 May, for more information or to register visit:

www.graceanglicannetwork.asn.au/parenting