

Changing lives through grace:

Our mission is to make disciples of Christ as we connect, grow, serve, and share



‘Where O death is your victory?

Where, O death is your sting?

... But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.’

1 Corinthians 15:55-57

‘Someday you will read or hear that Billy Graham is dead. Don’t you believe a word of it. I shall be more alive than I am now. I will just have changed my address. I will have gone into the presence of God.’

Billy Graham

God loved the people of this world so much...

The world has lost one of the most significant figures of the late twentieth century with the news of Billy Graham’s death on 21 February, 2018. Billy’s extensive ministry affected the lives of millions of people around the globe as he bore witness to Jesus throughout his 99 Years. He was perhaps the most significant evangelist since the Apostle Paul.



We in Australia are especially grateful for his first visit to our country in 1959, where his crusade in Sydney of that year had all the hallmarks of revival. His later visits in 1968 and 1979 also saw many people becoming Christians.

Obviously, it is only God who can save anyone. But Billy Graham was effective because he simply asked people to trust Christ. People loved Billy Graham because he spoke the simple truth: The world is fallen, Christ is alive, and Jesus loves us—just as we are. Do you turn to him? Will you put your faith in him?

Indeed, that’s just what we’ll do as we *Celebrate Easter* together at St Martins this year and consider the love of God for us in Jesus. In a statement in 1995, Billy Graham said this:

“My favorite verse of Scripture was taught to me by my mother when I was just a little boy. *For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. John 3:16.* This is the one Scripture that I always preach on in a crusade, usually on the opening night. I suppose it is the most familiar passage in the Bible. It has only twenty-five words in the English translation of it, but it is the Gospel in a nutshell ... Whatever the colour of a person’s skin, whatever language he speaks, God loves him and God is willing to save him. To me that is marvelous. It also says that life doesn’t begin when you die, it begins here and now.”

And his favourite hymn? When asked in 2005, without hesitation, Billy Graham answered that his favorite hymn is “And Can it Be.” Written in the 18th century by Charles Wesley, the words are powerful and centered on the gospel – what do you think?

*And can it be that I should gain, an interest in the Saviour’s blood!
Died he for me? who caused his pain! For me? who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?*

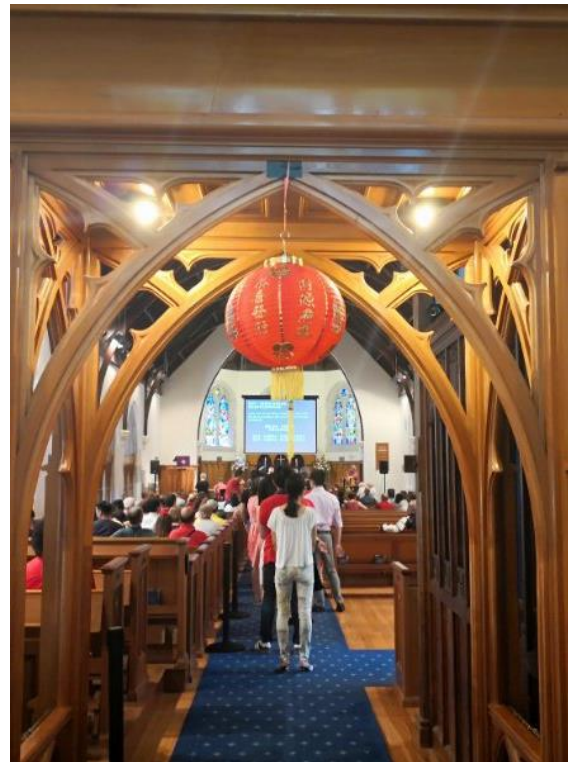
*'Without the resurrection,
the cross is meaningless.'*

*'The cross shows us the
seriousness of our sin—
but it also shows us the
immeasurable love of God.'*

*'God proved His love on the
Cross. When Christ hung, and
bled, and died, it was God
saying to the world,
"I love you."'*

Billy Graham

Chinese New Year combined service - 18 Feb, 2018



Celebrate Easter 2018

At its heart Easter shows us the love of God. As John 3:16 says, *“God loved the people of this world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who has faith in him will have eternal life and never really die.”* (CEV).

One of the deepest desires of the human heart is for love without parting. The prospect of the resurrection is far more comforting than the beliefs that death takes you into nothingness or into an impersonal spiritual substance. The resurrection goes beyond the promise of an ethereal, disembodied afterlife. We get our bodies back, in a state of beauty and power that we cannot imagine.

Jesus' resurrection body could be touched and embraced, and he ate food. And yet he passed through closed doors and could disappear. This is a material existence, but one beyond the bounds of our imagination. The idea of heaven can be a consolation for suffering, a compensation for the life we have lost. But resurrection is not just consolation – it is restoration. We get it all back – the love, the loved ones, the beauties of this life – but in new, unimaginable degrees of glory and joy and strength. Let's celebrate!



