



ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN COMMUNITY, MANLY  
Palm Sunday 12th April 2025

# 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.



- Mel, the Spider Lady of St Paul's
- Wynnum Men's Shed Connections
- Easter Services Stuff
- The Vicar's Holy Week prodding.

## Bishop John: Pilgrim and Adventurer



### +John Roundhill, our regional bishop, is off on another Holy Week Pilgrimage Walk from Brisbane to the Border.

Rev Andrew had the chance to catch up with Bishop John this week and learnt a bit more about what has become an Easter tradition in the diocese. It's a chance to connect with people of faith within and beyond our buildings. He walks with folk from local churches and is amazed at the profound conversations he has with other non church folk found along the way too.

+John starts on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> at St John's Bulimba and walks for a week to arrive and celebrate Maundy Thursday with St James' church at Coomera Waters, Good Friday with Biggera Waters, Southport and Surfers Paradise churches then on to St John's Burleigh Heads for Easter Eve. Along the way he stops for prayer, fellowship and sustenance at a total of 16 churches and communities and walks about 140 kms over the 7 days.

You can follow Bishop John on his blog at <https://walkingthewalk2025.blogspot.com/>

**Bishop John, may the walk be a blessing and your blisters mild!**

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

## Spider Woman walks among us!

No, not a suited Marvel Comic heroine, but a wonderful acknowledgement for our own Mel Lawrence who has the honour of having a Queensland spider named after her!



Mel shared the following amazing news: "And it's official, wishbone spider "*Aname lawrenceae*" is now officially a named species. I work with amazing scientists, researchers and individuals.

Congratulations to Dr Jeremy Wilson for mammoth 300pg work, revising 68 species, including 55 new species. Wilson JD, Harvey MS, Simmons LW & Rix MG. (2025). An integrative systematic revision of the wishbone spiders (Araneae: Anamidae: *Aname* L. Koch, 1873) of subtropical and tropical eastern Australia, with the description of 55 new species. European Journal of Taxonomy 985: 1–298.

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.5852/ejt.2025.985.2845> "The specific epithet '*lawrenceae*' honours Melinda Lawrence, for the friendship and support she provided to the

authors in her role as Project Manager, Project DIG. Project DIG, a collaboration between the QMN and BHP, provided funding that allowed the authors to conduct fieldwork throughout Queensland, which led to the collection of many new specimens and a wealth of natural history information on eastern *Aname*."

This species is found in the Queensland central highlands near Carnarvon Gorge, at Huttons Creek and Carnarvon Station. That general area is a hotspot of localised *Aname* diversity, and both of the known specimens were collected by the late Geoff Monteith in 2002 and 2013. We don't currently have a live image of this species, but this may be rectified in due course. An interesting species from a fascinating and diverse area."

Congratulations Mel.... No need to bring one to church for show and tell!!!!

