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FEATURED *NEWS*





Mission Partner

BCA (The Langmead family serving at Lightning Ridge)



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.
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This Week on Your Frontline. *How do you normally respond to having to wait? Ask the Spirit to help you.*

Carols by Glowstick. December 8 and 9! Collect some postcards and invite friends and family. Sign up on a clipboard if you are able to donate refreshments, or serve on the night.

CMS Summer School (Jan 1-6). Registrations are still open. cms.org.au

Wedding. Cassie Bibby and James Roberts extend a warm welcome to all, to attend their wedding ceremony at 4PM on Tuesday Dec 1, at St Bart's.

CHARGE Together. Join us for a special evening as we celebrate another year of CHARGE Youth and give thanks to God. RSVP for catering.

FOCUS Weekend Away. May 21-23 2027, plan to come along! Register soon for an early bird discount.

COMING UP

Nov 29: Christmas Wkshp
Dec 6: 6PM Potluck
Dec 8: Carols by Glowstick
Dec 9: Carols by Glowstick

STBARTS.COM.AU/EVENTS

NEWS *HIGHLIGHT*

Advent. 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:

> "...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."
>
> *Tish Harrison Warren, Advent*

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. At the heart of the Christian life, is not only what are we waiting for, but how we are to live whilst we wait.

In the lead up to Christmas, we're taking a whirlwind tour through the Bible to help us discover what it looks like to wait patiently. Waiting is something most find difficult to do, but the Bible has much to say on the matter!

How to make the most of advent:

- **Join a Small Group:** Advent is an ideal time to try a small group and test out a new rhythm for 2027.
- **Series Guide & Resources:** Collect or download a series guide and explore the series resources.
- **Participate wherever you can:** We have a range of events (*in-person and online*) in the lead up to Christmas which are not about being busy, but to enrich our celebration of Christmas and help others to be drawn in, too.

Adam Lowe *(Senior Minister)*



SUNDAY *SERMON NOTES*

Series: Advent: The Art of Waiting (1/5):
Waiting in (and for) the Garden (Genesis 3)
동산에서 기다리다 | 在园中等候 | தோட்டத்தில் காத்திருத்தல்
Tïït në dom yic

by the Rev'd Adam Lowe

We Wait as the Forgiven (vv.1-6)
용서받은 자로서 기다리기 | 蒙恩得赦地等候 |
மன்னிக்கப்பட்டவர்களாகக் காத்திருத்தல் |
Tïït ke kɔc cï adumuɔ̈ɔ̈mken päl piny

We Wait Without Fear (vv.7-13)
두려움 없이 기다리기 | 毫无惧怕地等候 |
பயமின்றிக் காத்திருத்தல் | Tïït ke cïn riɔ̈ɔc

We Wait with Confidence (vv.14-24)
확신을 가지고 기다리기 | 满怀确信地等候 |
உறுதியான நம்பிக்கையுடன் காத்திருத்தல் | Tïït ke ŋɔ̈th tënë Nhialic

Sermon Series and 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 Toowoomba").

PRAYER *THIS WEEK*

Workers for the Harvest. *Pray that God will raise up more workers for the harvest. Pray for those responding to the call to ordination, for discernment, pray for more to hear God's call on their lives to work in chaplaincy, as clergy and other ministry related work.*

Life Together - GATHER. *Pray that as we gather (in-person and online), that we would 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.*

BCA. *Give thanks for: recent baptisms; the opportunity to serve the community through the Anglicare Mobile Community Pantry; recent local Senior's lunch where 30 people heard the gospel. Please pray for: local families who are grieving the loss of loved ones, that they might find comfort in Jesus; upcoming Christmas Banquets, that many would attend, especially our Indigenous community; our Community Christmas Carols events and weekly Choir practice.*

Those unwell/in need. *Charlotte, Morgan, Hannah, Robbie, Cheryl, Dell, Graham B, Reg, Josh, Betty, Jan B.*

GIVING *Details*

Giving in September **$57,175**
Budgeted Amount $70,000

Giving 2026 (to date) **$631,333**
Budget (to date) $630,000

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
Gen 3:6-24	Isaiah 40:1-11
Rev 22:1-5	Psalm 85
Mark 13:24-37	Mark 1:1-8

SUNDAY *SERVICES*

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

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