

*Transforming lives through
helping people connect with Jesus Christ.*



September 2018



PRIVILEGE, POSITION AND PURPOSE

Australian politics has hit a new low in the last few weeks. There have been allegations and evidence of plotting, scheming and bullying with accusations and counter claims. The toppling of Malcolm Turnbull is not new or novel. The turnover of Australian Prime Ministers in the last ten years has been distressingly frequent.

Across the political spectrum there have been calls for all our elected leaders to focus more on the interests of our citizens and less on their own personal agendas. Holding a position of privilege brings with it the burden of responsibility. It challenges us to look beyond our own interests to the needs of those around us.

Such political intrigue is not new. Centuries before Christ, the Bible records a plot to wipe out the Jewish nation. Haman, a jealous royal official seeks revenge on the Queen's uncle Mordecai, who is a Jew. He tricks the king into signing a decree to annihilate all the Jews in his country. Mordecai finds out about the plot and asks his niece, Esther, to intervene. For Esther to do so is to put her life on the line by appealing to the king.

Mordecai reminds her that her privilege doesn't guarantee her protection. He also says that her position may be God's provision for saving the nation. Here's part of the dialogue:

'Do not think that because you are in the king's house you alone of all the Jews will escape. 14 For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?' (Esther 4:13-14 NIV)

The book of Esther is intriguing. It is the only book in the Bible which doesn't mention the name of God. Yet the presence and activity of God is implied throughout it. Esther's intervention is supported by three days of fasting (and implied prayer to God). The plot is exposed and the nation saved. It is a dramatic reminder of the power of unified prayer and sacrificial leadership.

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When have you been tempted to remain silent? Have you considered that God has a purpose connected with your "position"?

Please join me in praying for our Prime Minister Scott Morrison to be God's person in his new position.

Peter Wilson

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregational meeting-

Church Council has resolved to hold a single, combined Congregational meeting on Sunday afternoon 23 September from 3-5pm. This will be an updated information session with details of the implications of the various future options for our church.

Everyone who participates in the life of our church is strongly encouraged to attend. If you can assist with childcare on the afternoon please contact Mel via Church Office.

Partnership information sessions-

Please register your interest with a member of staff or via the Church Office if you would like to attend our Partnership Information session(s). These sessions will be held during September (one evening and one Sunday afternoon). They will focus on the vision of CUC and enable already active participants in our church to affirm their commitment to this community of faith.

Funeral Service-

We will be holding a funeral service for a long standing member of our 8am Service, Ron Guyer next Thursday 6th of September at 11am. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Carol Guyer.

AGAPE

- ◆ Term 3 music tuition ends on Friday September 28th.
- ◆ Term 4 will commence Monday 15th October.
- ◆ AGAPE's "Inspiring Excellence" concert will be held at **2pm on Saturday 3rd November.**



The Prayer Chain

The CUC Prayer Chain is made up of a dedicated team of prayer warriors. If you have a need for support through prayer for any circumstance please contact one of our convenors.

Maureen Drinnan 4651 2531

Pam Stephenson 4657 1227

PREACHING PLAN - September

DATE	8am	9.30am	5.30pm
2 Sept	McKerral/Wilson HOLY COMMUNION	McKerral/Wilson HOLY COMMUNION	McKerral/Wilson HOLY COMMUNION
9 Sept	Rev Peter Wilson	Rev Peter Wilson	Rev Peter Wilson
16 Sept	Rev Peter Wilson	Rev Peter Wilson	E. McKerral
23 Sept	Rev Peter Wilson	TBA	Rev Peter Wilson
30 Sept	D. Astill	D. Astill	C. McKerral-Sunday comes to Friday 28 Sept @7:30pm
7 October	Rev Peter Wilson HOLY COMMUNION	Rev Peter Wilson HOLY COMMUNION	Rev Peter Wilson HOLY COMMUNION

ONLINE GIVING

If you would like to commence doing your tithing online we have 2 methods you can use.

1. Giving into our Main Account or 2. Giving Direct Account

The Giving Direct account is set up by Uniting Financial and each giver is allocated a number so as to remain anonymous in their tithing. Giving into our Main Account is managed by you so is therefore more flexible but unlike the Giving Direct it isn't always anonymous. Forms for the Giving Direct are at The Hub or our main account details are:

BSB: 634-634

ACC: 100026652

NAME: Camden Uniting Church Main A/C

REFERENCE: **Tithe or offering** (this is essential so we can allocate deposits)

If you would prefer to receive offering envelopes every quarter to be regular in your tithing to the church and missionaries then please contact Mel in the office and we will add you to the list, in the meantime spare envelopes can be sourced at the Hub. Any enquiries please contact the office during business hours.

