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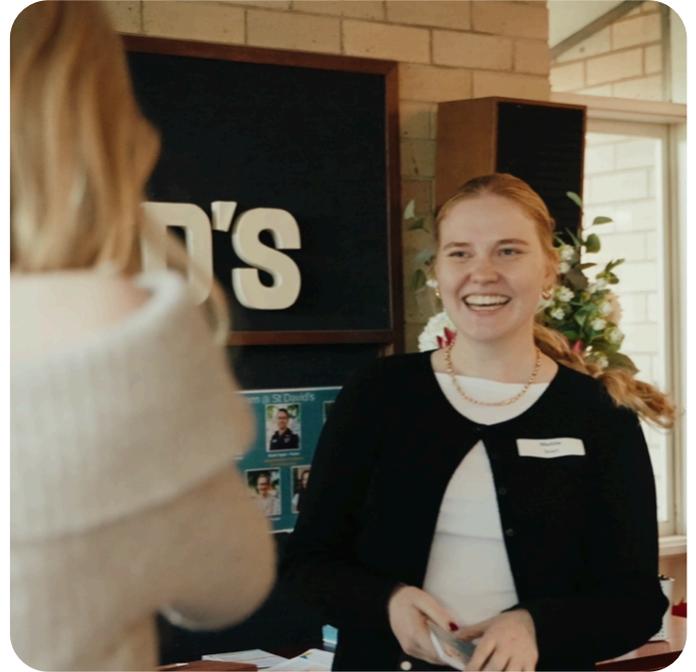
Stories of God at work in St David's

I'm so thankful for how God has been at work in the kids church yrs 1-3 team this year. The team is awesome! It has been so encouraging to see how the experienced leaders and the new leaders to our team have worked together in planning, praying and getting involved for the kids every week.

The fruit of this is seen as the kids come each week excited to see their leaders and think through who God is and what Jesus has done for them.

Praise God!

Ella Stanbury



My time as a volunteer ministry trainee has challenged me to look beyond how I am personally serving God and to encourage others in the church to serve Him as well. There have been a couple of times that I have been hesitant to ask people to serve because I didn't want to place a 'burden' on them. However, I was humbled when someone said that they were honoured to be asked to serve in that way. It reminded me that serving God is a privilege and I'm thankful that we can serve God together as His church.

Gracie Seeto

During the past year, in our Growth Group, we have been joined by B who has been a member of an Anglican Church all of her life. B joined a study group for her first time (ours) and just beams because of all she is learning.

Janette Stanbury



I love how passionate to serve our Tech team is and their eagerness to want to learn more and improve their skills. I have been really encouraged by our congregations praising God louder together aided by our Tech team implementing the things they have learned. For me personally, sitting in church and being surrounded by everyone's voices praising God has been wonderful and has helped me to praise God with more joy. This year, as a team, we have implemented a few changes (e.g arriving earlier to set up with the band members) and everyone has been onboard and understanding our purpose and has adopted those changes with cheerful hearts. I have also been encouraged by team members filling in to help needs across our gatherings. Just recently, one of our morning team members saw a need and jumped in to serve, even after serving for the last two weeks in the same role. Another example is how the members of Tech team have been thinking about themselves as one big team rather than three teams across the gatherings. This has been shown so clearly to me in how 5.15 members have been willing to come in on a Sunday morning to serve and support when needs have arisen. I've loved the passion of young people being keen to serve and learn - quick to offer to serve at Church Getaway and asking to serve more in their roles. Our team has really grown in a servant-hearted attitude to Tech and to serving our church family as a whole.

Jimmy Millynn

I have found Growth Group encouraging in so many ways. I am encouraged to be in fellowship with my sisters in Christ where I feel safe to ask questions about the Bible. It is encouraging to know that we share a common goal, despite our age differences, growing in our faith and getting to know God better. I feel invigorated by the discussions we have and challenged to learn more. I find Growth Group really helpful in supporting my understanding of the weekly sermons and motivating in my preparation of SRE lessons. In summary, I would say that Growth Group is an essential part of my spiritual growth and for that I am truly thankful.

Jeanette Carter





Being a part of the coffee cart ministry has been a true joy and a great blessing. We started out not having any idea what value a coffee cart could bring to an evening service, knowing that many people avoid drinking coffee in the evenings. It didn't take long before the true value of the coffee cart became evident – yes, we offer free cups of tea and affordable cups of coffee and hot chocolate but, more

importantly, we offer a soft entry into the church where anyone can stop off for a chat on their way into church. This ministry may be called the “Coffee Cart” ministry but it is really a part of the “Welcoming/ Hospitality” ministry and not a stand-alone ministry at all. I've chatted with people visiting for the first time, youth and long-term church family who stop off at the coffee cart on their way into the church without any plan to get a hot drink but rather to simply connect with someone, to feel less conspicuous or self-conscious about being alone as they have waited for a friend to arrive or for a member of the welcoming team to connect them with a church regular to walk in and sit with, instead of walking into church alone feeling awkward.

A real encouragement to me has been the coffee cart team. We have a small, committed team (always looking for others to join us!) who show great love and consideration for each other, always ready to support each other wherever needed. The conversations I've had and the sense of belonging I've experienced being part of the coffee cart team and the wider welcoming team has helped me to experience the gift of connection and has offered me a great opportunity to play a part in welcoming others into our church community.

Mairi Baker



I've been so encouraged by the gift which Element youth group is through the community we can have on Friday nights. Over the years, being able to invite friends to come and hear God's Word as well as growing up with many church friends in my year. These boys and I have been able to enjoy most Friday nights with doing games, hearing the Word of God together and having great discussions about it during disco (discussion) group times, where the best discussions happen. These chats include our personal faith, questions around knowing more about God and applications for ways we can follow God more day to day. Whenever one of us brought a new friend to youth, we would all be able to welcome him and try to show him the love which Christ loved us with first.



Youth growth groups are amazing in they not only help you grow in Bible knowledge and love for God but also helps you get to know the people around your age in the group. We have great Godly discussions, both about faith and personal chats. These past two years I've really been blessed to get to know the guys in the group much closer as well as the leaders, who are very loving and insightful. It's also a great time to be open with each other about encouragements or challenges going on in each other's lives and we can pray for each other about these matters and talk to our heavenly Father.

Matty Seeto

