

## Services

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

## Next Week's Sermon

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### 8.30am, 10.30am & 6pm

*Jesus kicks the hell out of death*

Simon Jackson

## Upcoming Events

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### 'Blood, Sweat & Treason'

*CBF event – 'How Henry Olonga decided it was time to declare'*

Tuesday 1 September

[www.citybibleforum.org](http://www.citybibleforum.org)

### Elvanto Training Workshop

Today, at St Matt's, 12.30-1pm.

## Partner Churches

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### St Bartholomew's Norwood

77 Beulah Rd Norwood

### Grace Church Trinity Gardens

Trinity Gardens Bowling Club  
Canterbury Ave Trinity Gardens

### Bible College SA Open Night

On Tuesday, September 1, 6-7.30pm at  
176 Wattle Street Malvern. Register at:

[www.biblecollege.sa.edu.au/events](http://www.biblecollege.sa.edu.au/events)

### GAN Training Afternoon

September 19, From 12.30pm at St  
Matt's.

## Grace Anglican Network Office

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### 146 Kensington Rd Marryatville

Office Hours:

Mon, Wed & Thurs 9am – 12pm

Tuesday 1-3pm

### Giving Electronically to St Matt's

**BSB:** 105 073

**Account No:** 286 016 340

If you require a reference we recommend using  
your surname.



30 August 2015

## Simple Simon: learning to be generous one pity-party at a time!

Dear Grace Network,

During the last week I started to feel a little sorry for myself (*cue 'awww!'*). I was standing at the gate of my daughter's preschool near a group of parents who were laughing and chatting. As I checked my phone they talked and talked about all the great things they've done, the homes they've bought, the recent holidays they've enjoyed and the extra lessons their kids take. One even talked about his new red Porsche that was parked conspicuously nearby.

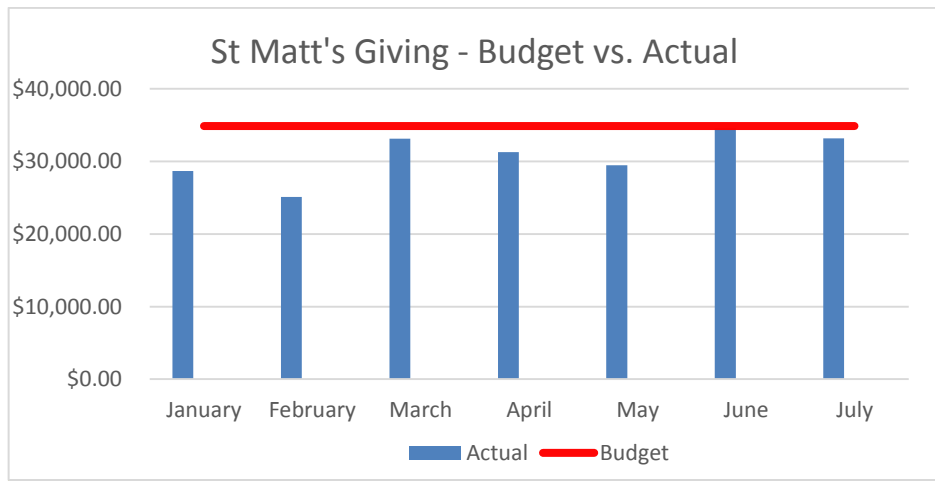
To be honest, their lives sounded pretty good. They sounded better than mine. I thought about what it must cost to take that annual trip to Europe. I thought about what it must cost to get that new kitchen. I thought about the difference a second car would make – a useful, family-friendly one versus a second car that is built purely for thrills. And for a moment I wanted it. I really wanted it all.

My pathetic little pity party lasted only a moment before it struck me: **the cost of all of that stuff is the cost of generosity.** At least, it is for some people I know. Those donations to the church, those electronic transfers to missionaries, those gifts to the ministries, those notes slipped discreetly to the person in need—add them up and they could equal some extra vacations. Put them together and you could probably upgrade your kitchen this year instead of five years from now, or you could go up a model or two on the second car. Many Christians I know choose to downgrade their lifestyle in order to upgrade their giving.

