



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

Anglican Overseas Aid serving globally in areas of need.

For prayer points, see the back of the news.



GENERAL NEWS

LIFE TOGETHER: GATHER.

Sundays are the heartbeat of our life together. We gather (in-person and online) to re-orientate our lives to God, confess our sin, rejoice in grace, declare Good News, feast on God's Word, experience God's holiness, and build up Christ's church.

stbarts.com.au/gather

Week on Your Frontline.

Invite someone along to join you for Carols by Glowstick, this Tuesday & Wednesday night.

St Bart's Kids Christmas

Cards. To help us point others to the good news of Jesus, St Bart's Kids has prepared a set of Christmas cards. You can order coloured cards or order a set of black & white cards ready to decorate. Order them online \$10 per pack:

stbarts.com.au/orders

FOCUS Weekend Away

2026. Early bird registrations are open! Join us next year for a weekend away to Coolumb Beach, from Friday 22 May - Sunday 24 May. There will be a great mixture of Bible teaching, time to enjoy the beach, and make new friends. This is a unique opportunity to gather with people from every congregation at St Bart's, from both Brisbane and Toowoomba, and with those who also join online. You secure your place with a 25% deposit. Find out more and register at:

stbarts.com.au/focus 7

COMING UP

in Toowoomba & livestream

Dec 9: Carols by Glowstick
Dec 10: Carols by Glowstick
Dec 24: Christmas Eve
Dec 25: Christmas Day

NEWS HIGHLIGHT

From the earliest of Christian times, Advent has been a season of waiting in eager anticipation of Christ's return. In fact, the traditional church calendar doesn't begin on January 1, but with the first Sunday of advent: we begin our Christian year in waiting! Not with—as Tish Harrison Warren puts it—“...the merriment of Christmas or the triumph of Easter. We do not begin with the work of the church or the mandate of the Great Commission. Instead, we begin in a place of yearning.” We wait with eyes and hearts ready to receive our King, but also looking back, rejoicing in God's faithfulness in coming to us throughout human history.

Advent reminds us that we're invited into relationship with the living God, who comes in Scripture's story, who came in person, as promised, and will return in glory.

With the launch of our Advent series last Sunday, I encourage you to intentionally use this time to deepen the richness of your Christmas celebrations by looking forward in anticipation of Jesus' return. Over four weeks, we're exploring the *hope, peace, joy, and love* that Jesus brings.

- **Collect a Series Guide** in-person or download it from our website.
- **Celebrate at our Carols by Glow stick evenings**, by joining in-person or online. If joining online, you might like to host a house party and invite others around.
- **Explore Advent resources.** There are a number of recommended resources in the series guide (including some Advent devotionals) that may be of help.

Adam Lowe (Senior Minister)



SUNDAY SERMON NOTES

Series: Advent (Part 2/4): HOPE – The Promise of a Saviour

by Dr. Robert Edwards

PRAYER THIS WEEK

Workers for the Harvest.

Pray for an Asst. Minister, Youth Minister, Church Planter. Pray God brings workers for the harvest.

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AOA. Uganda: Give thanks for Wise Choices for Life and its work on reproductive health. for wisdom for the 'Village Saving and Loans Association groups', that businesses will thrive; for a peaceful political transition in the entire country. Gaza: Give thanks for staff of the Al-Ahli Anglican Hospital, for strength, rest and that they would know Christ as their Saviour; for healing and restoration to the community. Mozambique: Thanks for the work of the Diocese of Nampula; pray for those facing food instability; grant wisdom to the country's leaders, for peace.

Those unwell/in need.

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

GIVING Details

Giving in November **\$51,940**
Budgeted Amount \$60,000

Giving 2025 (to date) **\$614,747**
Budget (to date) \$660,000

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 In-Person

Gifts can be placed in offertory box at rear of the auditorium.

#3 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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Sermon Series and Weekly Family Resources

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