

## 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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**Please note there will not be regular services next Sunday.**

**Please joint us at combined Carols at 10am or 5pm**

## Upcoming Events

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**Combined Carols Services**  
10am & 5pm **Sunday 13 December**  
**St Matt's Church**

**Christmas Day services**  
8am & 9.30am – St Matt's  
9am – St Bart's  
9.30am – Trinity Gardens

**Christmas Eve Services**  
5pm Children's - St Matt's  
5pm Children's – St Bart's  
11pm – St Matt's

**Combined Services**  
**27 December 10am** – St Matt's  
**3 January 10am** – St Matt's

## 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

## 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.



**St Matthew's**  
KENSINGTON

## A Christmas Carol (or eight...)

**6 December 2015**

One of the reasons I love Christmas carols – you know, the traditional ones that you grew up singing, or at least hearing if you grew up in Australia – is that so many of them speak so beautifully and eloquently of God's great grace and work among us. 'Hark the Herald angels sing' sums up the truth and meaning of Christmas in two compact yet deep lines:

Hark! the herald angels sing  
Glory to the new-born King.  
Peace on earth and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled.

We celebrate a king! He is full of mercy and will bring us peace. Peace that issues in a deep, fulfilling, transforming relationship with God! The other day I was in the supermarket and heard these words soaring over the aisles of fruit and vegetables and the throng of shoppers. As people checked the price of cheese, something of infinite worth was being freely given! Next Sunday, the 13<sup>th</sup> of December the Grace Network is gathering at St Matthew's Kensington for our annual carols service, where you can be encouraged with deep and beautiful words of God's gracious work in the Christmas tunes you perhaps know and love. It is also an easy thing to invite people to and a powerful thing for your friends and family to experience, as they hear the gospel carolled and see the joyful community that gospel has formed.

Do come next week to carols, and pray now for who God might be prompting you to invite to come with you!

Sam Bleby (Associate Minister,  
Grace Church)





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### Prayer Points

**Special Needs:** Joy Blanch & Daniel, Judy & Ian Black

### Pray giving thanks:

- for God's grace in Christ and that he calls us to join in shining that grace to this world;
- for God's constant provision for and through his church community;

### Pray for:

- who you can invite to come to carols with you on Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup>
- those affected by the recent bushfires;
- opportunities to share Christ with someone you know this Christmas

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## Community Notices

### TEAR useful gift's shop

TEAR useful gift shop is running this year at St Matt's after the 10.30am service on Sunday. For more information contact Robyn Lakos

### Let's do lunch

Thursday Dec 10, 12 noon at Elibio's on The Parade. Topic: Christmas: Revelation and Incarnation. Bring a gift for Anglicare Food Hampers. For more details contact Rowena 8362 6409.

### Roast Lunch

Reminder that the next Roast Lunch will be on the 13 December at St Matt's at 12.30pm. There is a sheet located in the hall to write your name to indicate you will be attending. All welcome.

### St Matt's Flower and Brass roster

We are looking for more people to be involved in this ministry. Please contact the office for more information.

If anyone could help with donations of funds or flowers for Christmas please contact Pam Thompson on 8331 3815.

### Davis's Prayer Group

Next meeting of the prayer group will be on Sat 12 December at Judy Ellyatt's house. For more information contact Judy 8379 2694 or [judithellyatt@optus.com.au](mailto:judithellyatt@optus.com.au)

### Men's Breakfast

The last Men's Breakfast for 2015 will be Tues 8 Dec 7-8am at St Matt's. All men are welcome to join us for a special cooked breakfast to celebrate the year. These weekly breakfasts are a time of fellowship followed by a time of reflection and prayer. Men's Breakfast will recommence 2 Feb 2016.

### Thanksgiving for Raymond Wong

A service of thanksgiving will be held 11am Tuesday 8 Dec at St Matt's. Please pray for Rosemary, Belinda and Cameron in their grief.

### Positions Vacant

St Matthew's has 3 part time positions available starting early next year. If you or someone you know might be interested in the positions of Children's coordinator (10hrs/week), 10:30am Music coordinator (10hrs/week), GAN IT support (5hrs/week) please contact the office for a job description or arrange a time to talk with David Bassett.

### Magdalene Centre donations for Christmas hampers and gifts

Please bring donations of non-perishable food items and place them in the red bin at St Matt's.

### Christmas Cards

In the St Matt's hall there are Anglicare Christmas cards on display which can be ordered by filling in one of the order forms found next to the cards and placing it in the office door slot. For more information contact Glenys Gould 8364 1117.