

# A SERVICE FOR EVERYONE

# CONNECT WITH US



*"Transformed by Grace to Love One Another, to Serve the City and to Share Christ."*

You are very welcome to join us at St Mark's Anglican Church. For more information about our services, ministries and activities, please contact us or visit our web site.



## 8am

A classic Anglican service of Holy Communion from the 1662 Book of Common Prayer, with our talented choir and a 15-minute sermon. Stay for a bite of morning tea after the service.

## 10am

An all-ages service with a mix of old and new hymns, a 20-minute sermon, and an exciting programme for kids aged 0 – 15 years. Children leave the service during the second hymn, but please feel welcome to settle them in. Morning tea follows in the hall after the service, while kids enjoy our playground.

## 5.30pm

A more laid-back service with a 25-minute sermon and contemporary music, followed by something to eat.

## CONNECT GROUPS

Connect groups are the best way to explore questions and deepen your faith, while connecting with others in the St Mark's community. There are Connect groups meeting in the evenings mid-week in people's homes, in the morning in the city before work, and during the day at St Mark's.

## ALPHA COURSES

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that explore the big questions of life, faith and meaning. The evening begins with supper, followed by a video presentation and then small group discussions. The course is presented in a friendly and open environment and provides an opportunity to explore the Christian faith, deepen your understanding of God and learn more about the Bible.

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## Welcome to St Mark's Anglican Church Darling Point



We'd love you to join us at any of our church services on Sunday at 8am, 10am and 5.30pm.

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# WELCOME TO ST MARK'S

At St Mark's Anglican Church Darling Point we want to help people connect with God. We want people to experience his love and mercy. We are not a community of perfect people. In fact, we are the opposite! However, we are a community who gather together because we need to hear the message of God's mercy to us in the death of Jesus Christ.

We believe that the best way to discover more about God is in community. That's why we provide different opportunities during the week to get together, enjoy each other's company, and to find out more about God. Our church is a hive of activity, with something for everyone. But it all has the same purpose: we want to be shaped by the good news of Jesus Christ, so that we can be used by God to do the things he wants done – in the Eastern Suburbs, in Sydney, and across the world. We hope that you will join us.

*Michael Jensen, Rector*

# CHILDREN AND YOUTH

## KIDS' CHURCH

At St Mark's we value our children and run a comprehensive Kids' Church programme each Sunday of the year. At Kids' Church children are encouraged to discover God's word and his teachings through stories, songs, craft and drama. Our leaders are well trained and prepare new lessons and activities each week. St Mark's encourages children to investigate their own faith and our Kids' Church leaders, alongside parents, support this process.



## ST MARK'S YOUTH GROUP

Every Friday night during term time the sounds of youth having fun can be heard coming from The Upper Hall at St Mark's Church as they enjoy the St Mark's Youth group. Designed for young people in school Years 6 - 12, the group meets from 6.45pm - 8.30pm (with the program starting at 7pm) and offers free activities that suit all levels of skill. A typical week involves enjoying varied physical and creative activities, music, and hearing something encouraging from God's word.

## MUSICTIME

MusicTime is held on Mondays during term time 9.30am – 10.30am at The Howard Lea Hall at St Mark's. This group offers a fun and friendly community where children can learn with song and dance, while adults enjoy the opportunity to connect with other parents. Each week there is a structured music class, followed by free play and morning tea.

# A RANGE OF GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES

St Mark's is an active church, with lots of activities and group meetings being held regularly. Come and join us in the areas which interest you.



## SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

Recognising the important role of families in today's society, St Mark's offers a range of courses to support families in their relationships. Courses which may be run include marriage preparation courses, marriage enrichment courses, parenting courses and the Divorce Care course. Pastoral care support is also provided to those in need.

## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

A variety of enthusiastic groups meet regularly and support our church and the wider community in a myriad of creative and practical ways. These groups include the St Mark's Choir, St Mark's Gardeners, St Mark's Historical Society and St Mark's Quilters.

## WEDDINGS

St Mark's is famous as a wedding church. In fact, our church was filmed in *Muriel's Wedding!* More importantly, we are known for preparing couples for the life-long commitment of marriage. A wedding at St Mark's involves a four-week preparation course which includes attending our 5.30pm service. We would love to share the start of your marriage journey with you.

## BAPTISMS

We want to see children brought up in the knowledge and love of God, and to help parents in this important ministry to their children. Our baptism ministry is only part of this commitment, but it is often the point at which families connect with our community and we welcome this opportunity.

