

Can we help YOU

in any of the following ways?

- find out more about Jesus
- doing 'Christianity explained'
- having a pastoral visit
- making St Hilda's my church
- youth and children's ministries
- joining a bible study group
- developing my ministry
- Special comments, requests, prayer needs or thanksgiving;

- Please send my prayer needs to the prayer chain.

Date _____ 8am 10am 5.30pm

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Home groups

Queries to Co-ordinator Trevor Rath.

Home Groups	
Daily	9.30-10.30am Home open for prayer. 2 Warialda St. 4782 1279
Mon	
Tue:	10.00 am Katoomba. Kathy Powell 6.00 pm Leura, Sue Stones 7.30 pm W. Falls. Richard Smith 7.30 pm Katoomba. David Pettett
Wed:	10.30am Katoomba. Anne Robinson 7.30 pm Katoomba. Trevor Rath
Thu:	9.30am the church. Myra Russell 7.00 pm Katoomba. Vince Williamson
Fri:	10.00am men@shop Join us at Bing's BAMBOO BOX



Our Link Missionaries

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May 31, 2015



St Hilda's

Anglican Church Katoomba

You are welcome at St Hilda's today.

Please feel free to fill in the comments slip attached to this bulletin, tear it off and place it in the offering bag or the church mail box at the church front door. We'd love to hear prayer points, news, or if you are new we'd love to get in touch and get to know you better.

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Today is National Thanksgiving Day, an opportunity to stop and thank God for all the good things he gives us.

Just how blessed we are came home to me one night a few years ago when I realised I had forgotten to put out the garbage, and so at 11pm I begrudgingly dragged out the bin and went through the ritual of sorting the recycling with just a little resentment of good sleeping time being eaten up. Then it dawned on me just what a blessing it was to have garbage.

To live in a society affluent enough to have the amount and types of garbage I have is to live among the rich of the world. We are blessed indeed with all we have and we ought not to take for granted. The amount of food left on our plates can be an embarrassment, the amount of waste generated through my consumption makes me feel guilty and the planned obsolescence of some of the things I buy causes me to shake my head. We live in a society that is too wealthy for its own good.

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Finance Matters

Weekly Offertory Budget: \$3712
Offertory (May 24) \$ 3325
Missionary Giving (May 24) \$ 71
Building fund donations for April: \$50

DETAILS FOR DIRECT CREDIT OFFERTORY

Bank Name: Glebe Income Accounts
Account Name:
St Hildas Anglican Church Katoomba
BSB Number: 704-998
Account Number: 100 009 830
Reference: offertory

BANK DETAILS FOR DIRECT CREDIT TO THE BUILDING FUND

Bank Name: Glebe Income Accounts
Account Name:
St Hildas Anglican Church Katoomba
BSB Number: 704-998
Account Number: 100 009 967
Reference: DONATION



Sunday Service May 31 Is the gospel anti-semitic?

8am: Holy Communion
10am: Morning Service
Bible Readings:
Romans 11:11-24
Acts 7:1-16, 51-60
5.30pm: Evening service

Sunday Service June 7 "I'll have what He is having"

8am: Holy Communion
10am: Breakfast Church
Bible Readings:
Philemon 8-16
Acts 8:1-25
5.30pm: Evening service

- Mon Pray for Robyn as she chats with mothers tonight at the "Mum's Night Out". Pray the ladies will feel welcome in her home and that God would guide their conversations.
- Tue In the light of National Thanksgiving Day on Sunday who can you give thanks for today and pray for?
- Wed Pray for Graham and Wendy Toulmin to walk closely with God as they prepare to go to DR Congo; for practical wisdom and the power of the Spirit.
- Thu Pray for the ministry of Market morning as it meets today before a winter break
- Fri Pray that God may raise up the people needed to volunteer for both the KidzArtz ministry and our Winter Magic Outreach
- Sat The Dalai Lama will be speaking to a crowd at Katoomba Public school today. Pray that they may not be led into a false religion that promises so much and fails to deliver. Pray that those seeking answers may find the way



Prayer is available for you:

If you'd like someone to pray with you after the service today....

Sermon and bulletin on website

The latest sermon and weekly bulletin are also available on our website along with lots of information about our church and its ministries.

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As Christians we ought to be countercultural in these matters. We may not be able to solve the problems of world poverty. But as stewards of what we have been given, we ought to do our best to honour the one who has blessed us with more than enough. And that means more than being environmentally conscientious.

It means at least auditing the amount of consumption we engage in. Are we being greedy? Should we limit our expenditure on certain things? How much of what I buy is want based and how much is need based? What percentage should I spend on my wants?

Secondly, it means being generous, how can we help the poor? Are we open handed with all the blessings God has given us. Can you afford \$55 to feed an African family for a month, or whatever need God might lay on your heart? We can't alleviate all poverty but we can stop some of it. Jesus said; 'to those whom much is given, much will be required' (Lk 12'48)

Above all it seems to me we need to keep before us how rich we are, not just in material goods but in the relationship we've been given in the Lord Jesus Christ. Our cup overflows in every way, and as we recognise that, God willing, we will be moved to share our riches with all those we can. Next time you take out the garbage see it as an opportunity to count your blessings.

Ray Robinson

Notes

Fold along line - tear off - if you would like to leave a comment.

Text of the month.

