



WELCOME

WELCOME! It's great to have you here today. We really hope you enjoy our time together.

If you are new we would love to get to know you better. Please remember to grab a **welcome pack**, and we'd also love you to fill in our *welcome card so that we can keep in touch.*

At our 10am gathering we run a crèche for toddlers and a Kids' Church program for school aged kids.

Please join us for morning tea after the service.



PRAYER

Pray for our church as we set out on the year ahead. Pray that we would be united as one Body who strives to seek first God's Kingdom.

Pray for the preparation for our Weekend Away, giving thanks for this opportunity as a church to grow in our fellowship together. And pray for Cameron Blair as he prepares talks on Ephesians to help us "Live For The Gospel".

Give thanks for the various ministry activities that have started back. Pray for God's blessing on those who lead and those who attend Mainly Music, Scripture, Triple f, Alby's, Fix and our Connect groups.

Pray for SRE (Scripture) in our local primary schools having commenced this week and next, that God would bless all involved.

Pray for our church and our local community with the changes ahead. Pray for God's wisdom



TODAY

We continue our series on the "Sermon on the Mount", looking at the first half of the Beatitudes.

These 'blessed sayings of Jesus' are often misunderstood, yet they are so wonderfully instructive for us. They speak of the blessings in the present but more so the blessings in the future for those who are devoted followers of Jesus.

Our 10am service today will look like this:

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| Welcome | Communion |
| Songs | Bible Reading |
| Kids' Spot | Sermon |
| Notices | Song |
| Prayers | Morning Tea |

and guidance as we make plans for our church and pray that we can offer support to those around us.

Pray for David Jackson, undergoing surgery on his carotid artery next week. Pray for God's peace for David, Gloria and family.

Pray for Margaret Chaseling, for a quick recovery from her knee surgery. Praise God that pain is at a minimum.

Pray for those sick or recovering; Joy Wilkinson, Sandra Best, Brian Hoschke, Julia Walter, Ruthie Condon, Vic Harper, Jean Tonkin, June Penze, Helen Clapham, Dorrie Bain, Judy Demeral, Tessa Fitzgerald, Wendy Turner.

Pray for our mission partners in HopeStreet, Christchurch, PNG and Japan as they make known the good news.

COMING EVENTS

Prayer gatherings: every Wed 6.30-7:00am
Fri 7-8pm, Sun 9.30-9.50am

- 12-26 Feb Summer Series (6pm)
- 25 Feb Maximus Canyoning - Blue Mtns
- 6 Mar All Saints Easter Supper
- 10 Mar Friday Friends' Event
- 26 Mar Church AGM
- 31Mar-2Apr Church Weekend Away

WHO WE ARE?

Here at Frenchs Forest Anglican our mission is: **"To Know Life in Christ and to Share in His Love"**.

In all we do, we strive to be **Transformed Disciples of Jesus who live for the gospel.** Those growing in our relationship with God and sharing Him with all we meet.



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Knowing Christ - Sharing Life

19 FEBRUARY 2017



"Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:3

Sunday Services: 8am, 10am & 6pm

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Living Insanely (Part 1) Matthew 5: 1-12

Notes from today: _____



Challenge Your Thinking

Sunday 12 February (Nicky Lock)

The Everyday Reality Of Domestic Violence

Despite publicity given to rates of domestic violence, its prevalence isn't changing. It's important for us to talk about domestic violence so we can recognise it and help bring about change.

Sunday 19 February (Natasha Moore)

What Has Christianity Ever Done For The World?

As we look at Christianity's influence on the world, we will weigh up the good, the bad and the ugly - and the unexpected, to find a clear-eyed, humble, but confident view of its contributions to individuals and societies.

Sunday 26 February (Darren Waters)

Understanding The Uniqueness Of Christian Marriage

The past year has seen much discussion on the idea of 'Marriage Equality'. To help us engage we need to think through what is unique about the traditional Christian understanding of marriage.

Starting at 6pm each Sunday Night



NEWS



Summer Series @ Night Church

We continue our *Summer Series* tonight at 6pm. Natasha Moore will be looking at, "What Has Christianity Ever Done For The World?"

As some today question the 'goodness of Christianity', while others argue it has no place in society, we will consider the good Christianity brings to our world.

Next week: "Understanding The Uniqueness Of Christian Marriage" (Darren Waters).



Canyoning in the Blue Mountains Saturday 25th Feb

No experience necessary. No abseiling. Men, women and youth (Yr 7 and above accompanied by an adult). Great opportunity to bring a friend. (Wet suit required.) Contact Ross Allan 0404 811 838.

Sharing in the Grace of Giving

Take the opportunity at the start of this new year to reflect on your habit of giving to the ministries of our church. As everyone shares in the grace of giving we are enabled to do more and more to see God's kingdom grow. Please note new account details below.

Giving Update	YTD To Jan	Surplus/ Shortfall
General Giving	\$21,919	(\$1,233)
Building Fund	\$2,175	\$525
Far Fund	\$2,140	(\$527)

Giving at Church

We don't take up a collection but have 'Giving Boxes' at each entrance to support the work of our church. You can give electronically via our new church bank account:

Account Name: Frenchs Forest Anglican Church. BSB: 032123 Acc: 407085
Identify: "Giving"

Quote of the week

This is what the past is for! Every experience God gives us, every person He puts in our lives is the perfect preparation for the future that only He can see.

Corrie ten Boom



31st March to 2nd April

Church Weekend Away at Deer Park, Port Hacking is coming soon! Speaker: Cameron Blair.

Contact either Sylva (9452 6532) or Sonia (0412 183 590) if you have any queries.

Please return your application form ASAP!



Morning Tea in the Large Hall - Fri 10th March

WHO WILL YOU INVITE?



Safe Ministry Training Essentials / Refresher

At Northmead, East Linfield & Ryde

Safe Ministry training is part of the Diocesan Safe Ministry requirements, for all people ministering to children and youth, undertaken very three years. Info and rego link below: <https://www.youthworks.net/events/SMEEvent>

Many will remember **Matt Kidston**, a member of St Albans in the 70's-80's. Sadly Matt died on 7th February, aged 90. Messages of condolence can be sent to his son, John: 11 Maria Court, Rochedale South, Qld 4121.

Connect Groups



Our Connect Groups are a great way to build relationships, share life and get to know God better. Men's, Women's and mixed groups meet every day of the week. Contact Dave Lanham (9975 5410) about joining a group.