Sunday 25 March
3.30pm Palm Sunday
 Choral Evensong
Thursday 29 March
6.30pm Maundy Thursday
 supper [please RSVP]



Friday 30 March
9.30am Good Friday church
 with kids programme
11am Chinese church
 崇拜和活动均使用粤语和国语
 (普通话)双语进行



Sunday 1 April
8am Choral communion
10am Easter Day
 church with kids
 programme
 + communion
 + easter egg hunt and
 pony rides afterwards
11.30am Chinese church



Meet our new student minister Sarah Rootes

We are thrilled to welcome our new student minister Sarah Rootes! Sarah recently moved to Sydney to undertake theological study at Moore College and joins us at St Martins to assist with our youth and kids ministry on Friday nights and Sunday mornings. She has lived in Canberra since 2010, studying Sports Management at the University of Canberra and attending Crossroads Christian Church where she subsequently completed a ministry apprenticeship in 2014/15. She spent the past two years working for Stromlo Christian Church in Canberra, as the kids ministry coordinator and a leader at the youth group. Prior to that she was the events and competitions coordinator for touch football ACT.

Term One 2018 Kids Activities



Playtime in the Park

Come and join us for a FREE community sausage sizzle

Where: Greengate Park, Bruce Avenue, Killara

What: Time for kids to play & run around, and for parents to relax. Food and drinks provided.

Coffee van will be available to purchase hot drinks.

When: Sat 17th March

Time: 10am – 12 midday (Eating at 11am)



St Martins Playtime

For preschool children and their carers

Where: Kindy Hall, St Martins Killara

What: Fun, friendship, music, stories and active play for children 0-5 and their carers.

When: Tuesday mornings during school terms

Time: 10am to 12 midday

Term Dates: Term One will commence on 6th February and will end on 10th April.



Kids Church Program

 **CCs** – school age (Chomp K-2, Chew 3-6)

 **Munch** – 4/5 yrs

 **Nibble** – 2/3 yrs

Where: St Martins Church

What: A fun, engaging disciplinmaking kids program. This term's theme is Samuel.

When: Every Sunday

Time: 10am-11am. Join us for morning tea after.



Easter Sunday

Where: St Martins Church

What: Experience the Easter story with pony rides.

When: Sun 1 April

Time: 10am-11am with an Easter egg hunt and pony rides after the service.

Friday Music Playtime

NEW! Bookings essential - Fridays mornings from 9.30am, a half hour interactive music experience for baby to 4 year olds. Sing songs, use percussion instruments, dance with scarves and move to the music.

‘God undertook the most dramatic rescue operation in cosmic history. He determined to save the human race from self-destruction, and He sent His Son Jesus Christ to salvage and redeem them. The work of man’s redemption was accomplished at the cross.’

Billy Graham

‘Jesus said: “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?”’

John 11:25-26

Your generosity makes a difference

1. Set up your regular planned giving to St Martin’s

Simply text *give* to **0428 434 810** and enter your credit card details. Or download the *Tithe.ly* app. Or set up an electronic payment to: **BSB 062 195 A/C 10034848 (Description eg. “8am giving”)**

2. Will power

Have you remembered St. Martin’s in your will? Here is the suggested guidance for your solicitor:

I GIVE to the ST MARTIN’S ANGLICAN CHURCH KILLARA PERPETUAL TRUST (the sum of \$ / the residue of my estate) for the advancement of religion (as provided in the Deed of Settlement dated 4th Match 1993) at St Martin’s Anglican Church Parish of Killara Diocese of Sydney and I DIRECT that the receipt of the treasurer or other authorised officer of the Trustee of the St Martin’s Anglican Church Killara Perpetual Trust shall be an absolute discharge.

What we do... and how you can get involved

SUNDAYS

8.00am	Holy Communion, followed by tea and coffee
10.00am	Morning Church with kids programme, followed by morning tea,
11.30am	Philadelphia Chinese Church 崇拜和活动均使用粤语和国语(普通话)双语进行

HOME GROUPS

Various bible study groups and social activities take place at St Martin’s, and we regularly run Christianity Explored groups – please contact the office.

WEEKDAYS

Tuesday

10.00-12 Noon	Playtime in the kindy hall
9.30am-12 Noon	Line Dancing in the parish hall and then Table Tennis from 1pm - 3pm
11am	Lourdes Village Communion (1 st Tuesday of the month)
10.45am	Killara Gardens Communion (3 rd Tuesday of the month)

Wednesday

10am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10am-12 Noon	Mandarin Outreach Bible Study
9am-11.15am	SRE at Killara High School

Thursday

9.15am	SRE at Killara Public School (K-Yr 6)
10.00-12 Noon	ESL (English Conversation) Classes in the youth centre and parish hall

Friday

9.30-10.30am	Friday Music Playtime in the kindy hall
10am-12 Noon	Simple English Class in the youth centre
6.30-8.30pm	Friday Night Youth Group in the parish hall (Years 7-12)

WEDDINGS

27.01.18 Gary TAM & Rachel DING

BAPTISMS

24.2.18 Matilda May
COLLINGWOOD-BOOTS

FUNERALS

1.2.18 Hazel Gertrude DREWETT
6.2.18 Yvonne Patricia CAMERON

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