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: <a href="stbarts.com.au/nextsteps">stbarts.com.au/nextsteps</a>



## **FEATURED** NEWS





# **MISSION PARTNER**

The Langmeads serving in Lightning Ridge with BCA.

For prayer points, see the back of the news.



Bush Church Aid: The Langmeads at Lightning Ridge



# **GENERAL NEWS**

## 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

**Week on Your Frontline.** Look for an opportunity to do a small or secret act of kindness this week.

Carols by Glowstick. Thank you to all those who helped make our Carols by Glowstick events, hugely enjoyable occasions! Pray for Gospels seeds to grow.

Cards from the Christmas Workshop. There's still time to purchase coloured or cards to decorate for \$10 each (15 cards in each set).

Advent Resources. There are a number of ways to use this Advent season to give thanks for the great gift of Jesus' first coming, but also to look forward in anticipation of Jesus' return. You could collect a series overview, borrow an Advent devotional from the Library, or memorise the passages we will be looking at.

FOCUS Weekend Away 2026. Join us next year for a weekend away to Coolum 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. You can secure your place with a 25% deposit. Find out more and register at: stbarts.com.au/focus

## **COMING UP**

Dec 24: Christmas Eve Dec 25: Christmas Day

# **NEWS** *HIGHLIGHT*

**New Assistant Minister:** Justin Lai. It is with great thanks to God that Justin Lai has been appointed to the role of full-time (Lay) Assistant Minister at St Bart's, commencing on January 27 in Toowoomba. Justin and his wife, Jacqueline, are planning to settle in Toowoomba (from Brisbane), some time in December and are very much looking forward to getting to know, being part of, and also serving this community. Justin and Jacqueline have been members of St Philip's Anglican in Rochedale for around ten years, also serving generously in a Chinese Church Plant which became St Phil's Anglican Mandarin ministry in 2023. Justin is currently in the final stages of completing his Bachelor of Theology (at QTC), having previously studied engineering and financial planningworking in the finance sector for seven years. God-willing, next year Justin will enter into the first stage of a longer process towards ordination. Jacqueline is also wonderfully gifted by God, with a heart for youth, young people and music. I'm so thankful to God for them both and can't wait for you to get to meet them.

Please join with me in giving great thanks to God for this appointment and pray for Justin and Jacqueline as they prepare to move, settle in, and take their part here in the building up of God's church. Pray also that God will prepare us to welcome them as we seek to make, mature, and multiply disciples of Jesus for God's glory. I am so thankful for the faithful prayers of so many, especially in the raising up of Gospel workers.

Adam Lowe (Senior Minister)



# **SUNDAY SERMON NOTES**

Series: Advent (3/4) JOY — Good News of Great Joy (Luke 1:39-55) 기쁨: 큰 기쁨의 좋은 소식 I YUM DE PIOU: Wël Piëth kë Yum dë Piöu I 喜乐: 极大的喜乐的好消息 I மகிழ்ச்சி: மிகுந்த மகிழ்ச்சி உண்டாக்கும் நற்செய்தி

By Rev'd Adam Lowe

# The Lord's Mindfulness

주님의 깊은 헤아림 | Tëŋ dë Nhialic | 和平宣告 | கர்த்தரின் நினைவாற்றல்

## The Extent of God's Mercy

하나님의 긍휼의 크심 | DNhialic ëë käc dë Pison dë cust | 主的眷顾 | கடவுளின் கருணையின் அளவு

#### The Arrival of the Saviour

구세주의 오심 | Bën dë Duluëëk | 救主的到来 | மீட்பரின் வருகை

# 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:



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



# **PRAYER** THIS WEEK

## Workers for the Harvest.

Pray for an Asst. Minister, Youth Minister, Church Planter; that God will stir hearts and grant courage to those he has called to be workers for the harvest. Pray for our church to come together in generosity towards the Training Fund to enable more workers to be trained.

#### Life Together - 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.

BCA. Give thanks for: 300 teens who attended the recent youth muster camp in the Armidale Diocese, good Gospel fruit from community carols event last Thursday (11/12); for the Dowling and Ogg families as they participate in ministry at Lightning Ridge. Pray for good rest and refreshment over the summer holidays, including encouragement at CMS Summer School.

# 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 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!

 TODAY
 NEXT WEEK

 Isaiah 35:1-10
 Isaiah 7:10-16

 Psalm 146
 Psalm 80:1-7

 Luke 1:39-55
 John 3:16-19

## **SUNDAY SERVICES**

7.30AM In-Person & Online\*
9.30AM In-Person & Online\*
6.00PM In-Person

\* stbarts.online.church

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