



Bathurst Uniting Church

Sharing God's love by connecting people to God;
people to people; and people to community.

Newsletter

May 2022

Physical Distance - Social Connection - Community Care

Stained Glass Windows Dedication Centenary 20 May 1922- 20 May 2022

Dear friends

Bathurst Uniting Church is celebrating the centenary of the installation and dedication of the Stained Glass windows. The windows were dedicated on 20 May 1922. During the month of May 2022, we will celebrate the centenary of that event. We want to tell the stories of the donors and the people who are remembered in the windows. We also want to tell the stories the motifs of each window. All the windows bar one are of biblical motifs. The exception is of Sir Galahad, a reference no doubt to the Sir Galahad of the Order of Knights (OK's) youth ministry of the Methodist Church.

Each Sunday a window will be given attention.

We are keen to gather any family history of the people who donated towards the windows.

As one enters the church on the right at the back the New Testament Windows are:

“The Baptism of Christ” – Mrs Walker to the memory of her soldier son.

“The Sermon on the Mount” - Mrs Pascoe to the memory of her husband and son.
Matthew 5

“The Parable of the Sower” – The Helen family in memory of their father and mother.

“Mary anointing Christ's feet – Mr W Simmons in memory of his wife.
John 12

“Christ Blessing Little Children” - The Makepeace family to the glory of God.

“Christ knocking at the Door” – Mr C Clifton in memory of his wife.
Revelations 3:20

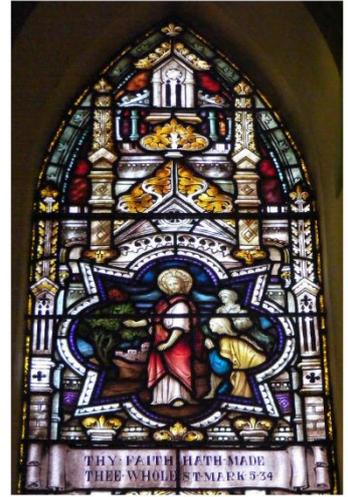
On the left-hand side from the back the Old Testament windows are:

“Abraham's Sacrifice” – The Palmer family in memory of the r parents.

“Moses the Lawgiver” – Mr Jacob Meave in memory of his solder son.

“Ruth and Naomi” - Miss Trewren in memory of her father, mother, and brother.

“David and Jonathon” – Mr A B James in memory of his wife. This window was installed sometime after the dedication of the first windows.



THY FAITH HATH MADE THEE WHOLE

“Elijah on Mt Carmel” – the Armstrong family in memory of mother and father.

“Isaiah” – the Paul family in gratitude to God.

The windows in the gallery, from the left-hand side are:

“Queen Esther” - the Blomfield family in remembrance of God’s love.

“Samuel and Eli” – Messrs E & W Williams in memory of their parents.

“Sr Galahad” – the young men of the Circuit in memory of those who went to the Great War

“Elijah and Elisha” – Erected to the glory of God in memory of mother and brother Ernest by the James family.

The windows in the gallery on the right-hand side are:

“The Visit of the Wise Men” - Mr C F Oates in memory of his father and mother.

“The flight into Egypt” - The Stevens family as a memorial to their parents.

“The Raising of Jairus’ Daughter” - The girls Club to the Praise of God’s Holy Name.

“The Good Shepherd” – the Tremain family – in memory of their father and mother.
(John 10:1-18)

“Christ and the Woman of Samaria” – In memory of Harold Morcom erected by his wife and children.
(John 4:1-42) This window was installed sometime after the dedication of the first windows.

“Jesus and Peter in the water” – in memory of Edward Allan Dash erected by his wife and family. This window was installed sometime after the dedication of the first windows.

The set of windows in the front of the church are called “The victory Windows.” The large central one was erected by the Web family in memory of Mr Edmund Webb; it has for its central figure the allegorical “Angel of Victory.”

The two side windows were erected by the Ladies Church Aid. The one on the right in honour of the pioneers of the William Street church. The one on the left is the Victory of Condescension: “Christ washing his disciples’ feet” (John 13:1-30). The window is in honour of the soldiers who died in the Great War. The main figure on the right represents “Victory of Self-sacrifice,” Christ bearing his Cross.

Who are the people behind the names? What is it that led to a window commissioned in their memory? One Hundred years is a long time, beyond a lifetime. However, we are endeavouring to trace the stories.

It is hoped that by giving attention to the stained-glass windows through May, people might, in coming months, come forward with new information that will add to our current knowledge.

If you have any information about the windows, the donors, the people remembered, and their connections to the bible motifs, please contact, Lillian Beauchamp, Kaye Price, John Judge, or myself.

Blessings, Keith Hamilton

Palm Sunday 2022 at Bathurst Uniting



Listing on the State Heritage Register

The Church has been advised that the Minister for Environment and Heritage has directed the listing of the Bathurst City Uniting Church and Chapel (including William Davidson pipe organ) and its setting. This listing was published on 1st April 2022 in NSW Government Gazette No. 142 - Planning and Heritage.

This item was listed due to its heritage significance to the people of the state of New South Wales.

BUSS Update

- The café is continuing to be popular with up to 25 visitors over the two days. The Easter barbecue was very popular and enjoyed by all the guests – a change from the frozen meals.
- The Easter biscuit afternoon for families went well. The results look great..



New activities coming up

- A support group for ex-prisoners, starting 12th May
- A Quit Smoking group program starting 16th May
- How to do maintenance on your car in June
- Written, Digital and Financial literacy in the second half of the year.

Help needed

- We are looking for a couple of people to put together dental health packs to give to people at the Chifley Clinic. We have all the contents. They just need packing up nicely. If you could help please contact Julie.
- We are also needing a few new people on the Management Team as our numbers are down a little. If you think you might be interested please contact Julie.

SAFE CHURCH AWARENESS WORKSHOPS

There is a Safe Church Awareness Workshop coming up that you can be part of. It is being run through the Catholic Diocese, but that is fine as it is recognised by other denominations.

Saturday 21 May 9.30am-2.30pm St Mary's Church gathering space at Park St, Orange.

Cost to attend either session: \$35 To Register: <https://forms.gle/fQLH15KSfLuF8FUBA>

Please let Rocelyn Read know when you have booked. The fee will be reimbursed by the congregation if you provide your receipt. There are still two seats available in Brian and Ellie's car.



Worship Services

9.30am on Sundays in the church.

1 May – Rev Keith Hamilton Holy Communion

8 May Monday Morning Bible Study group – Mothers' Day

15 May John Hoyer

22 May Rev Keith Hamilton

29 May Rev Keith Hamilton

You can join worship on Zoom by going to <http://www.bathurstunitingchurch.com.au/> and pressing the purple button.

'Sunday @ 5'

At 5pm – contemporary, informal, all ages worship in the Activities Hall.

Staying Connected

For pastoral support, please contact your Pastoral Partner, or one of the Elders, or email

BUConnect@gmail.com
and we'll put you in touch with someone.

You can also contact our minister, Rev Keith Hamilton on 0417487446 or email keith.hamilton.bathurstuc@gmail.com

How to get information/stories out there

For good news stories, upcoming events or updates to be added to the church website email Allan - allanwray@hotmail.com

If you have items for the Newsletter please send them to Ruth at revaughan@bigpond.com by 9pm on the last Wednesday before the first Sunday of the month.