



# St Matthews

ANGLICAN CHURCH PRAHRAN







A caring community making disciples of Jesus

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**St Matthew's Activities**

Kid's Club & Creche : Helen Jacobs   
 Bible Study Groups: week nights   
 Tues am Bible Study / Service, 10am   
 Playgroup: Mon and Thurs, 10-11.30, Helen Jacobs   
 Baby Bundles: Edna Pahany   
 Drop-In: Tues, 11am-1pm: Viv Pye  
 Food Parcels: Mon and Wed, 11am -1pm, Viv Pye  
 Youth Ministry: Karina, Sue, Ian, Suzie, John and Cath 

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Loving God,  
 you have made us in your image,  
 creating us male and female,  
 and you have consecrated the covenant of marriage  
 so that in it is signified the spiritual marriage  
 between Christ and his Church:  
 pour your grace upon all who are married, that,  
 keeping their promise of faithfulness to each other,  
 they may reflect in their lives your love for us all;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen




**Diary Dates**

Synod 8-10th Oct  
 AGM Reports due Sun 11th Oct  
 AGM Sun 25th Oct  
 Greg's Induction (7.30pm @ St Mark's) Thurs 29th Oct  
 Daniel and Katherine's Wedding (Canberra) 1st November  
 William and Jenny Wedding Sat 12th Dec



Louise and Aron (5pm) are looking for 2 other couples to do the alpha marriage course with them and to train as leaders/facilitators. Contact Louise at lmercer@guildgroup.com.au

Today is **Annemarie's last Sunday** at St Matt's before she leaves for London.   
 Thanks, Annemarie for all you've done especially your music and for the times you've taught in Kids Club We pray you will enjoy London and find a great Christian community in which you can be encouraged and where you can serve in ministry.

**4th October**

Bible Readings		page
Psalm	3	425
Reading 1	Matthew 5:27-30	786
Reading 2	Exodus 20: 14	58

**Please keep in your prayers...**

**New term** - for students (especially Sharrad, Angie and Heidi in yr 12) we pray for great study habits, few distractions, enough energy, great understanding and retention of information. For teachers we pray for excellent preparation and stimulating presentation of the course material; for encouragement of their students.

**People of St Matts** - for all of us to strive to know God better; to read the Bible regularly and to pray; that we will grow in our love for God and knowledge of God; that our faith and trust in him will be strengthened; that our love for each other will grow; that we will serve God and please him in everything we do.

**Youth Ministry:** For Karina Swan as she takes on the role of Youth Worker, for our youth programs and our young people. Please pray for continued growth- both spiritually and numerically, for successful outreach to friends and great times together.

**St Matts people who travel regularly in their jobs:** for regular times of devotion and prayer, unexpected and refreshing Christian fellowship and maintenance of relationships at home.

**Mission of the Month:** Young people. Learning through partnership



Pray that all of the volunteers, all under 26 years of age, all keen to do something real for poverty, will be inspired by Jesus' compassion for the poor.

Thanks to God that many people who work with Oaktree follow Jesus as their saviour. Pray that they will spread the good news as they work; that more Christians would take an interest in poverty and get involved in Oaktree; that Oaktree will be successful in raising awareness in the community by running programs and events; that they will be guided in the programs, events and communities they chose so as to be most effective. Pray that the lobbying of the government and the fundraising will enable significant aid and development to be carried out.

Pray that the partnerships with developing communities in 6 countries will continue to be strong and provide opportunities to more and more young people in the developing world, to give them increased educational opportunities and therefore more power to change their world.

**mission opportunities**

**Interested in serving on a Scripture Union Beach Mission team over the Christmas to New Year break? Email su@suvic.org.au**

**Interested in serving as a leader at CMS Summer Under the Son from 15-20th January 2010? Email: Elise: emckenry@cms.org.au**

# SERMON: Commandment # 7: Adultery

04/10/09

Jeremy Elias

Exodus 20:14

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Anyone can commit adultery – ‘There is no one who is righteous, not even one.’

Marriages are broken by adultery.

Marriages point to God

Marriages work

Marriages must be honoured

flee from sin

confess your sin

sin no more

Practice compassion and forgiveness – ‘Neither do I [Jesus] condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again.’

Prayer Corner If you would like someone to pray with you, or for you, there will be someone available in the prayer area (to the right of the front) after the 5 pm service each week.

## Coming

## Events @



5 Oct, 5.30pm for a 6pm start  
CACE Public lecture presented by  
Dr Peter Adam ***Australia - whose  
land? A Christian call to recom-  
pense***

15 Oct 8pm- 9.30pm  
**Choose Ridley** (an evening for  
prospective students)

20 Oct 8.45am - 3pm  
**Visit Ridley** (experience Ridley during  
the day for prospective students)

31 Oct 7pm for 7.30pm  
**Annual Dinner** (at the Zoo)