



MAC Update

Sunday 6 June 2020

***Knowing Christ,
Growing in Christ,
Showing Christ to the World***



A prayer for our Christianity Explored course via zoom

Sovereign Lord,

We praise you for the way of salvation through faith in your Son.

The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

In your mercy, please hear our prayer for the spread of your gospel in our community.

Thank you for the opportunity we have to run Christianity Explored via zoom this month.

Please may people who do not know you yet connect with us in this way. May they discover the joy of life in you through the forgiveness of sins.

May Christianity Explored be used to refresh the faith of others to encouraged their service to you.

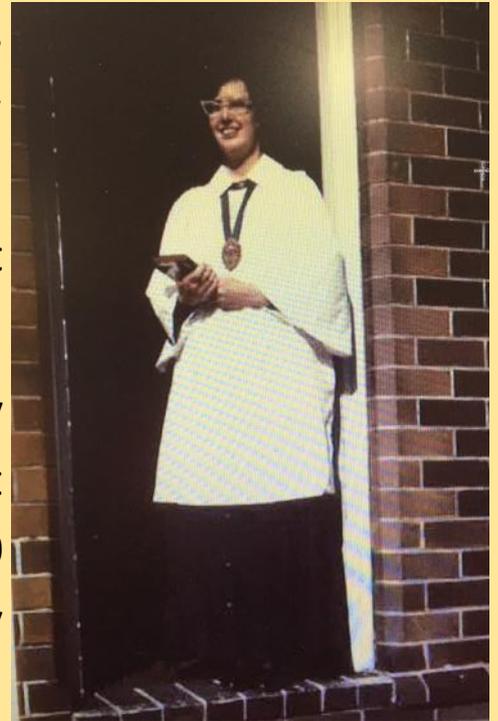


In the Church Calendar, 11th June is St. Barnabas' Day. This Thursday, Daphne Robey will be remembering being ordained as a Deaconess in St. Andrew's Cathedral, Sydney, in 1965 —

55 Years ago.

St Barnabas was an encourager which gift Daphne also feels, was given to her.

We give thanks to God for Daphne's ministry of encouragement and ongoing fellowship at St. Stephen's Mittagong, for 27 years, 10 years of which were as part time ministry staff.



Please continue to remember our regular Friday morning Prayer Time.

Although we cannot meet together at the church yet, we can still pray 'together' from 9am—10am on Friday mornings. Let's continue being vigilant in this time of isolation where we have the security of our own homes. This is a time where we need to think of others, and of our own place before God. We need to be conscious of spiritual warfare and of the need to be clothed in the whole armour of God as we read in Ephesians 6:10-18

**NEVER
DOUBT THE
POWER
OF PRAYER**

Your prayers please . . .

Please pray for Parish Council, our Church Wardens, and Michael, as we consider the Budget for 2020 in the light of our Mission:



To **Know** Christ

To **Grow** in Christ, and

To **Share** Christ with the world.

Please pray for wisdom as we aim to accomplish as many ministry targets as we can. Please pray for generosity to help us reach that goal.

Michael Blake.

Southern Highlands Women's Conference 2020 on Saturday June 13.

Southern Highlands Women's Conference will be streamed from <https://www.facebook.com/shchristianconferences/> on Saturday 13th June from 10am. There will be 4 sessions.

Kara Hartley will be speaking at two of the Sessions from Nehemiah on Honouring God in Challenging Times, and

Wendy Francis will be speaking at the other two sessions on living as Christians in our Changing Culture.

Here is the link to the trailer...

<https://shchristianconferences.com/trailer/>



As we pray together . . .

Thank God that in Australia, the move out of COVID-19 restrictions is going fairly smoothly. And **PRAISE GOD that our CHURCHES** are now open for worship. **But pray for** hurting places in our world where the virus still is not under control, **and for** all countries where fear and uncertainty have triggered serious internal and international problems. **Pray for** those who know Jesus in those lands.

Here at MAC, Worshipping our unchanging God with social distancing. **Pray for** wisdom for Michael Blake and the wardens as they plan for church services starting 14 June, but only 50 people allowed means that livestreaming must continue. **Pray that** as will both obey the laws of our land, we will respect the needs of others. **Thank God that** our treasurer's report means that the 2020 budget can be completed and plans for 2021 begin; and **pray that**, as we are able, we will be faithful givers for God's work. **Pray that** God will lead our nominators to our new Rector; **that** we continue to encourage one another through social media and phones; **that** though the letterbox drop, newcomers will join some from MAC in Christianity Explored; and learn about Jesus; and trust and grow in Him. **Pray too that** many women in our region will join the live streaming of the Southern Highlands Women's Conference 2020, on June 13. **Pray for** the many hurting and grieving among us, including Ann Sharwood whose brother Scott passed away in Peth on Tuesday.

Link Missionaries: **Pray for** Patricia, with no flights to her home in PNG still in Australia working on a major Central Asian language so that she can get a student's to enter a university near the tribal people where she has been working. She asks us to **pray that** the few Christians in the area will stand firm in their faith.

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