

Welcome

Happy New Year. Many of us are probably happy to say goodbye to 2020 and welcome 2021! We are no doubt more aware that all of our plans can be upended. But as we plan our calendars for the year, now is a good time to reflect on Psalm 90. Here is a timely prayer which reflects on the everlasting God and the brevity of human life. And how this should instruct us to live each day for the glory of God. So today let's be praying that the grace of Jesus would rest upon us and God would establish our work in 2021.

Our Church

Our Church is made up of three distinct congregations

- Swansea – 8am is our traditional service. We meet each week to sing older hymns, hear God's word preached to us and enjoy warm fellowship.
- Charlestown – Due to COVID restrictions we now meet twice on a Sunday morning at 9:15am and 10:30am where our Church family consists of people from 0-95. It is more contemporary but still has God's word at its heart and a real desire to connect to people within our community.
- Sunday@6 is a mixture of teenagers, uni students, and some who are a little older who like more modern music, a more informal setting, and yet still desire to learn from God's word.

Our Church also has programmes aimed at all ages

Pre-school Primary School

High School

Uni Students Adults

Sparklers playgroup every Thursday morning Crèche during Church

Kids' Church every Sunday

Kids' Club in October

Year 5-6 Socials

Year 7-8 Bible Study every Sunday

IMPACT Youth on Friday nights

Senior Youth Bible Study for Year 10-12 Fortnightly Young Adult Fellowship every Sunday night

Tuesday Home Group

Home Groups most days

Weekly prayer group

Dedicated Women's and Men's events

JOY (Just Older Youth) monthly get togethers

We are sure to have activities that will help you and your family grow in their faith.



What's Happening?

School Holidays: With NSW Schools now being on holidays for their Christmas break, many of the activities of our Church also go into recess. Many thanks to those who helped out with Sparklers, Kids' Church, SYBS, IMPACT, PWA, JOY, Home Groups as well as all those who were on any of our rosters. Well done good and faithful servants.

Christmas Break: We do see the Christmas break as a very important lull in a very busy year. So please do take a good break from things. But don't take a break from God! Please try to spend time with him each day and come to worship each Sunday whether here or while you are away! This time of year can be incredibly important to recharge our spiritual batteries, so please make the most of the summer break.

Kids' Packs: There is no kids Church today but we will be providing activity packs for primary school kids and below.

TEAR: Every year we encourage people to think about those less fortunate than yourself at Christmas time. With COVID restrictions still in place we are unable to hand out TEAR envelopes nor receive a retiring offering for their annual Christmas appeal. Could we encourage you to go to their website and make a donation instead? It might be a little harder for us to give this year but the need may even be greater than normal.

Rhema: Do you realise that our Church produces a radio programme each Sunday morning at 7:30am on Rhema 99.7? It's called God's Word for God's World. Why not check it out sometime?



For Your Prayer

- Praise God for His wonderful plan of salvation available through Jesus Christ.
- Give thanks for all the good things that God has given us this year.
- Pray for a reduction in the spread of COVID-19.
- Pray that a vaccine might go to all people regardless of nationality, age, religion or wealth.
- Pray for our missionaries. Christmas is a time where they feel isolated from their friends and family, especially this year with the travel restrictions world wide.
- Pray for those who are struggling this year with loss, loneliness, depression, or a broken heart.
- Pray that people might put their trust in Jesus today.



Charlestown

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Welcome & Prayer

Song - Holy, Holy, Holy

Bible Reading - Psalm 90:1-6

Announcements

Family Matters - Quizworx

Reflective Song - Your Word

Pastoral Prayer

Bible reading - Psalm 90:7-17

Sermon - *The Everlasting God*

Song - Undivided

Benediction - 1 Corinthians 15:54-58