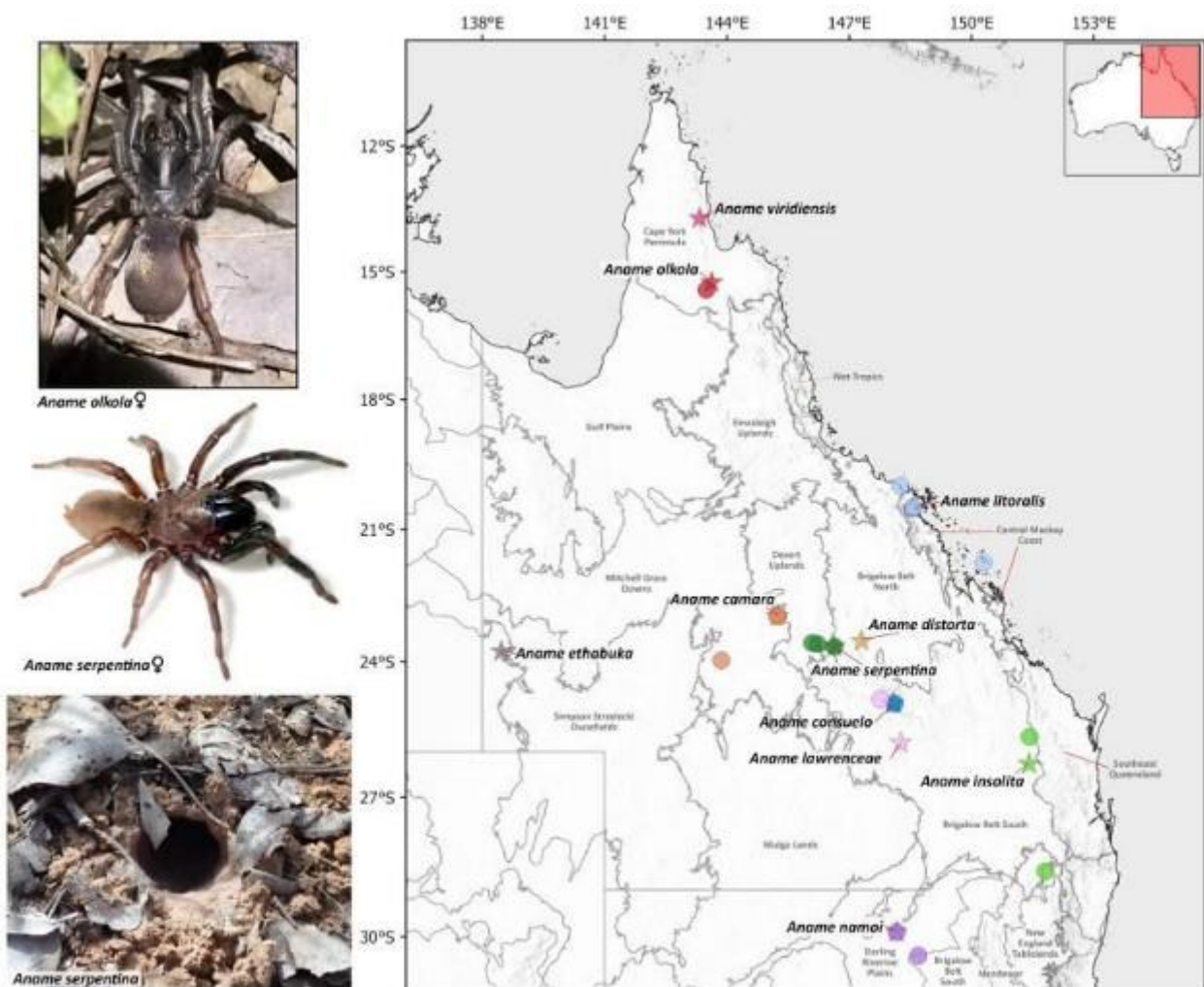


Fig. 14. Distribution, habitus images, and burrow architecture of miscellaneous species of *Aname* from eastern Australia. Points on the map represented by a star are type localities.



## Blokes with ALL the toys!

Rev Andrew dropped into Wynnum Manly Men's Shed during the week and felt the inner bloke leap indeed. Almost as well stocked as Bunnings, the Wynnum Men's Shed has all the whizz bang bits and pieces to keep the fellas engaged and busy. A great opportunity to catch up with President David Westlake and members Phil and Dave. No truth to the rumours that Rev Andrew ordered a shirt like Phil's.

David says *"This was never intended to be a business. When we started the shed the whole idea was for supporting men in all ways. Men's health was the most important thing. We started with 6 men and we now have over 210 members. This number was never in our dreams. My goal is to have a*

*shed where we all could come and enjoy ourselves. We have a great reputation for helping the community, and all groups . Also we have 3 charities that we support - the Mater Little Miracles, Black Dog Institute and Catherine's House at the Mater, plus all the local people and charities around Wynnum area. Now we have 3 great sheds, I never ever thought that we would be down on the esplanade with these 3 sheds, but we now need at least another"*



The pics tell part of the story. Member Peter is shown with the special cup stand holders he is making for local older folk. The turned bowls at the top have a slot for the cup handle to sit safely. Peter reckons the wood for the spindles came from a local church... maybe our own St Paul's! Perhaps an eagle eyed parishioner can confirm that!.



Other projects include small holding crosses for a local church... we have ordered some very cost effective ones for ourselves that will be made out of some of the pew wood they hold from St Paul's... these will add to the beautiful ones made by Col last year to give away. Keep an eye out over Holy Week for other work of their hands.

