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Making, maturing, & multiplying disciples of Jesus Christ for God's glory

New or Visiting? We're delighted you've been able to join us today. If you're new to St Bart's, we'd love to connect with you and hear more of your story. Please complete a next steps card in-person or online at: stbarts.com.au/nextsteps



FEATURED NEWS



Mission Partner

'M' serving with CMS.



MISSION PARTNER INTERNATIONAL
CMS: "M" serving in a region of the Middle East



St Bart's Liaison
Barry Stone



GENERAL NEWS

LIFE TOGETHER: GATHER.

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tbarts.com.au/gather

This Week on Your Frontline.

How often do you pray for the world and the persecuted church? Pick up a prayer guide to help shape your prayers.

FOCUS Weekend Away.

Please note that whilst a number of people will be away at Cooloom for FOCUS Weekend Away, services will still continue at the usual times in Toowoomba and Brisbane, on Sunday 24 May.

Name Badges. You are very welcome to order a name badge anytime. Just head to stbarts.com.au/orders to order one online (\$15 each).

Download this term's Prayer Guide. Through prayer we demonstrate our dependence on God and our desire to constantly seek out his will. Each term we prepare a *Prayer Guide* that includes short and specific points for our church, our city, and the persecuted church. Download the Prayer Guide at stbarts.com.au/grow or use the QR code above.

COMING UP

May 22-24: FOCUS Weekend

June 6: Saturday Social

stbarts.com.au/events

NEWS HIGHLIGHT

There are many opportunities to *gather* together as God's people - apart from Sundays!

Online Prayer Groups: There are a number of prayer groups that meet weekly online to pray for a range of specific areas, from children & families, evangelism, and the church plant! You're always welcome to join the prayer group for the Church Plant on Mondays 11:30am - 12:00pm. Join via zoom:

stbarts.com.au/prayer-churchplant

Saturday Social: The upcoming Saturday Social (June 6) will be a great way to connect and enjoy an afternoon of fellowship. Join with us at Sherwood Arboretum (near the playground) for an afternoon of fellowship, from 2:30pm - 4:30pm. Bring a chair and a plate to share. You can register at stbarts.com.au/events

Ridley Certificate Subjects: Each term there is a different subject available, to help us grow in our understanding. We host the course online every term, and this is another great way to meet others. From 7-9pm, the format includes watching a short lecture and then small group discussion in break-out rooms. Whilst the Romans subject is coming into Week 4, you'd still be welcome to join! Next term will be doing *Missional Prayer* led by Peter Adam, and in Term 4 *Isaiah* by Andy Abernethy. Register at stbarts.com.au/events

Small Groups: Whilst we don't have small groups yet, we would love to know who is interested. Just speak to a Next Steps team member, or complete a *Next Steps* card to let us know.

Amy Norman (*Director of Discipleship & Training*)



PRAYER THIS WEEK

Workers for the Harvest.

Pray that God will raise up more workers for the harvest, that Pray for more givers towards the Training Fund, so that more church workers may be raised up. Pray for those responding to the call to ordination, for discernment.

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CMS.

Those unwell/in need.

Charlotte, Morgan, Hannah, Robbie, Cheryl, Dell, Bill, Graham B, Reg, Josh, Alan, Tridiv, Amy F, John W.

GIVING Details

Giving in April **\$56,863**
Budgeted Amount \$70,000

Giving 2026 (to date) **\$229,008**
Budget (to date) \$280,000

Ways to financially support the ministry of St Bart's:

#1 Direct Deposit

Tithes & Offerings
BSB: 704 901 Acc: 00009650

Church Building Fund
BSB: 704 901 Acc: 00014729

#2 Scan the QR Code



BIBLE READINGS

If you don't have a Bible or a Bible app with you, you can collect one from the ushers. You're also very welcome to keep one and take it home!

SUNDAY SERVICES

TOOWOOMBA

7.30AM In-Person & Online*

9.30AM In-Person & Online*

6.00PM In-Person

* stbarts.online.church

BRISBANE

9.30AM In-Person

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SUNDAY SERMON NOTES

Series: ROMANS: Strengthened by the Gospel (4/18): Religion Isn't Enough (Romans 2:17-3:20)

by Rev'd Adam Lowe

1. You Don't Obey (vv.17-29)

2. God Doesn't Owe You (vv.1-8)

3. No One is Righteous (vv.9-20)

Sermon Series and Weekly Family Resources

Download a transcript of today's sermon by scanning the QR Code. Translation points in Korean, Dinka, Simplified Chinese and Tamil. For sermons (video, audio, transcripts), Small Group, St Bart's Kids, and Youth resources:

stbarts.com.au/sermons

Subscribe to the Sermon Podcast using your favourite Podcast app (search for "St Bart's Brisbane").



RESOURCES

LIFE TOGETHER: GIVE. Generously sharing our financial resources is one of the ways in which we share in our life together. If you're not yet a regular giver—and are interested in doing so—you can give by direct debit (details on the back of the NEWS), at St Bart's (using the box at the back of the auditorium), or online stbarts.com.au/give

Please pray that God would provide—through his people—all of the resources that we need in order to fulfil our ministry and mission as a church. Please pray that there might be more people considering becoming regular givers.

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LIFE TOGETHER: SERVE. God has entrusted each person with gifts and a part to play. Complete an expression of interest to learn more or if you're ready to serve. stbarts.com.au/serve

Please pray that we will be faithful in using our gifts, encouraging others, and developing one another for God's glory. Pray that current team needs will be generously filled in order to help fulfil our mission. Pray our teams will be growing together in unity and service.

LIFE TOGETHER: GROW. Growing as a follower of Jesus is a life-long and whole-of-life pursuit. We actively pursue maturity, especially through personal devotion and small groups. Our Training Centre, Centre for Work + Faith, and Leadership Local help us too. stbarts.com.au/grow

Please pray that we would all be active as disciples—and effective as a church—in growing in maturity. Please especially pray that people not yet in small groups might consider joining one. Please also pray that God would raise up more small group leaders.

PRAY. Prayer has been at the heart of our church. There are many ways that we participate in prayer. Check out our Engine Room Prayer groups and other lists. You can join for a short season or longer term. stbarts.com.au/prayer

Life Together - PRAY. *Please pray that we will be a people (individuals and as a whole) who increasingly hunger for God's presence and to know God's will especially through our devotion to prayer.*