



**"All you need is love . . .":** The famous Beatles tune will be played at St Mark's 90th anniversary concert to sum up its message of inclusion and friendship.

# Beatles in a church

By **Jim Gainsford**

A PROGRAM of Bach and The Beatles will be performed at a celebration concert for the 90th anniversary of St Mark's Anglican Church, South Hurstville, this Sunday.

Alan Little, a church warden at St Mark's, said it attracted people from far beyond the parish because it was open and inclusive.

"All people are welcome," he said.

"We are also prepared to be open and inclusive in the styles of music we play.

"Our 90th celebration concert will have an organ recital and a soprano singing *All You Need is Love*, *Here Comes the Sun*, *Awake my Soul* and *Ave Maria*.

"We are trying to be inviting to all the community. One way of reaching out is by presenting music they enjoy."

Mr Little, 64, has been attending St Mark's for more than 60 years, first going there to Sunday school at age four. He was confirmed and married at the church.

"It is one of the few Anglican churches in the Sydney diocese that maintained an Anglican, but contemporary tradition," he said.

"We value the Anglican liturgy and we value good church music, and this sets us apart from the mainstream Anglican churches in the Sydney diocese.

"People are allowed to question and explore their faith. Our faith isn't black and white."



**Beacon:** St Mark's Anglican Church.

St Mark's 90th anniversary weekend will start on Saturday, August 1, at 7pm, with a champagne supper, the launching of the St Mark's Church history website, and a screening of short films on the history.

On Sunday at 10am there will be a celebration service. Guest preacher will be the Reverend Owen Thomas, who was the rector of St Mark's between 1969 and 1975. Lunch will follow at 2.30pm, with the concert.

**All celebrations will be held at the church, The Mall, South Hurstville. Details: St Mark's, 9547 1239.**