



SWIZMAIL

Friday 19 August

Hello, and welcome to you from St Swithun's wherever you may be. Let us all gather together next Wednesday evening to pray for our church, our community and our world.

Please join us in person at one (or more) of our THREE Services this Sunday. The 9am service will be livestreamed.



SUNDAY@9AM: LIVE IN PERSON & LIVESTREAM THEME: "The Church – Important or Irrelevant?" BIBLE PASSAGE: Ephesians 3:1-21, Acts 9:1-6 Service Leader: Susan Smart Preacher: Peter Taylor

The livestream link is <u>http://tiny.cc/swizstream</u>

Please join us for morning tea in the PACE centre after the service.

You may also watch the service later using this same link or via our website at <u>www.swiz.org.au</u>



FAMILY CHURCH: 10.30AM IN PERSON in CHURCH **NB: THERE WILL BE NO LIVESTREAM OF THIS SERVICE** THEME: "The Church – Important or Irrelevant?" BIBLE PASSAGE: Ephesians 3:1-21 Preacher: Peter Taylor

Morning tea will be served after the service.



NIGHT CHURCH: 6:00PM IN PERSON IN CHURCH **NB: THERE WILL BE NO LIVESTREAM OF THIS SERVICE** THEME: "The Church – Important or Irrelevant?" BIBLE PASSAGE: Ephesians 3:1-21 Preacher: Peter Taylor

Refreshments will be served after the service.

A Call to Prayer

We gather at 7pm on Wednesday 24th August for concerted prayer for our church, our community, and our world. Our prayers for St Swithun's will particularly focus on our developing 5- year Ministry Plan.

Every member of St Swithun's is warmly urged to join us in the church. For those unable to attend in person, we will also provide online Zoom access to the same meeting. If you would ordinarily meet with your Home Group at that time, please bring your whole group to the church to pray instead.

Serving Opportunity

We are greatly in need of people to serve on our 9am morning tea roster. If you would like to serve our church family in this way please ring the church office on **9488** 7377 to have your name added to the roster. This is a valuable and practical way we can serve and care for each other.

Photographer Wanted.

St Swithun's needs the services of a creative photographer to assist with occasional publications and the development of a bank of stock images that can be used widely. Volunteers should get in touch on stuart@swiz.org.au.

Partnering in the Gospel

To set up direct debit, details of the church offertory account are as follows: BSB: 032 186 Account Number: 115 266 Account Name: St Swithun's Anglican Church Please note the service you attend when making the transaction.

You can **also give your offertory by credit card.** If you wish to use this method of giving, please download the <u>Debit Form</u> and return the completed form to *The Treasurer, St Swithun's Office*. Otherwise contact the church office on 9488 7377 or <u>office@swiz.org.au</u>.

If **CASH** is your way of partnering in the Gospel, please look out for



A RED SHINY BOX at each church entrance door

As the Psalmist writes, *"What shall I return to the Lord for all his benefits towards me?"* St. Swithun's Wardens and Treasurer are very grateful for your generosity and participation.

August Mission Focus

Ongoing work of the Claydons

The Mission Focus this month is for the ongoing work of David and Robyn Claydon who have been associated with St. Swithun's for many years. They have continued to inspire us with their tireless commitment to preaching, teaching, writing, nurturing and advocating for others. We have been greatly saddened by David's recent death. He will be greatly missed, and he leaves a significant legacy in the results of his years of work with refugees. David worked closely with Immigration officials in order to support applications by persecuted Christians to come to Australia.

Robyn has served as the International Women's Director for the Lausanne Movement. She is a bible teacher and preacher and a mentor to young leaders. She conducts a Women's Bible Study Group at St. Andrew's Cathedral.

Donations to the ongoing work of the Claydons may be made by:

EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer) or **Cash** bank transfer to: BSB: 032 186 Acc No: 115266 Acc Name: St Swithun's Anglican Church Reference: "For the Claydons' work".

Credit Card Please contact the Church Office on 9488 7377 or <u>office@swiz.org.au</u>. Include reference to "Claydons' work donation"

Cheque made payable to St. Swithun's Anglican Church Please mark on the back of the cheque "For the Claydons' work" and send to the Church Office.



Save the Date!



Open Day.