**You can drop into the Men's Shed at 59 Granada Street, Wynnum and read more about what they do on their website...**

<https://www.wmdms.org.au/>



**Bush Church Aid boxes are due for return this week on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April.**

Read more about the work of BCA  
<https://www.bushchurcaid.com.au/>

**Bush Church Aid** is all about **Aid** to the **Church** in the **Bush**; providing biblically faithful ministry and bringing the life-changing gospel message of Jesus to rural, regional, and remote Australia.

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you."



## Maundy Thursday Agape Meal and Eucharist

The Wilson Home

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April @ 6pm

Rev Andrew and the Wilson Family invite you to Join us for a beautiful blend of new and old as we share a simple meal of soup and bread. We will reflect on how Jesus used meals to teach, heal and build community, followed by the traditional Maundy Thursday foot washing – all are invited to wash and be washed... and then a relaxed celebration of the Eucharist... all in the familiar surrounds of a family home.

RSVP essential by Sunday 13th April.

Sign up at the back of the chapel or email Rev Andrew



He is not here; he has risen, just as he said



## Joint Churches' Easter Sunrise Service

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2025, 5.30am

Lota Foreshore Park, Lota

A simple gathering of folk from Bayside Christian churches.  
Prayer and praise to celebrate the Risen Lord  
As we watch the sun rise and the day of new life dawn.  
Bring a folding chair, appropriate clothing  
and you might just get an Easter egg.

Contact: Rev Andrew Cooper [priest@stpaulsmanly.org](mailto:priest@stpaulsmanly.org)





## Farewell Lotte. Rest in love and peace.

We give thanks for the life of Lotte Smith who has gone home to rest in God's arms recently. Lotte is Helen Collin's much loved grand-daughter. Folk will remember Helen bringing Lotte to church and the many years of loving care Helen gave in really hands on and practical ways. Helen has appreciated all the love and support from the congregation over these difficult days but is as always supported and strengthened by prayer and her deep faith in God's loving care. Helen was also able to compose and deliver a beautiful prayer at Lotte's farewell and celebration of life.

Helen's daughter Kathy writes: *Dear Andrew, Mum gave me your number to send on a photo of her granddaughter Lotte Smith. Thank you so much for supporting mum at this time and all the beautiful St Paul's folk who have always been so kind and supportive to myself and Lotte throughout what feels like forever because I was 13 I think when Dad first went to St Paul's. Please pass on my love and thanks.*  
**Katherine { Kathy } Smith**



## Easter at the Chapel and Beyond

**13th April Palm Sunday:** Blessing of the Palms and Eucharist 9.30am @ The Chapel

**17th April Maundy Thursday:**

- Washing of feet, celebration of the Eucharist and time to watch and pray. 9.30am @ The Chapel
- Agape Shared Meal and Eucharist 6.00pm @ Wilson Home (RSVP Required\*)
- St Peter's, Wynnum - Traditional Eucharist, Foot Washing and Vigil Prayer 7pm

**18th April Good Friday:**

- Solemn Commemoration of the Passion – A Service of Prayer and Remembrance. 9.30am @ the Chapel
- Stations of the Cross by the Bay @ Lota Foreshore Park 3pm

**20th April Easter Sunday:**

- Dawn Resurrection Service by the Bay @ Lota Foreshore 5.30am
- Easter Eucharist @ the Chapel 9.30am



\*Agape Meal enquiries and RSVP to [office@stpaulsmanly.org](mailto:office@stpaulsmanly.org) or Rev Andrew 0447 409 188



## Help our Hospos!

The hospitality team is doing a great job in managing the challenges of redevelopment. It would really help them if we could minimise washing up. One way would be to bring your own mug or keep cup. After the refreshing beverage, pop it in your bag or pocket and wash it at home. A good excuse to go shopping and get yourself a church goodies bag! Oooh... crafty fundraising idea!!!



