A NEW OPPORTUNITY...

St James is pleased to announce the commencement of **THE SUNDAY AFTERNOON FORUM**, an initiative for all the congregations of St James for growing and partnering together in the work of the Kingdom in 2020. Each Sunday afternoon during term time the forums will be an opportunity to be encouraged and equipped in the task of disciple-making disciples.

The goal of the Forum is two-fold. **Firstly, to grow our spiritual health and well-being** as we build skills and wisdom for our part in the progress of the gospel. **Secondly, to bring the St James family together** and build our unity and common purpose as the people of God.

Many in our church community have expressed the desire for our Bobbin Head, King St and Warrawee centres to come together more often to share in Kingdom work and partnership. We believe the forums will be an ideal opportunity for such blessing.

A FRESH FORMAT...

**THE SUNDAY AFTERNOON FORUM** will take place from 3-4:30 PM in the church building at 15 King St during term time. Any and all are welcome from the seven St James congregations.

The forums will be in two parts. **In the first part of the afternoon** (3-3:30PM) one of our preachers will provide an overview of the bible study associated with the following Sunday’s sermon, outlining the study and providing a background to the questions. **We’re covering Matthew 6-9 in Term 1**, and hope this will be a worthy resource for both leaders and members of small groups, and a benefit to those who may be using the guides individually.

**In the second part of the forum** (3:30-4:30PM) we’ll spend time thinking through and discussing a range of skills, topics and themes that will aid in our growth and health as disciple-making disciples. We’ll look at contemporary discussions, essential skills for the Christian walk, and topics and themes arising from the sermon series, all the while considering **the implications for godly living today**.

Some will want to make the forums a regular habit. Others will access these times as they are able, or perhaps when a topic is addressed that particularly speaks into their lives. Come as often or as little as you like, remembering it is an easy opportunity to connect with others across our three centres.

Below you’ll find a summary of what Term I will look like. **Join us this Sunday from 3PM for a snapshot of our St James life with its possibilities and opportunities as 2020 opens, and an Open Forum to raise your questions and give us your thoughts about forum topics and ideas.**

From time to time we’ll vary the programme if we think the need arises, but we’ll keep you informed with weekly updates so you can stay tuned and look to be a part of **THE SUNDAY AFTERNOON FORUM**.
Such a hope is in vain unless we commit ourselves to growing and bearing fruit for the Kingdom of God. We hope that you might join us in this new opportunity for progress and partnership as the congregations of St James.

In His Service,

David, Rector