



St Phil's

November

To present every person in our community mature in
Christ

Anglicare

This Month's Feature

Toys 'n' Tucker is a long-standing initiative of Anglicare Sydney which aims to share the joy of Christmas and demonstrate God's love by providing food and gifts for those who would otherwise go without.

Churches, schools, businesses and community groups collect and donate new toys and non-perishable food which are then picked up and taken to the Anglicare warehouse in Villawood. Everything is sorted and packed into food and gift hampers by a team of dedicated volunteers. The hampers are then distributed to people through Anglicare's emergency relief and family support programs and by local churches. These families are all known by Anglicare and/or local churches, and known to be in need. While the food hampers provided are virtually identical in content, the toy hampers are packed by volunteers who are provided with the age and sex of each child in the family. In 2015, 2820 food hampers and 2617 toy hampers were distributed to families all over Sydney who were struggling financially.

At St Philips we have been collecting food and toys since August this year! However as well as donating goods at church you can buy a hamper online. All the funds will go directly to purchasing necessary food and toy items to be given to those who need it most.

<http://toysntucker.org.au/get-involved.php#donate>

Prayer Points

- Give thanks for the Toys 'n' Tucker program, and pray that this outreach will help those who receive a hamper to know of God's love for them.
- Pray that people will be generous in their donations to the Toys 'n' Tucker program and that there will be sufficient food, toys and funds available to provide hampers for every family in need.
- Give thanks for all the volunteers, and pray for safety for the pick-up/delivery drivers on the road and the workers in the warehouse.

For Our Prayers

CHURCH

Give thanks and pray for the development plans for our site – pray for wisdom and guidance for our Parish Council and the EGM this month.

NEIGHBOURHOOD

Give thanks for the discussions had at last month's Granny Smith Festival, may they be seeds for Gospel growth.

Pray for those who have recently been through the Lifeworks and Christianity Explored courses. May they also have a better understanding of Christianity and the saving grace of Christ.

WORLD

Father, we pray for our broken and divided world. We pray for your people suffering persecution because of their faith in Jesus. We pray you would strengthen and equip them for faithful witness. Amen.

***Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.***

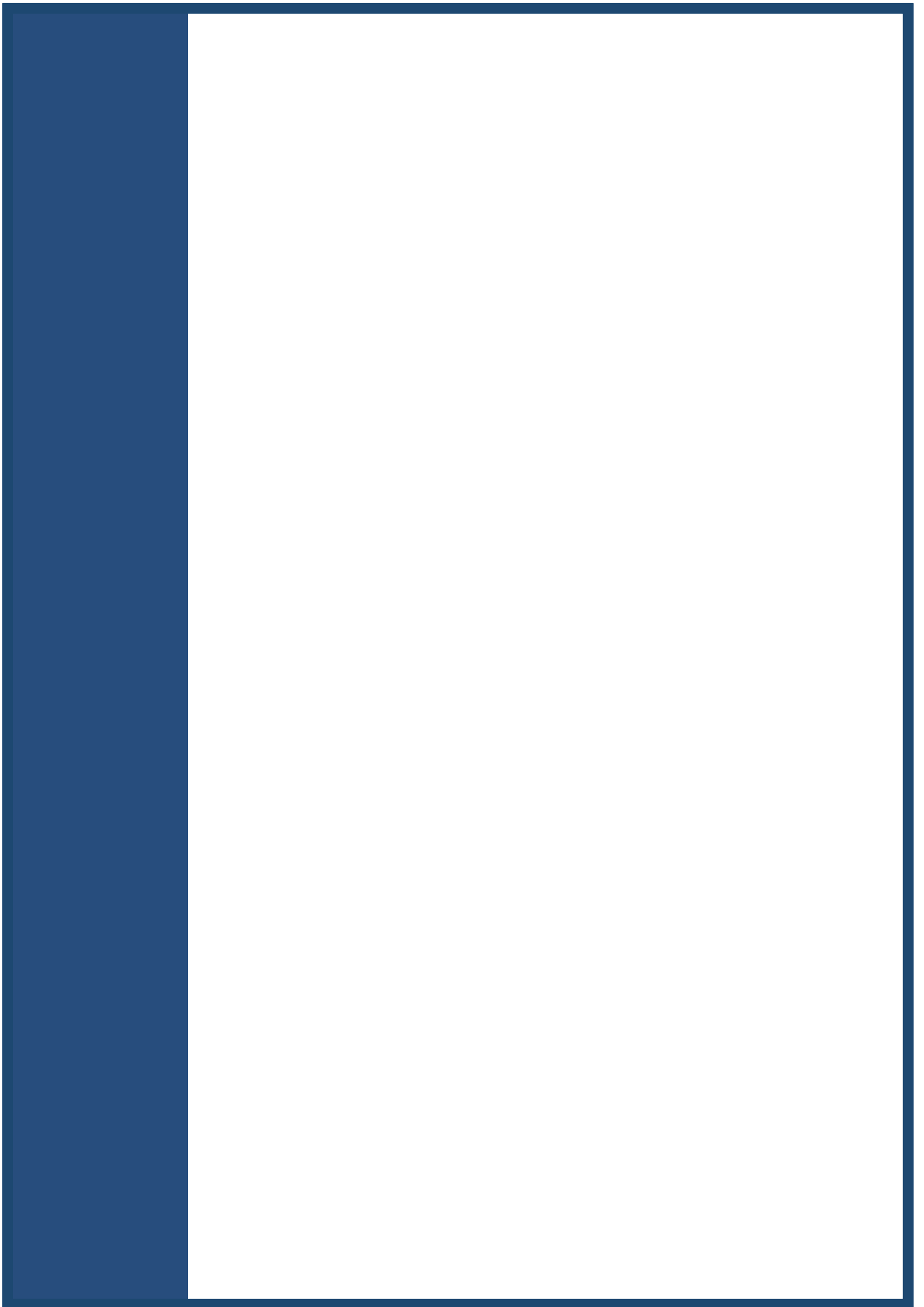
1Thessalonians 5:16-18

Giving at St Philips

If you would like to give to the ministry at St Philip's electronically, please use the following account details:

Bank: Commonwealth Bank Branch: Eastwood
Account: St Philip's Anglican Church Eastwood
BSB: 062161 **Account Number:** 10075604

When prompted for a payment description, simply enter the service you normally attend and "offertory". E.g. 9:30 English offertory



Events &

Visit our website or Facebook page for more information



FULL ON **HOLLYWOOD** FUNDRAISER

PRIZES Adults: \$20 Kids 4-12: Free

FACE PAINTING SAUSAGE PIZZA COMPETITIONS PHOTO BOOTH BAKE STAFF PING PONG SILENT AUCTION

CARNIVAL

FROM 5:30 PM **SATURDAY 12 NOV**

+ **FREE! OUTDOOR CINEMA** PROMO REVEAL

CROQUET CARNIVAL GAMES KIDS CORNER POPCORN DRINKS SNACKS

EGM re Site Development Plan



An Extraordinary General Meeting has been organized for Sunday 13 November 1pm in the church to discuss and vote on the Development Application process. If you have questions or comments, we encourage you to speak to a warden or email: buildings@stphils.org.au



Christmas Crafternoon

\$15 per person
(includes craft materials and afternoon tea)

Saturday November 19, 1:30-4:30pm



Parish Picnic

Sunday November 6
12:30pm

Darvall Park - Chatham Road, Denistone
BYO Lunch

Bring Snacks and Drinks to Share!
Fun Activities for the Whole Family!

World Mission



Our missionary, **Caroline**, asks us to pray:

- For God to equip and grow the student group leaders. They lead four small Bible study groups - that God will help them to persevere in studying God's word, to encourage group members to invite non-Christian friends and to trust the power of His word to save and transform lives.
- For Caroline, in her final preparations to cover her absence for 6 months.
- For Caroline's preparations for deputation and CMS Summer School when she returns.
- For France and surrounding European countries in a difficult social and political climate, that many people may come to faith in God through Christ Jesus.

