



St John's Camden

12 March 23...

Dear Church

I've been thinking about Tim's sermon last Sunday. Particularly Romans 12:17-18. In these verses, the Apostle Paul explains that the ideal for the church community is for everyone to live at peace with everyone else. But the interesting thing is, that he doesn't give a blanket command. In fact, he gives a double qualification.

“Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.”

This comment is both remarkably realistic and deeply pastoral. Realistic because living at peace with everyone is not always easy, and pastoral because sometimes, despite trying, peace seems to allude us.

Paul doesn't say “if it is possible, live at peace with everyone”. Nor does he say “as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone”. Either of those should be sufficient to get the message across. But rather, he says “If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.” Spoken like someone who has his finger on the pulse!

Paul writes here that peace is the goal in Christian community—and no one should breach the peace. However, since sin is present in our world and lives, peace is often disturbed.

I would encourage all of us, myself included, when we do feel like the peace has been disturbed, to pause and reflect on Paul's command. Is there anything I have done that has contributed to this disturbance? Is there anything I can or should do to remedy it? How can I take steps in repairing this relationship?

But pastorally, Paul also acknowledges that this isn't always possible - for whatever reason. Sometimes it's not safe to speak to a person who has caused us pain, sometimes they've moved away or perhaps even died. Regardless, I am praying that we all have hearts that eagerly desire to be united because of the grace that has been shown to each one of us, as we tune-in to Jesus.

With Love,
Matt



Mission Spot... **Pray for Daniel & Rebecca Faricy in Kununurra**



- Give thanks for their newly elected Parish Council & Wardens. Pray that they'd govern well so that the gospel of Jesus will be proclaimed faithfully in Kununurra and that God's kingdom would grow.
- Pray for their Bible ESL classes, that as they teach English from the Bible this would have a great impact as the students hear Jesus' words.
- Give thanks for the rain in Kununurra and blessings this brings.

Ministry Reports for 2023 AGM...

The Camden Anglican Parish 2022 ministry reports are now available. Check your weekly email for the link or pick up a hard copy from the back of the church after the service or from the office.

What's happening...

19th March - Dinner after the 6pm service in the hall. \$5/person

25th March - Mission Prayer Meeting 7.30pm @ the McKay's
33 Elizabeth Macarthur Ave Camden

26th March - Vision and Mission Sunday.

26th March - Confirmation service, 10am.

26th March - St John's AGM 12noon in the hall.

Who can we pray for this week...

Community

- Pray for our Anglicare workers, councillors, and volunteers.
 - Pray for comfort on their hearts as they love and care for those in need.
 - Pray for strength and energy as they are confronted with the reality of human sinfulness.
 - Pray that God's spirit will wash over them giving them all that they need to love the people around them.

Ministry

- Pray for the ongoing Hope Explored course.
 - Pray for those who are new and searching that the Spirit will work in them to know the love and grace of Jesus Christ.
 - Pray that questions will be answered, and that God's word will be made clearer.
 - Pray that these nights together will be a benefit to all in their faith and life.

Congregation

- Pray for those in our community that are struggling with sickness and pain.
 - Pray for healing upon their bodies and minds as they deal with the issues before them.
 - Pray for their families as they comfort and care for them. That God will give them the strength that they need.
 - Pray that they may draw on God's strength to carry them through their pain and suffering.
 - Pray that we might see the glory of God even in times of pain and despair.

The world

- Community Development Projects
 - Pray for guidance as the Australian CDP (Community Development Projects) committee raises funds to continue this work.
 - Give thanks for the work in Africa that Marie Irving did over the last ten years of her life showing people how to come out of poverty in Kenya, Zambia, Tanzania and Uganda.
 - Praise God for the 20,000+ families that have broken the dependency cycle because of the training they received.
 - Pray for Ray and Ann Sheppard as they journey to Africa to continue their work.

Do you need prayer? Add a note to a connect card during the service and pop it in the collection plate.

Our Missionaries...

Imli & Heather Jamir Arnhem land, NT - Pioneers

Murray & Liz Benn Rural Mongolia - Pioneers

Jim & Linda Macintosh James O.Fraser Centre, Thailand - OMF

Jo The Middle East - CMS

Daniel & Rebecca Faricy Kununurra, WA - BCA

Chris & Kristy Galea Malta - CMS

Neil and Cheryl - Mission Aviation Fellowship

Service Times...

St Johns Camden: 8am, 10am, 6pm Sunday

Women's Church: 9:30am Thursday (during school terms)

St Paul's Mt Hunter: 10am Sunday except 9am 1st Sunday of the month

St Barnabas' Werombi: 10:30am 1st Sunday of the month

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Parish Councilors & Wardens

St Barnabas': Greg, Mark, Peter.

St John's: Alix, Andrew, Bev, Charles, Daniel, Ian, John, Karen, Keith, Ross, Ryan, Steve, Ted, Tim.

St Paul's: Anne, Brett, Graham.

Giving...

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