- Women's Friday Bible Study invites you to an Open Day on Friday, September 2nd, at 10.00am in the Church Hall.
- Our guest speaker is Dr. Betty Huen a member of our 10.30am & 6pm services.
- The morning will take the form of a Question & Answer session.
- Betty has an interesting story to tell.
- A delicious morning tea will be served from 10am.
- Invite a friend and come along to enjoy some fellowship while learning about the life of one of our own parishioners.
- Enquiries: Fran Durand (0419 699 964)

2022 PRAYER RETREAT

PATTERNS AND PROBLEMS IN PRAYER

Saturday 22 October 2022 9:00am – 2:00pm

Canisius Centre 102 Mona Vale Rd, Pymble

Leaders: Peter and Judy Taylor

Cost: \$45 (including morning tea & lunch) or \$25 (including morning tea)

Bookings Phone 9488 7377 or email office@swiz.org.au Registrations close Friday 7 October



SwizKids and SwizTweens (Yrs K-8) meets in the hall during the 10:30am Contemporary Service in school terms. This term our theme is 'God on a Mission'.

Our desire, as reformed evangelical Christians, is that every believer – no matter how young – learns to read and understand the Bible. We have been learning the song, 'Active and Alive' that reminds us that the Bible is God's Word and that the Holy Spirit interprets it for us today. Here is a link to a YouTube Version for you and the children to sing along to at home. Grandparents, wonderful aunts, and uncles, you may like to learn it as well!

YouTube link: Active and Alive (Max7 Words and actions included!)

https://youtu.be/Xi8zwCrUaeo

Active and Alive



It's awesome and exciting,	It really blows my mind
God talks to me this way,	Introduces me to Jesus,
To be my friend each day,	To be my friend each day,
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Face Masks at Church

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Date	Time	Activity		
Saturday 20 August	5:00pm	CELEBRATING THE PSALMS Church followed by refreshments in the hall		
Sunday 21 August	9:00am	TRADITIONAL SERVICE http://tiny.cc/swizstream		
	10:30am	FAMILY CHURCH Church		
	6:00pm	NIGHT CHURCH Church		
Tuesday 23 August	9:00am	WEEKLY ONLINE PRAYER MEETING. https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82548195478		
Wednesday 24 August	7:00pm	PARISH-WIDE PRAYER GATHERING Church		
Thursday 25 August	7:30am	MEN'S BREAKFAST PACE Centre		
	9:30am	EVERYDAY ENGLISH Beginner, intermediate and advanced classes In person in PACE Centre		
	11:00am	HOLY COMMUNION Church followed by lunch in lounge		

Friday	10:30am	FRIDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY		
26 August		The Gospel of Mark: The Road to Jerusalem		
		Speaker: Judy Taylor		
		Church and via Zoom		
		https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85679318071?pwd=Vk9jcEU0TDhZ		
		Ylk1NjVHbGZCbkFDUT09		
	11:30am	MEN'S GROUP BBQ LUNCH		
		PACE Centre Undercroft		
	1:00pm	MANDARIN BIBLE STUDY		
		PACE Centre		
	6:00pm	YOUTH GROUP		
		For meeting details contact		
		Tim & Emilia Oslington youth@swiz.org.au 0420 269 949		

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BBQ Lunch for Men of Swiz

12 noon Friday, Aug. 26th, 2022



Undercroft, PACE Centre 4a Merrivale Rd, PYMBLE, (entrance from Bungalow St) \$15 (Food and beverages supplied - BYO wine) Proceeds support SRE teachers INVITE FRIENDS Register ASAP but by 23rd August 2022 please (name and mobile phone number please)

David Barling - <<u>david.barling70@hotmail.com</u>> 0401 144 140

Christopher Clark - <<u>clarklawoz@gmail.com></u> 0456 610 222

Do you need someone to pick you up?

(Covid 19 rules apply)

Celebrating the Psalms



Featuring 20 of the 150 psalms in

- 6 hymns
- 5 choral anthems
- 4 chanted psalms
- 4 spoken responsories
- 4 readings

with St Swithun's Choir directed by Phillip Linquist

Saturday August 20th at 5pm



St Swithun's Anglican Church 2 Telegraph Road Pymble

Free. Followed by refreshments. All welcome!



Your Church Office

Hours: 9:30am – 2:30pm Monday to Friday. We are always happy to hear from you so please do not hesitate to get in touch on **02 9488 7377** or email <u>office@swiz.org.au</u>