Caroline asks us to thank God for her many praying supporters and answered prayers during her first term in France and praise him for his amazing grace seen in the lives of many students in that time.

Full update available in the foyer.

Local Mission



St Phil's is a part of a board of churches that support Matt Pettett as a part time SRE teacher at Marsden. His Newsletter will be out soon, but here are some highlights:

Yr 7 & 8 Scripture class sizes are steady and have had at least one student return from non-Scripture. Give thanks for genuine interest from the students and thought provoking discussions.

Yr 9 the Term 3 seminar was again well attended (59 of 72 students) and the challenge & discussion groups on the significance of the resurrection were a ground for fruitful conversations between students and leaders.

Lunchtime Christian fellowship group remains encouraging. The students show great faith and want to grow.

A staff prayer group has also begun in Term 4. Please pray and give thanks for this group.

Please pray the school will consent to expanding Scripture classes to include Year 9 from next year and seminars for Year 10

Parish Council Update

WARDENS: Trevor Strickland, Chris Stretton(a), Mike Lum

MINISTERS IN ATTENDANCE: David Yue(a), Mike Smith(a), Raymond Leung(a), Bruce Stanley (Chair)

COUNCILLORS: Darrel Causbrook, Peter Chik, Andrew Fairhurst, Yvonne Hall, Jenny Pullen, Philip Reichardt, Rose Shum(a), Ambrose Yip

Parish Council meets the 2nd Tuesday night of each month. Correspondence can be made to the Secretary, Mr. Mike Lum - mike.lum@gmail.com

BIBLE

The Rector lead a Bible study on Matthew 11:25-30. Discussion on how as a church we must remember to share the comfort Jesus offers to people

SITE DEVELOPMENT

A letter outlining the Extraordinary General Meeting was discussed and edited for translation and distribution to all services.

Key to this was ensuring clarity for all members of the congregations as to how the next steps of enquiry need to be assessed.

A finance committee is to be appointed by the wardens for future development planning.

Quotes were received for a site survey and this will take place in November.

OTHER MATTERS

Bank accounts: With the closure of GAB, all Church investment accounts have been moved to another financial institution, after thorough investigation and comparisons were made in relation to interest rates and accessibility needs. The wardens were thanked for all their hard work in relation to this matter.

2017 budget: Initial discussions and planning. CMS missions giving to increase in 2017 to \$13,000. Extra day of administrative assistance to be included, particularly for work with Chinese translation and data entry. These items will not greatly affect the budget for 2017. Full budget discussion next month.
Next Parish Council- November 8th

January – September 2016 Giving Update

Income required:	\$404,467
Weekly required:	\$10,371
Current Offertory:	\$389,052
Current weekly:	\$9,976
Shortfall (year to date):	\$15,415

Current Offertory is 96.2% of budget

OUR MISSION

To present every person in our community mature in Christ

1

OUR CORE VALUES

The Command to Love God and one another
The Authority of the Bible

2

OUR STRATEGY

Connect, Grow, Serve

3

Preaching Program

November

DATE	SERIES	PREACHER	PASSAGES
Nov 6 th	HEBREWS: Greater High Priest	Bruce Stanley	Hebrews 5 & 6
Nov 13 th	HEBREWS: Greater Than Melchizedek	Mike Smith	Hebrews 7 & 8
Nov 20 th	HEBREWS: Greater Covenant	Bruce Stanley	Hebrews 8 & 9
Nov 27 th	HEBREWS: Greater Sacrifice	Bruce Stanley	Hebrews 10



All sermons are recorded and are available on line at www.stphils.org.au and on iTunes: search for "St Philips Eastwood Anglican Church".

During term 4, the morning and evening services will follow the same preaching program. A Bible Study guide is available from the foyer, or online.

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