



ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN COMMUNITY, MANLY  
17th November 2024

# ST PAUL'S NEWS

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## WELCOME

At St Paul's "we love because God first loved us" (1 Jn. 4:19).

We believe in the inherent goodness of all people - that the divine dwells at the heart of all living things. We believe the whole world is sacred and so we seek to celebrate God's presence among us with joy.

As such, we are committed to the spiritual growth and wellbeing of all who seek a place to belong.

St Paul's is an inclusive church, welcoming all and offering equal opportunities for those seeking an authentic spiritual community.

Rev Andrew Cooper - Parish Priest

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We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, the Quandamooka people and their elders past, present and emerging. We honour the connection the traditional custodians have with this land.



- Thanksgiving Sunday
- Remembrance Day
- Advent Adventures
- Calendar Capers

**Thank God the Arch was here!!!**



**We were so pleased to welcome Archbishop Jeremy Greaves to our Thanksgiving Sunday celebrations.**

We were surrounded by the fruits of our labours, gifts of blessing and symbols of our service in God's vineyard for this first visit to us as Archbishop and in our home here in the Chapel at Lota House. ++ Jeremy... the double pluses means "The Most Reverend"... did all he could to show us his sense of fun and gentle wisdom.

Who knew that an Archbishop had to have skills as an Auctioneer as well as deep theological knowledge, well tuned pastoral care and a firm hand keeping liberty taking clergy in check.

**There's more about our Thanksgiving celebrations inside.**

*St Paul's Anglican Community, Manly gathers for worship every Sunday at 9.30am in the Chapel, Lota House 162 Oceana Terrace, Lota. We welcome you!*



# Community Matters

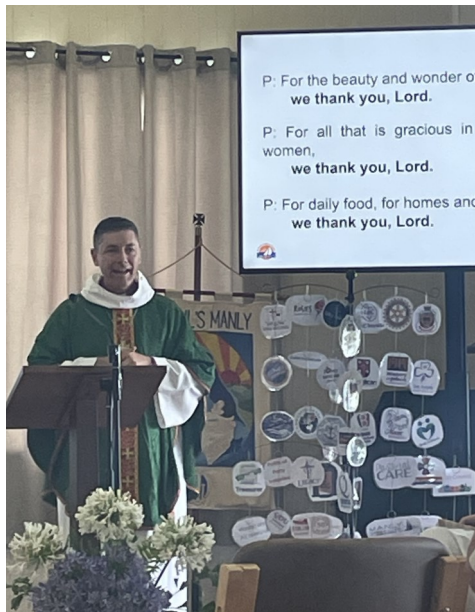
There was much to give thanks for last Sunday as we gathered with Archbishop Jeremy for our annual Thanksgiving Sunday Service.

The array of offerings of the work of our hands and the fruits of the earth was inspiring. The Archbishop was also suitably impressed at our Service Tree adorned with 72 symbols of roles or community organisations that members of our congregation are or have been involved in... the labour in the vineyard. It was especially touching to see hanging symbols of loving service from our folk who weren't able to bring in offerings. We wanted to emphasise how much connection to community our little congregation contributes. A chance to acknowledge the roles we have in our own church like reader, music, LA, intercessor and parish council alongside the myriad of ways our worship nourishes us for service in the world.

It was a joy to have Archbishop Jeremy meet members of our flock and experience St Paul's hospitality first hand. It didn't go unnoticed the gentle and caring way ++Jeremy engaged with people needing prayer or chatted with all sorts of folk. Phyl's young grandson Levi had a good conversation about what its like to be a student at St Paul's Anglican School at Bald Hills.... and then gave such willing assistance with our Auction of Offerings.

It's not every Archbishop who can enter into the spirit of the day and draw on their inner auctioneer. Many felt ++ Jeremy may have another calling if the church gig doesn't pan out. With his lovely assistant Mel, ++Jeremy goaded us into reaching deep into our pockets with humour and skill. He must of done pretty well as we raised over \$750 to assist in our ministry.

**We give thanks for all that people do... and for the loving and engaging man who leads us.  
We hold ++ Jeremy and his family deep in our hearts in prayer!**







# ANGLICAN MOTHERS UNION AUSTRALIA

## MU Manly-Wynnum End of Year Eucharist and Celebration

**Tuesday 26th November  
9.30am in the Chapel**

Join us for a pizza lunch, news about our  
16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence  
and a chat with Fr Andrew about how do we deal  
with the big things going on in the world  
that make us anxious or uncertain.  
*BYO beverages.*

### The Vicar's Voice

This week started with such joy in celebrating who we are and all that we do here at Paul's but I must admit took a more sombre turn as the week unfolded. Being part of the moving ceremonies at the Manly War Memorial took me into a more reflective space as I remembered the members of my own family who made immense sacrifices in times of conflict. I was very grateful to be asked by the Manly Lota RSL to share prayer, scripture and reflections during the service and shared a little of my Uncle Miles. I never met him as he had joined the Merchant Navy at 14 thinking he was setting off on a great maritime adventure only to be killed two years later when his oil tanker vessel bearing important supplies for the war effort was sunk by torpedo. All aboard lost their lives and my father his 16 year old much-loved brother.