### Scripture Readings: **Palm Sunday**

Luke 19:28-40; Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16;  
Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 23:1-49

### Next Week: **Easter Sunday**

Acts 10:34-43; Hymn to the Risen Christ;  
I Corinthians 15:19-26 ; Luke 24:1-12

### For your prayers:

- ♦ Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui
- ♦ The Diocese of Perth
- ♦ The Parish of Hamilton
- ♦ Little Angels ELC, Salisbury
- ♦ West Moreton Anglican College, Karrabin
- ♦ **Yvonne, Coralie, Richard, Ann, Bruce, Judi, Brad, J and J, Chloe and Family, Doreen, Shirley, Maggie, Val, Ella, Shirley, Vivien, Zoe, Ben, Bev**

## Prayer for the Journey of Faith

Merciful God,  
as we journey through Holy Week,  
help us to walk closely with Jesus.  
From the joyous procession of Palm  
Sunday to the sorrow of Good Friday  
and the ultimate triumph of Easter,  
remind us of the profound love You  
have for us, a love that endures all  
trials and triumphs over all adversity.  
Strengthen our faith and keep us  
faithful to You. Amen.

Source: <https://www.crosswalk.com/>

## What's On

### This week

**Monday 9.30** EM Tooth Worship Service, Activities Room  
**Tuesday 9.30** Bible Reflection and discussion @ the Chapel  
**Tuesday 7pm** Chrism Eucharist @ St John's Cathedral  
**Wednesday 8.30 –11 am** Rev Andrew @ Pete's Pantry  
**Wednesday 7pm** Men's Ministry, Wynnum  
**Thursday 9.30** Maundy Thursday Service @ The Chapel  
**Thursday 2-4pm** Tatters and Chatters@ Wynnum Library  
**Thursday 6.00** Agape Meal and Eucharist @ the Wilson Home  
**Friday 9.30** Solemn Commemoration of the Passion  
**Friday 3pm** Stations of the Cross @ Lota Foreshore  
**Sunday 5.30** Easter Sunrise service @ Lota Foreshore  
**Sunday 9.30** Easter Parish Eucharist @ Lota House Chapel

### Coming up in April

**22nd** MU Eucharist and Meeting 9.30am  
**25th** Anzac Day Services at Manly and EM Tooth  
**27th** Br Nathan ssf leading Sunday worship

**Rev Andrew on Leave 26/4 - 24/5**

Please let Fr Andrew know of any upcoming events.

## The Vicar's Voice: Holy Week? Why bother?

Holy Week begins this Sunday with the loud Hosanna-ing of palms and branches and the congregation flinging their garments on the ground. And then Easter Sunday will have the C and Es among us and the promise of an Easter egg. So, why should we bother with the bits in between? Surely three or so other services is a bit of an overkill and really only for the holiest of the redeemed and sanctified among us? Maundy Thursday is a bit icky with threats of having to expose smelly feet and of course Good Friday is just too sad and upsets me. And a 5.30am start on Easter Sunday! Tell 'em they're joking!

Well, I love it. Not because I get to prance around and put on a show or two (although I have done that sometimes). It's not 'cause I'm paid and have to and get time in lieu. It's because it's the most spiritually nourishing, heart warming and challenging time of the year. **For Christians it's the Grand Final of the liturgical year.... More important even than Christmas... and that's pretty important.**

I love the unfolding of the story over Holy Week. It's one great liturgy that starts on Palm Sunday and goes right through to the joy of Easter morning. It calls us deeply into the story in physical, earthy, confronting and challenging ways. It allows us to travel in real time the events of those momentous three days so long ago. It touches and breaks my heart and then lifts up me up again in hope and promise.

An added bonus is that I don't tend to preach much... and you all know I love a captive audience and the chance to have an opinion. The liturgies are such rich story telling, the imagery so profound and the scripture and prayers so finely crafted that I just don't think I could do a better job. So I tend to shut up for once.

**I'd love you to share the journey with me... or find a space to do so if you are away. 9.30 am on Maundy Thursday and 9.30 am on Good Friday can be watched on Zoom using the usual Sunday Morning Links. We can organise lifts if you need. Just come.**

**May you have a blessed Holy Week.**  
**Andrew**

## Tatters and Chatters

**@ Wynnum Library, Thursday 17th April, 2pm -4pm**

**Looks like Tatters and Chatters will finally be able to meet at Wynnum Library Meeting Room from this Thursday. Chat to Bev and Robyn for more details. See you there!**

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