

St John's Parramatta Ministry

St. John's is an unusual church with extraordinary opportunities for great Gospel ministry.



God has put our church right in the heart of Parramatta, the second largest CBD in Sydney. Parramatta is a growing metropolis with increasing numbers of business houses and a growing population both in the heart of the city and in the suburbs around it. We run a City Bible Talk on Wednesdays at 1pm where workers in Parramatta come to hear great Bible teaching from some of the best teachers in Sydney. Every week we have people come along to church just because they have seen St. John's in the Parramatta Mall.

St. John's has four English speaking congregations which range from the traditional Anglican Communion Service through to Family and Contemporary Services. There is a thriving children's ministry and we have the privilege of having our services broadcast to thousands around Sydney on Hope 103.2 (Sundays at 7pm).

Some years ago St. John's recognised that Sydney and especially Parramatta is increasingly multicultural. We have four English Speaking congregations however it is essential the Christian Church recognises that the future of Sydney is not Anglo. Those days are long gone. The Gospel of Jesus must reach the many cultures and language groups that comprise our city or else we will be utterly marginalised. At St. John's we have congregations that speak Mandarin, Cantonese and Farsi with pastors who speak these languages as their mother tongue. These are growing vital fellowships of God's people. These congregations don't just 'inhabit' our buildings. They are an integral part of our church with their staff paid out of St. John's funds. Furthermore there is a growing second generation of English speaking youth and young adults coming out of all our congregations. This next generation are forming a new congregation which we are calling *Engage*. They have their own pastor. Our desire is that they would be an example of how to bring all the different cultures together and grow a genuine multicultural fellowship of God's people.

At St. John's we are also concerned for the wider work of mission in the world. Our giving budget for 2010 is over \$100,000. We support many organisations including: Overseas Missions (*Church Missionary Society (CMS)*, and *Overseas Missionary Fellowship (OMF)*, *Archbishop's Overseas Ministry Fund*), Organisations working in remote Australia (*Bush Church Aid Society*), Anglican Organisations (*Youthworks, Anglicare, Diocese of Northwest Australia, Church Army*), Training Institutions (*Moore College, Northmead Education Association*) and the Bible Society of NSW.



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