

A weekly update email for members of English speaking congregations.

## This week's summary:

October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020



Thanks Giving 2020  
KYCK and SKP thanks!  
Toys 'n' Tucker  
Maintenance team  
Survey for family violence victims  
Coronavirus procedures

### 1. Thanks Giving 2020

**Next week**, October 25<sup>th</sup> is our annual Thanks Giving service. This year, we will meet separately in our regular 7 services but with shared content from all of our services. So just turn up to your usual service! All services will also be live-streamed as usual for those unable to join us.

Please also take time to prayerfully consider how you might be able to financially give to the particular projects and focus areas for this year, including ministry, missions and building work. Handouts and envelopes are available in the church foyer.

### 2. KYCK and SKP thanks!

A BIG thanks to all of our leaders who prepared and ran our two recent children and youth events – Spring Kids Plus (SKP) and Katoomba Youth Convention livestream (KYCK). Praise God for the many children and youth able to attend, hear God's word, and be able to spend time together. To all our leaders – thank you for all your amazing efforts!

### 3. Toys 'n' Tucker 2020

Each year we support the work of Anglicare with a Toys 'n' Tucker appeal. A shopping list is at the end of this update – it includes the types of items you could purchase and bring in to church for the Anglicare collection this year. All items go to Anglicare to distribute to people in need in our local communities.

### 4. Maintenance team opportunity!

We are looking at more volunteers to add to St Phil's Lawn Mowing team. If you are interested in joining the team, please contact David Smith: Mobile text: 0415620624 or email: davidmsmith1952@gmail.com

Rostering for team members is approximately once every 6 to 8 weeks, depending on the size of our team. Mowing is usually done on either Thursday, Friday or Saturday.

A big thanks to all those who serve our church by looking after our grounds.

### 5. Survey request from the Anglican Church of Australia

Also attached to the email today is a letter explaining a survey the Anglican Church of Australia is conducting to gain more information to assist people facing Family and Intimate partner violence. Please consider if you might like to complete this anonymous survey.

## Regular COVID-19 reminders:

### 6. Face masks recommended

It is **not compulsory** to wear a face mask at this time, but it is **strongly encouraged** for those able to wear one. We understand that there may be many reasons people are unable to wear a mask.

St Phil's has purchased a large number of masks for those unable to acquire one, or forget theirs at home. We prefer people to bring their own, but we will have masks available if you would like one (at no cost).

### 7. Coronavirus safety procedures in brief.

- **Max 70 people in church and 70 in War Memorial Hall.** 4 square metres per person.
- **Mingling is discouraged.** (Better to talk outside after services, at 1.5 metres)
- **Maintain a space of 3 seats between other households** (1.5 metres)
- We strongly encourage people to **wear a mask** if able.
- **No congregational singing**
- **Do not come if you are sick, been in a hotspot, or have been told to isolate**

#### Upon entry:

- Temperature checks
- Hand sanitizer
- Recording of names and contact numbers
- Disinfecting of surfaces after each service/activity

Sincerely,

Bruce

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#### Other helpful links for online services:

St Phil's Online: <http://stphils.org.au/stphilsonline/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/EastwoodAnglican/>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/EastwoodAnglican>

#### Building update -with giving details:

<http://stphils.org.au/building-project/>

#### Online resources -direct links to weekly news sheet, connect card, Facebook & YouTube links:

<http://stphils.org.au/stphilsonline/>

#### Sermons page – all sermon recordings and Bible study guides:

<http://stphils.org.au/blog/category/sermons/>

**Giving page** – we encourage all members to consider online giving, especially during this time when we cannot take up a physical collection in Church services.

<http://stphils.org.au/giving/>

## Shopping list

### Food

Here are the things we include in a food hamper. Standard sizes (as indicated) are preferred to help fit everything in neatly.

- Christmas cake
- Christmas pudding
- Tinned ham (450g)
- Tinned salmon (415g)
- Tea (50pk) or Coffee (100g)
- Milo (small tin)
- Packet of biscuits
- Dried pasta (500g)
- Pasta sauce
- Long-life milk, custard or cream
- Tinned fruit and vegetables (425g)
- Jam (500g)

### Gift ideas

#### Pre-school

- Age-appropriate games
- Educational toys
- Picture books

#### Children

- Good-quality toys
- Outdoor games
- Sporting equipment

#### Teenagers

- Gift cards/vouchers
- Sporting equipment
- Toiletry packs

Sadly we can't include chocolate as it's likely to melt.



# Anglican Church of Australia

## General Synod

September 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

### Re: National Anglican Family & Intimate Partner Violence Study The Experience Survey

Will you take part in an anonymous online survey to help us all build a more supportive Anglican Church for people who have experienced intimate partner violence?

Our Church is committed to supporting safe and loving homes and safe churches. Recognising that intimate partner violence, which forms part of domestic and family violence, is a serious and widespread problem, with enormous individual and community impacts and social costs – and that the Church is not immune - our Church seeks to improve our policy and practice to respond to these difficult issues.

Do you consider yourself an Anglican, or have an association with the Anglican Church – either historic or current? Have you had an experience of domestic abuse i.e. violence from an intimate partner? If you answered ‘yes’ to these two questions, we humbly ask that you consider sharing your perspective. If you know someone who fits this description, please consider passing on this request. This anonymous online survey contains questions about demographics (such as age and gender), personal experiences of intimate partner violence and ways in which the Anglican Church featured in your story.

[surveys.ncls.org.au/NAFVP/experience](https://surveys.ncls.org.au/NAFVP/experience)

A small number of people will also be interviewed in depth face to face. At the end of the online survey, you may indicate if you are available to be interviewed.

The Anglican Family Violence Working Group has engaged NCLS Research to undertake the research which is titled the *National Anglican Family Violence Project*. There are three studies that make up the project. Further information for participants is provided by the NCLS Research team. Once you have reviewed this information using the online link, I encourage you to complete the survey.

Grace and peace in Christ Jesus

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About the Family Violence Working Group: [anglican.org.au/our-work/family-violence/](https://anglican.org.au/our-work/family-violence/)

About the Project: [ncls.org.au/research/NAFVP](https://ncls.org.au/research/NAFVP)