Isaiah 40:8

The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

Exam supervision volunteers wanted

St Hilda's will be doing exam supervision on June 10, 11, 16, 18 and 19. If you are able to help please fill in the sheet at the back of the church.

They spend thousands of dollars searching and yearning for the unknown.

Luke 17:20-37

A lot of people spend their lives searching for happiness. They look for it in education, travel and career achievements.

They spend thousands of dollars searching and yearning for the unknown. A feeling... A moment.

From the people I have spoken to and articles I have read, as someone nears their deathbed they are rarely asking for a text book to read or an opportunity to make more money. Most of their desires and their regrets come down to their relationships.

It is the same for us in our faith and our search for the Kingdom of God. So many people search for the ultimate spiritual moment.

A lightning bolt from Heaven. An epiphany of eternity.

Yet our spirituality becomes real right here on earth.

The key is relationship.

The first relationship to spend our lifetime working on is with God. Prioritise it, value it and invest in it.

The second relationship is with other people. This is how we can live out the life God has called us to.

You can search the whole world for purpose only to realise it was already within your grasp.

Prayer: Lord, You are our purpose. The more we connect in with You the greater our understanding of what lies ahead. Amen.



Chosen to serve ... both body and spirit.

(Compare Acts 6&7)

Graham & Wendy Toulmin are preparing to go to the DR Congo (with CMS, leaving Australia in August), to train dentists in the new Dental School at Aru.

They ask us to ...

-Give thanks for Graham's 2 week visit to Aru in May finalising the Dental Training building and preparations for their return in August.

-Pray for their speaking with link churches and groups over the next few months to raise the needed prayer and financial support for their ministry in Congo.

-Give thanks for the wonderful assistance with the container packing and logistics, and pray for its safe transporting early July.

-Pray for good farewells with family and friends.

-Pray for the Dioceses of Aru and Nth Kivu and Bishop Andy and Bishop Isesomo. They are both amazing servants of God. Pray they will be strengthened and encouraged in the guiding of their Diocese, and protected from physical and spiritual attacks.

Prayer night for Winter Magic

On Monday 15th June, 7.30pm, there will be a prayer evening for Winter Magic. Join with other members from other churches here at St Hilda's Anglican Church. Any questions contact Michael Mallin on 0422 351 213.

Letter box drop for Kidzartz

We are looking for letter box droppers in two ways.

1. Deliver Kidzartz pamphlets over a couple of set blocks OR
2. Grab a handful to deliver in your street. Contact Michelle Seers via e-mail, phone or in person and she will arrange pamphlets for you.



Market Morning

The monthly market morning will be held this week June 4, in the church hall.

It is earlier so as not to interfere with Winter Magic.

Come and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea, and buy something special.



Scholarship Opportunity: Mountains Christian College.

I have been notified about the Mountains Christian College offering scholarships for up to 3 years for the children of church members who currently have no children at the college. If you are interested in finding out more you can read the letter on the noticeboard near the sound desk and speak to Ray. Closing date for nominations is 24th June.

Medlow Bath Day

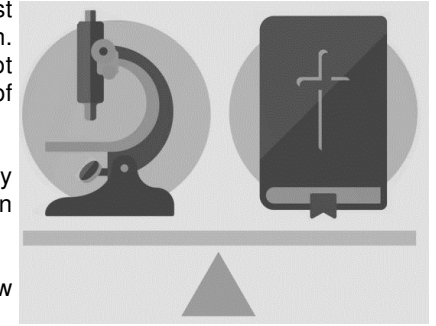
"Medlow Bath Day" Sunday 31st May 2015, Medlow Park, Railway Pde, Medlow Bath. Bring a Picnic, meet people and enjoy the Music of Pat Drummond 11am - 3pm

Father, in the details and distractions of our spiritual journey, it is so easy to look right past You and Your Son. May we see You today in a new and fresh way.

IN
Everything
GIVE
Thanks

Science or Faith?

Many people ask me, "How can you be a scientist and have faith?" Science has never shaken my faith. It's actually strengthened my faith. And I'm not alone. Lord Kelvin, who helped develop the laws of thermodynamics, said, "The more thoroughly I conduct scientific research, the more I believe science excludes atheism. If you think strongly enough, you will be forced by science to the belief in God, which is the foundation of all religion."



I watch a mosquito just flying around. Do you know how hard it is to build something that small, a package with a little brain that controls it? And then that brain is sensing me, and it's sensing the molecules that I'm emitting, and they are drawing that mosquito to me. And after he stings, he starts emitting small molecules to call other mosquitos and to say, "Come, here's meat. Right here!" All of this sophistication. And this organized flight. All this molecular sensing and interaction. Amazing design! All in a little package. Science will strengthen your faith. You look at this and you say, "Wow! How can this be done?"

Look at a cell. How does it operate chemically? It's not just a bunch of protoplasm; it's a factory. How do we get material from one end of a factory to another? With overhead tracks that move materials back and forth to areas of need in a factory. How do you get things to move from one side to another in a cell? Microtubules start constructing right across this cell to take material from one end of the cell to another along a track. And as soon as the material gets there, that microtubule breaks up into small molecules again. And then the cell uses those small molecules to build another track to bring in other material that's needed. It constructs and deconstructs so rapidly. There is so much going on inside a cell. A lot of it we understand. But there is more that we don't understand.

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Different "spheres of knowledge"

Science =
How?

Faith =
Why?