Why? At the end of day you can't take it with you—but you can send it on ahead. The money isn't gone. The money isn't misused. It's simply been redirected into a different kind of investment. If we give instead of keep, if we invest in the eternal instead of the temporal, we store up treasures in heaven that will never stop paying dividends. We find when we commit to this kind of generosity that there is greater joy both now and then.

The reality is this: you can't keep up with the Joneses when you're committed to radical generosity, and I think that's exactly how God intends it for me and for you.

Let's help and encourage one another to be generous,  
Simon (your slow-to-learn acting Senior Pastor)



## Giving at St Matts

Thanks to those who are currently giving generously to the Grace Network. Please contact me if you would like to discuss what it would look like to discuss what it would look like for you to start giving to St Matt's or if you would like to rethink your current giving (simon.jackson@stmatts.asn.au, 0402 109 827). Keep trusting Jesus!

## Prayer focus: Gospel outreach and Pastoral Care at St Matt's Homes

### Praise God for:

- The establishment of St Matt's Homes through the vision of St Matt's church and the generosity, wisdom and diligence of members of the Parish, its Board and Administrative since 1961.
- The provision of a Pastoral Visitor for the Homes: the opportunity Rossie has to serve Him in this capacity; for the opportunity to come alongside to befriend and encourage the residents and share the gospel.

### Pray for:

- Wisdom and clear vision for the Board and Administrator when looking at the future needs of the residents
- The church to embrace and reach out to those living in the St Matthew's Homes as our brothers and sisters
- Trust, for Rossie, that God would use her for His good purposes and glory, and enable her to establish relationships that honour Him

## Prayer Points

- **Special Needs:** Peter Goddard, Raymond Wong, Joy Blanch, Judy & Ian Black & Eve Shillito

### 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)  
Philip and Margaret Bassett (David's parents)

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)

## Community Notices

### Grace Network Training Day: 'Sunday Worship'

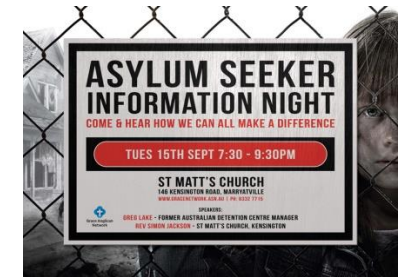
Saturday 19 September, 12.30-4.3.0pm at St Matt's. Do you currently serve in a gathering? Would you like to serve? Everyone across the network is strongly encouraged to attend our training afternoon. Enjoy a tasty BBQ lunch, choose two electives for the afternoon and sharpen your skills.

### Elvanto Training Session

Are you finding the Elvanto system hard to use? If yes, you're not alone! Today at St Matt's from 12.30-1pm join others for an education session to find out how easy it is to use and how useful it will be for us as a church.

### BCA Annual Spring Lunch

25 September, starting at 12pm at Holy Trinity City campus. Guest speaker Bishop Greg Anderson. RSVP BY 16 September: [sa@bushchurcaid.com.au](mailto:sa@bushchurcaid.com.au) Donations of cakes, biscuits, plants or craft for fundraising stall very welcome. Contact Steph James for more info: 8379 6603.



Greg Lake from Sydney will be our guest speaker. Greg spent many years running detention centers across Australia. He has first-hand experience in this and he is an excellent communicator. There will be a panel discussion after the main talk. Everyone welcome – invite your friends.

### ATSFI fundraiser movie

Support this charity to raise funds to fund medical and educational projects in Tanzania. 'A Walk in the Woods' at Trak Cinema, Toorak Gardens, on 7 September, tickets \$25 including wine and chocolates. For more info contact Judy: 0429 592 883

### Adelaide as 1

Join Christians from across the city at St Peters Cathedral for an evening of praise and worship. Monday 14 September, 6.30-8.30pm.