It is reassuring that as Anglicans we still retain some social capital to be asked to publicly share prayer and scripture at a secular community event. I don't take that for granted and do wonder if my words still touch the hearts of many of those gathered. We should not take our lingering presence as guaranteed. The mistakes of our past have scarred many and continue to ripple today. I harp on about continuing to tell our story... not just because again I got two comments saying "*Oh I thought St Paul's had closed*"... but mainly to keep the story of hope and love at the heart of the Gospel alive. May we continue to show our faithfulness and love to the people of Manly in these important ways.

*Blessings on you and those you love. Andrew*



## Blessing of Nativity Sets

First Sunday of Advent  
1st December 2024



A Nativity Set is a lovely way to bring alive the beautiful story of the birth of Jesus. You are invited to bring any stable scenes to our 9.30 service.... old, new, posh, handcrafted, small or large or anywhere in between. You might like to make or purchase one to give to friends or family.

**We will display them, admire them and pray a special prayer of blessing as we send them back home to bring the joy of the birth of Christ to your decorations.**



## Tingalpa Chapel

PRESENTS

### *Jingle & Mingle*

7 DEC | 5PM TO 7PM  
1341 WYNNUM RD TINGALPA

FOR MORE INFORMATION  
0490 386 396

Featuring  
Momentum  
Choir

- CHRISTMAS CAROLS WITH SOPRANO PERFORMERS
- ENJOY OUTSIDE WITH THE CIRCLE OF LIFE BEING THE STAGE
- BRING YOUR OWN WINE AND CHEESE
- PICNICS ARE WELCOMED
- FRIDGE AVAILABLE ON SITE
- PARKING AT SMITH'S
- DOGS WELCOMED

## Be still and know I am God...

### Advent Quiet Morning

Tingalpa Pioneer Chapel

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December

9.00am – 12.30pm

Fr Sam and Fr Andrew invite you to join us in a shared morning of respite, calm and peace in the midst of busyness...  
...to prepare our hearts for the wonder of Christmas.  
Shared prayer, times of silence, guided reflection and optional gentle discussion.

RSVP Fr Andrew [priest@stpaulsmanly.org](mailto:priest@stpaulsmanly.org)  
Coffee and Tea available.

Please bring something simple to share for morning tea.

## YOU ARE INVITED TO CHRISTMAS CAROLS DECEMBER 8

KIDS ACTIVITIES  
4.30PM

CAROLS  
6.30 PM

BYO chairs/picnic dinner to eat while enjoying the carols.

Mossie spray.

'Tingalpa Uniting Church'

61 Belmont Rd

Tingalpa





### Scripture Readings This Week

Daniel 12:1-3; Psalm 16; Hebrews 10:11-25; Mark 13:1-8

### Next Week: The Reign of Christ

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; Psalm 93;  
Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37

### For your prayers:

- ♦ The Anglican Church of Southern Africa
- ♦ The Diocese of the Northern Territory
- ♦ The Parish of Crows Nest
- ♦ Rainbow Town Child Care, Robina
- ♦ The Southport School, Southport
- ♦ Yvonne, John, Coralie, Richard, Ann, Bruce, Judi, Brad, Stephen, J, J and J, Val, Chloe and Family, Shirley, Bev

### A prayer when facing great uncertainty

God of the present moment,  
God who in Jesus stills the storm  
and soothes the frantic heart;  
bring hope and courage to all  
who wait or work in uncertainty.  
Bring hope that you will make them  
the equal of whatever lies ahead.

Bring them courage  
to endure what cannot be avoided,  
for your will is health and wholeness;  
you are God,  
and we need you.