MINISTRY TEAM					
Staff	Position	Email	Phone	Workdays	
Stuart Holman	Senior Minister	<u>stuart@swiz.org.au</u>	02 9488 7377	Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Sun	
Andy Bell	Assistant Minister	andy@swiz.org.au	0415 455 314	Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu. Sun.	
Nigel Gray	Assistant Minister	nigel@swiz.org.au	0432 292 820	Mon, Tue, Wed, Sun	
Christina Hollister	Seniors' Minister	<u>chris@swiz.org.au</u>	0400 600 510	Tues, Thu, Sun	
Tim Oslington	Youth Ministry	youth@swiz.org.au	0420 269 949	Fri from 4:30pm, Sun	
Emilia Oslington	Youth Ministry	<u>youth@swiz.org.au</u>	0434 251 857	Tues, Thu, Fri from 4:30pm, Sun	
Fran Durand	Pastoral Care	pastoralcare@swiz.org.au	0419 699 964	Fri, Sun	
Peter Hamilton	Organist	peter.stives@bigpond.com	0414 477 352	Sun	
Phillip Linquist	Choir & Trad. Music Director	phillip@linquist.net.au	0416 266 625	Sun	
OFFICE (Monday – Friday 9:30am – 2:30pm)					
Jean Gurusamy	Parish Administrator	office@swiz.org.au	02 9488 7377	Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri	
Dineesha Welikala	Administration Assistant	admin@swiz.org.au	02 9488 7377	Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri	
COUNSELLING					
Ruth Speziale	Counsellor	counselling@swiz.org.au	0422 602 253	Wed	



"RUOK". The answer to that question (are you OK?) may not be a simple "yes". If YOU or anyone you know need any help at all, or just a chat, please don't hesitate to call the office on 94887377 or email us at <u>office@swiz.org.au</u>



Congratulations to those with a birthday or anniversary coming up next week: Lois Fortescue, George Huen, Emma Ling, Catherine Halsall, Richard Kaan and Barry Holmes.

If you would like your birthday included in Swizmail, please contact the office on <u>admin@swiz.org.au</u> with the details.

PRAYER POINTS ...

- Please pray for our mission partners especially for the ongoing work of Robyn Claydon
- Uphold in prayer all who serve as staff and volunteers and all ministries at St Swithun's. Please pray especially for our choir, organists and choir director as they present Celebrating the Psalms tomorrow evening.
- As we remember the member churches of the Ku-ring-gai Interchurch group, please pray for Sacred Heart church, Pymble and the priests who serve there, Fr Eric Ireniusz and Fr Paul Tran.
- Please pray for our own country and countries and peoples around the world affected by the latest highly transmissible OMICRON strains of the Coronavirus.
 Pray for all those who are hospitalised and those involved in contact tracing, administering vaccinations, testing, caring for those infected and those who mourn the death of loved ones.
- Please pray with dear brothers and sisters in Christ in desperate need in the ongoing troubled nations of Burma (Myanmar), the Ukraine, Turkey, the Middle East and North & West Africa, especially South Sudan, Tunisia, Egypt, the Central African Republic, Yemen, Iraq, Syria, Zimbabwe and Nigeria. Also pray for those millions of people who have been made refugees and displaced persons and especially those affected by the Coronavirus.

- Please pray for the victims of the earthquake in Afghanistan. Pray that international aid will be quickly forthcoming to enable people to rebuild their homes and their livelihoods. Pray also for those who have lost loved ones in the disaster.
- Please pray for the people and leaders of the Ukraine. Pray that the Lord will stay the hand and turn the heart of wicked and power-hungry men so that peace and stability may be restored and further bloodshed and destruction prevented. Pray that neighbouring countries and Australia will give safehaven to those people fleeing the conflict and devastation.
- Please pray for the people again affected by flooding in the greater Sydney region and other parts of the coastal fringe of NSW.
- Please pray for the people of Sri Lanka. Pray that peace, stability and good and just government will be restored in the country. Pray also that the country's economy will recover.
- Please remember before God the many people who are struggling with physical and mental illness, grief, rehabilitation and other difficulties at present, including: Damon Beck, Scott Benton, Kevin & Ruth Brown, Sue Brown, Meg Clark, Bee Cochrane, Pauline Colbran, John Conti, Paul Cook, Barbara Dein, David Duchesne, Ian de Jersey, John Fullagar, John Isaacs, Jenny Johnson, Ralph Kahn, Joshua Knox, Tina Kropp, Phillip Linquist, David Martin, June Moon, Ruth Oslington, Terry Perrens, Molly & Wai-On Phoon, Jan and Hugh Ralston, Catherine Smart, Shirley Terracini, Judy Vasey, Sue Walker, Allan Williams, Michael Wilson, Alan Winterbotham, and the grieving family of David Claydon.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK – Author unknown

"Praise often turns losers into winners."

FROM THE BIBLE –



"For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom his whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith...."

Ephesians 3:14-17 (NIV)



PRAYER – John Wesley (1703-1791)

Thou art never weary, O Lord, of doing us good. Let us never be weary of doing thee service. But, as thou hast pleasure in the prosperity of thy servants, so let us take pleasure in the service of our Lord, and abound in thy work, and in thy love and praise evermore. O fill up all that is wanting, reform whatever is amiss in us, perfect the thing that concerneth us. Let the witness of thy pardoning love ever abide in all our hearts. Amen.

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