EVENTS CALENDAR

September 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Church Services 8am 9.30am 5.30pm	8 9.30am Fingerprints Playgroup	4	8 9.30am Fingerprints Playgroup	6	7 7.00pm CUC Youth	8
9 Church Services 8am 9.30am 5.30pm	8 9.30am Fingerprints Playgroup	11 10am Maureen's Fellowship	8 9.30am Fingerprints Playgroup	13	14 4.30pm Kidz Connect 7.00pm CUC Youth	15
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30 Church Services 8am 9.30am	** See upcoming events for more details about Sunday comes to Friday					

October 2018						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 9.30am Ladies Church Aid	5	6
7 Church Services 8am 9.30am 5.30pm	8	9	10	11	12	13

Upcoming Events:

The Men's Breaky

8th Sept/7-9am– The Crown Hotel, Camden

RSVP today as numbers are limited, \$15

Tickets online or call 1300 XTREME (1300 987 363)

Come and hear Sam Childers “The Machine Gun Preacher” share his incredible story.

Morning Tea Fellowship

11th September/10am- Meets at the home of John and Maureen.

Please RSVP to Sue Daniels 0401396761.

Ladies Evening Fellowship-

17th September/7pm—Join with the ladies to celebrate your un-Birthday with fun, games and a word from Him who gave us age as a gift! All ladies are most welcome.

Linda Eagles 0412 246 165

LEF CHRISTMAS PARTY – advance reminder – November the 19th. For this wonderful night of fellowship, the cost remains at \$35. Please get your payment to Kay Sidman (0408 978 266) no later than the 11th of November.

Congregational Meeting

23rd September/3-5pm

This will be an updated information session with details of the implications of the various future options for our church. Everyone who participates in the life of our church is strongly encouraged to attend.

Sunday comes to Friday

28th September/7:30 Service

Join us for Church Friday of the long weekend. There will be a BBQ from 7pm, service starts at 7:30pm and coffee and dessert following the service.

NEWS

8am Service Prayer Request-

If you have any prayers need and would like to be included on the prayer list handed out at the 8am service then please contact Sue Daniels by Thursday each week. The list is for everyone to offer prayer to our Lord for His answer, so let's get on board!

Help Needed

9.30am Stewards-

We are in need of extra people to be on the roster for our 9.30am service to be a part of our stewards team. Please speak to Earl Biffin to find our more or you can email him eham6@bigpond.com

Care Program

Co-ordinator required-

We are seeking a person who could take over the co-ordination of the team of volunteers to get a meal to those in need. If that could be you or for more information on the role please speak to Heather Loomes 0408 580619.

KIDS CHURCH

Leaders/Helpers-

We are seeking volunteers for this rewarding ministry with our children. If you feel God is calling you in 2018 to serve in this way please contact Peter Wilson to arrange a time to chat further.

Email: pwilson@camdenuniting.org.au or see him after the service.

Fingerprints playgroup helper-

We are seeking a volunteer to join our Monday Playgroup helpers from 9am-11:30am. Please Contact Mel by phone or email for more information. mtasker@camdenuniting.org.au or 0410035300.

Hutchings Support- With recyclables

THANK YOU for donating cans & bottles towards the Hutchings' Helicopter fees, over \$400 has been raised so far.

Please continue to collect and leave in the BBQ area of the church.

JOIN US FOR CHURCH OVER THE
LONG WEEKEND FRIDAY 28TH
OF SEPTEMBER

Sunday
comes to
Friday.

THERE WILL BE A BBQ DINNER FROM
7PM. SERVICE STARTS AT 7:30PM AND
COFFEE AND DESSERT FOLLOWING THE
SERVICE...

TREASURERS REPORT

FY 2018/19	BUDGET	ACTUAL	SURPLUS/ (DEFICIT)
AUGUST 2018	\$25,856	\$25,674	-\$182
YEAR TO DATE	\$53,917	\$52,429	-\$1,488

Give thanks for August giving being approximately equal to the giving budget.

Kathy Key, Treasurer

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OUR MINISTRY TEAM:

Senior Pastor:

Rev Peter Wilson mobile: 0468 321640
pwilson@camdenuniting.org.au



Staff Team Leaders:

8am Community

Sue Daniels 4653 1416 or 0401 396761
sdaniels@camdenuniting.org.au



9.30am Community & Kids Church

Rev Peter Wilson mobile: 0468 321640
pwilson@camdenuniting.org.au

5.30pm Community

Ps Erin McKerral Mobile: 0408 580804
emckerral@camdenuniting.org.au



Youth Community

Ps Cameron McKerral mobile: 0421 802381
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Fingerprints Playgroup Coordinator

Administration and Communications Officer

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