**Amen.**

## What's On

### This week

**Monday 9.30** EM Tooth Worship Service, Activities Room  
**Monday 5.30pm** BABI Community Event and AGM 5.30pm  
**Tuesday 9.30** Bible Reflection and Discussion in the Chapel  
**Wednesday 8.30** Fr Andrew @ Pete's Pantry  
**Wednesday 7.30** Wynnum Men's Fellowship Group  
**Thursday 9.30am** Tatters and Chatters  
**Saturday 4-7pm** St Peter's Christmas Twilight Markets  
**Sunday 9.30** Christ the King Parish Eucharist, Lota House Chapel and Bush Ministry Fund Collection

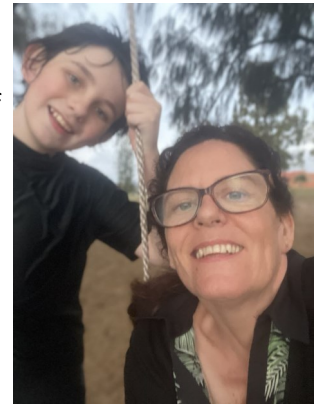
### Coming up

**November 26th** MU Christmas Breakup  
**November 29** Paint the Bayside Orange Breakfast  
**December 1st** First Sunday of Advent  
**December 1st** Blessing of Nativity Sets  
**December 4th** E M Tooth Residents and Family Christmas Lunch—Volunteers welcome

Please let Fr Andrew know of any upcoming events.

## Heidi's Hi From our Community Coordinator

On Remembrance Day, as I drove Fred to school on Monday morning, we discussed the importance of honouring those, both past and present, who have well-being for our freedom and peace. We talked about how easy it is to forget those who came before us and how different Australia might be without the bravery and sacrifice of so many.



When the minute of silence was observed, I was in the library working. As the announcement was made, I stood up behind my chair, joining others in reflecting on the lives lost and the scars left by war. I feel blessed to be able to freely stand and mark this occasion, and I often wonder where we would be without such sacrifices.

I pray for peace throughout the world and imagine how wonderful it would be if everyone laid down their weapons and embraced love. What a truly magnificent feeling that would be.

Heavenly Father,  
we come before you with gratitude for the sacrifices made by so many for our freedom and peace. We ask for your comfort and strength for those who continue to bear the scars of conflict. May we always remember their courage and strive for a world filled with love and understanding. Guide us towards peace and help us to be instruments of your love.

Amen

**With thankful love**  
**Heidi**

### Support our Ministry

Bank: Anglican Financial Services  
Account: Manly Anglican Parish  
BSB: 704-901 Account #:00000690  
Reference: 'offering'


























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**Anglican**  
Church Southern Queensland



# Advent and Christmas Opportunities December 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1st ADVENT ONE</b> Blessing of Nativity Sets and launch of the Giving Tree 	<b>2nd</b> Light a candle and pray for peace 	<b>3rd</b> Bible Discussion and Reflection in the Chapel 9.30am 	<b>4th</b> E M Tooth Residents and Families Christmas Lunch 	<b>5th</b> <b>Tatters and Chatters</b> in the Parlour 9.30am 	<b>6th</b> Pray for students, staff and families as the school year ends 	<b>7th</b> <b>Car Boot Sale</b> Carindale Early to 11 am Tingalpa Pioneer Chapel Christmas Carols 5-7pm
<b>8th ADVENT TWO</b> Tingalpa Christmas Carols @ Tingalpa Uniting Church 4.30pm 	<b>9th</b> Pete's Pantry Christmas Lunch 12pm Blue Christmas Service @ St Peter's 6pm 	<b>10th</b> Bible Discussion and Reflection in the Chapel 9.30am 	<b>11th</b> <b>TREErific</b> @ St Peters begins 	<b>12th</b> Pray for travellers away from those they love. 	<b>13th</b> State Schools last Day of Term 	<b>14th</b> <b>Quiet Morning</b> @ Tingalpa Pioneer Chapel 9-12.30pm 
<b>15th ADVENT THREE</b> <b>Parish Christmas Shared Lunch</b> 	<b>16th</b> Help an agency assisting people struggling this time of year 	<b>17th</b> Bible Discussion and Reflection in the Chapel 9.30am 	<b>18th</b> Pray for families who are separated due to conflict or work 	<b>19th</b> <b>Tatters and Chatters</b> in the Parlour 9.30am 	<b>20th</b> Pray for peace in the Holy Land 	<b>21st</b> <b>Bayside Carols</b> Wynnum Manly Bayside Park 2pm 
<b>22nd ADVENT FOUR</b> Joint E M Tooth and St Paul's Carols with Bayside Brass 2pm Nine Lessons and Carols @ St Peter's 6pm 	<b>23rd</b> Reach out to people who will spend Christmas alone 	<b>24th CHRISTMAS EVE</b> <b>All Age Family Service</b> @the Chapel 5pm <b>Midnight Mass</b> @St Peter's 11.30pm 	<b>25th CHRISTMAS DAY</b> <b>St Paul's Eucharist @ the Chapel 9.30am</b> 	<b>26th St STEPHEN'S DAY</b> Pray for those who need a break after serving others 	May you have a blessed Advent as you prepare to celebrate the coming of the Christ Child. 