

## Upcoming Services

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Services will recommence at our sites on the 10<sup>th</sup> January, as follows:

Kensington	Grace City Church (Norwood)	Trinity Gardens
8.30am & 10.30am	10am & 5pm	10am

## Upcoming Events

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**CMS Summer Encounter 2016**  
14-16 Jan, Edwardstown Baptist Church.

**Grace City 5pm (formally SAS)** starts at our Norwood site 10<sup>th</sup> January.

**Equip Youth Multiply Conference**  
29-30<sup>th</sup> January at Bible College SA, register at [www.equipfac.org](http://www.equipfac.org).

## Partner Churches

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**Grace Kensington**  
146 Kensington Rd, Marryatville

**Grace City Church**  
77 Beulah Rd Norwood

**Grace Trinity Gardens**  
Trinity Gardens Bowling Club  
Canterbury Ave Trinity Gardens

## Grace Anglican Network Office

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**146 Kensington Rd Marryatville**  
Office Hours:  
Mon, Tues, Wed & Thurs 9am – 12pm

**Giving Electronically to St Matt's**  
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**Account No:** 286 016 340  
If you require a reference we recommend using your surname.



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## It's a brand new year!

3<sup>rd</sup> January 2016

You know it's a new year when every ad on TV is either for gym membership or diet supplements, the letterboxes are full of stationary catalogues and people all around you are making resolutions you very much think will be forgotten by February.

Resolutions are not always bad things. As a seventeen year old, the famous 18<sup>th</sup> century theologian and preacher Jonathan Edwards made no less than 70 resolutions for his life (ah, the enthusiasm of youth!). While you may want to make it a more manageable one or two, it's the type of resolutions Edwards made that is really instructive and worth duplicating.

Here's three elements to his resolutions that'd be worth thinking about if you're making your own:

### Edwards pursued the glory of God

Item number four on his list perhaps puts it best: "Resolved, never to do any manner of thing, whether in soul or body, less or more, but what tends to the glory of God."

### They were life resolutions, not new year resolutions

His resolutions were lifetime goals. These were resolutions that he shaped his life around and by which he measured himself. He kept regular track of his progress, journaling about his struggles and progress along the way.

### He drew from God's strength

These words precede his list of resolutions: "Being sensible that I am unable to do anything without God's help, I do humbly entreat him by his grace to enable me to keep these Resolutions, so far as they are agreeable to his will, for Christ's sake." Edwards knew he needed God's strength to do anything.

Happy new year!



## 2016: a year of new beginnings

Simon Jackson will begin as the pastor for Grace City Church (St Bart's) from 1 January. His first service at Norwood will be on 10 January.

Shane Ellery will begin as Youth and Young Adults pastor from 1 January. Grace City 5pm (formally SAS) will take up their new home and location at Norwood 5pm on Jan 10.

David Bassett continues as 8:30 pastor and begins as 10:30 pastor from 1 January.

Sam Bleby continues as pastor for Grace Trinity Gardens.

Ian Bruce continues as Wednesday 10.30 pastor.

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### Prayer Points

**Special Needs:** Roger Wheaton, Joy Blanch & Daniel, Judy & Ian Black, Felicity Gatley

### Praise God:

- Reflect on 2015 – what did you learn? How have you grown in your knowledge and love of God – praise God for His work in you over the last year
- For His gracious hand sustaining you and keeping you through whatever 2015 held for you
- That He is the God of new beginnings

### Pray

- For 2016, that in all things you might live for God's glory this year
- For all those travelling for holidays – for safety and refreshment
- for the Grace Network, that all the changes that this year brings for our congregations may work for the good of God's people and for the ever more powerful proclamation of the good news in our city

## Community Notices

### SU Beach Mission on Kangaroo Island

Please pray for the team as they are finalising their preparations ready to start tomorrow.

### CMS Summer Encounter

Focusing on 'Looking forward, looking now'

14-16 Jan at Edwardstown Baptist Church, to register visit

[www.summerencounter.org.au](http://www.summerencounter.org.au).

### Friday night at Summer Encounter

Music by Men in Boats, Speaker is Greg Anderson. Free admission (Fri night only) starting at 7pm at Edwardstown Baptist Church.

### Calling all graphic designers!

The network is looking for one or two people who have experience or have been trained in graphic designing to volunteer their skills for a few tasks. Please contact the office for more details or to express your interest.

The staff, elders and leaders of the Grace Anglican Network wish you a healthy, prosperous and blessed new year as we grow in our knowledge of Jesus and as we continue to make Him known.

### Dedication of Emily Engler

Welcome to family and friends who are here today to celebrate with Tim and Lizzie for the dedication of Emily Engler.

### Wedding of Erin and Philip

Erin Harris (daughter of Sue & Philip) and Philip Brenner are to be married at St Matts on January 9 at 2pm. All welcome to come and celebrate this happy occasion.

### Magdalene Centre donations

We encourage people to regularly contribute nonperishable food items throughout the year. Donations can be left at the GAN office

### Equip Youth Multiply Conference

29<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> January at the Bible college of SA, for students Year 10 and older and Youth Leaders. Speaker is Pete Tong. To register visit [www.equipfac.org](http://www.equipfac.org).