



ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN COMMUNITY, MANLY

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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.

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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.



- He's back... the Vicar's holiday snaps
- Thank you to Br Nathan
- MU Matters with Marjorie
- Christian Unity Week

Signs of Hope in Wynnum



Tatters and Chatters now a place of welcome at the Library.

Deputy Interim Media and Public Relations Officer (Honorary) Amanda Moran shows her selfie stylings in the absence of the vicar to celebrate consolidating Tatters and Chatters in their new location. Being in a public space like the Wynnum Library opens us up to continue to welcome folk for companionship and care that builds on the warmth that has always marked the group.

Plans are well under way with publicity to spread the word to the local community. The non-church space may connect with a different people and help share the story of Hope we always experience there.

Maybe someone you know would enjoy chat, craft and welcome with easy accessible parking. Hey, you can change your library books and do a spot of grocery shopping in the one trip!!

Tatters and Chatters meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday each month at 2pm in the community room at Wynnum Library.

*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!*

Another feast of fellowship at MU

In the absence of the bulk of the MU leadership Team, senior member Kay Voltz stepped up (again) to lead our gathering last week and offer warm hospitality to guest speaker Marjorie Voss and her husband Royce, pictured below connecting with longtime friend and colleague Helen Collins.

Kay reports: Always elegant, always charming and always vibrant, Margorie maintains a keen interest in the church, community and the world after many years of service and involvement. Her warmth and obvious care for people shine through.

Marjorie shared her journey of 65 years of MU membership and leadership. Highlights of her talk included anecdotes from her service as a member of the National Council of Women and the preparations for celebrations of 120 years of advocating for all women through that group.

Marjorie also spoke of how important MU has been in her life and enriched her Christian journey. MU supported her when she was a young mum having lost a bub. That care led her into 65 years of friendship, fellowship and service, initially at Indooroopilly and now for many years at Bribie Island. As an active member of the MU Development team, Marjorie is always looking for forums and opportunities to promote the work and values.

St Paul's has many years of connection with Marjorie through MU and through the work of her husband Royce in his capacity as former CEO of Anglicare forerunner Anglican Homes for the Aged where he worked closely with Manly Wynnum MU member Ann Stannard and helped form strong links of pastoral care and support through fundraising that has led to the deep friendship and fellowship we share today. Both Margorie and Royce were keen to hear about MU activities such as our focus of awareness raising of Domestic Violence issues and the Red Branch project and of course our experience of gathering in the Chapel of Lota House. Royce also has a big heart for E M Tooth and its residential care efforts and will certainly have a few thoughts about the current developments at the Lota House site.



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Thank You Br Nathan.

We are so grateful for the ministry of Br Nathan James ssf during Andrew's leave. We really appreciate giving us a consistent eucharistic ministry on top of his fulltime job as Chaplain at Cannon Hill Anglican College.

So special for him to share his perspectives on the scriptures and not get a sleep in for four weeks straight as well as wrangling students, staff and families at CHAC. Sadly wee pup Bonnie had to remain at home but one day we may get a pat or lick from her too. We hope he enjoys a copy of our parish history as bed time reading!



Next Sunday 8th June

Wear Red or Orange to get into the spirit as we celebrate the Spirit of Jesus burning like a flame, emboldening our step and breathing life and hope into all we do!

Acts 4:31 After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

Treasuring the Trip to Tassie

Rev Andrew writes: For better or worse I am back from leave. Thanks to all you stepped up to look after things and especially to Br Nathan for watching over the flock... not too well I hope otherwise you wouldn't have missed me. Its now a full 12 months since my commissioning at St Paul's and after many firsts... Christmas, Easter, AGM and the like it was time for a break and rest. So it was off to my birthplace Tassie.

Ok, so one of the motivations was to celebrate an unfortunately large birthday... but it was also my first chance to really spend an extended period of time back where I grew up. Full of family celebratory events, magic weather and wonderful vistas as I did nostalgia pilgrimage, exploring

back roads and regaling all with the minute details of the sort of stories you only get growing up some where... *see that blue house... well Eileen Smith lived there with her son Ray who had the cleft palate and raised bantams....*

It was very special to share birthday celebrations with my Sydney sisters and Tasmanian family at Stanley on the far North West coast and to check out the hospital we were born in, the houses we grew up in (sadly dilapidated) and basically revel in the feast of Andrew. Lots of laughs, an Andrew trivia quiz almost based on fact and wine, cheese and lots of local produce.

A bit of a faith journey too as I found St Attracta's Church, Smithton where I was baptised and took my First Holy Communion and St Augustine's Church Longford where I was an altar boy until the robes ended at my knees... and where the seeds of vocation were sown.

Vistas... the two here are just some of many glorious views, sunsets and sunrises, rocky capes, autumnal hues, wild bushland, historic towns and bright sun... mostly.

At the slightest encouragement I will share more of the adventures... but it great to be back, in my own home and among the wonderful folk of Manly.



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

At least once a year, Christians reflect on Jesus' prayer for His disciples, expressing the hope that: *"they may be one so that the world may believe"* (John 17:21).

Congregations and parishes worldwide engage in the exchange of preachers and arrange special ecumenical celebrations and prayer services. This unique experience is initiated by the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is an international Christian ecumenical observance kept annually between Ascension and Pentecost in the Southern Hemisphere. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is annually coordinated by the World Council of Churches, with participation by its member Churches, which include the Assyrian Church of the East, the Oriental Orthodox Churches, the Eastern Orthodox Churches, the Old Catholic Church, the Moravian Church, the Lutheran Churches, the Anglican Communion, the Mennonite Churches, the Methodist Churches and the Reformed Churches, as well as the Baptist Churches and the Pentecostal Churches. The Roman Catholic Church, which is an observer in the World Council of Churches, also celebrates the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

2025 Marks the 1700th Anniversary of the Christian Ecumenical Council Nicaea.

Therefore the theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2025 is:

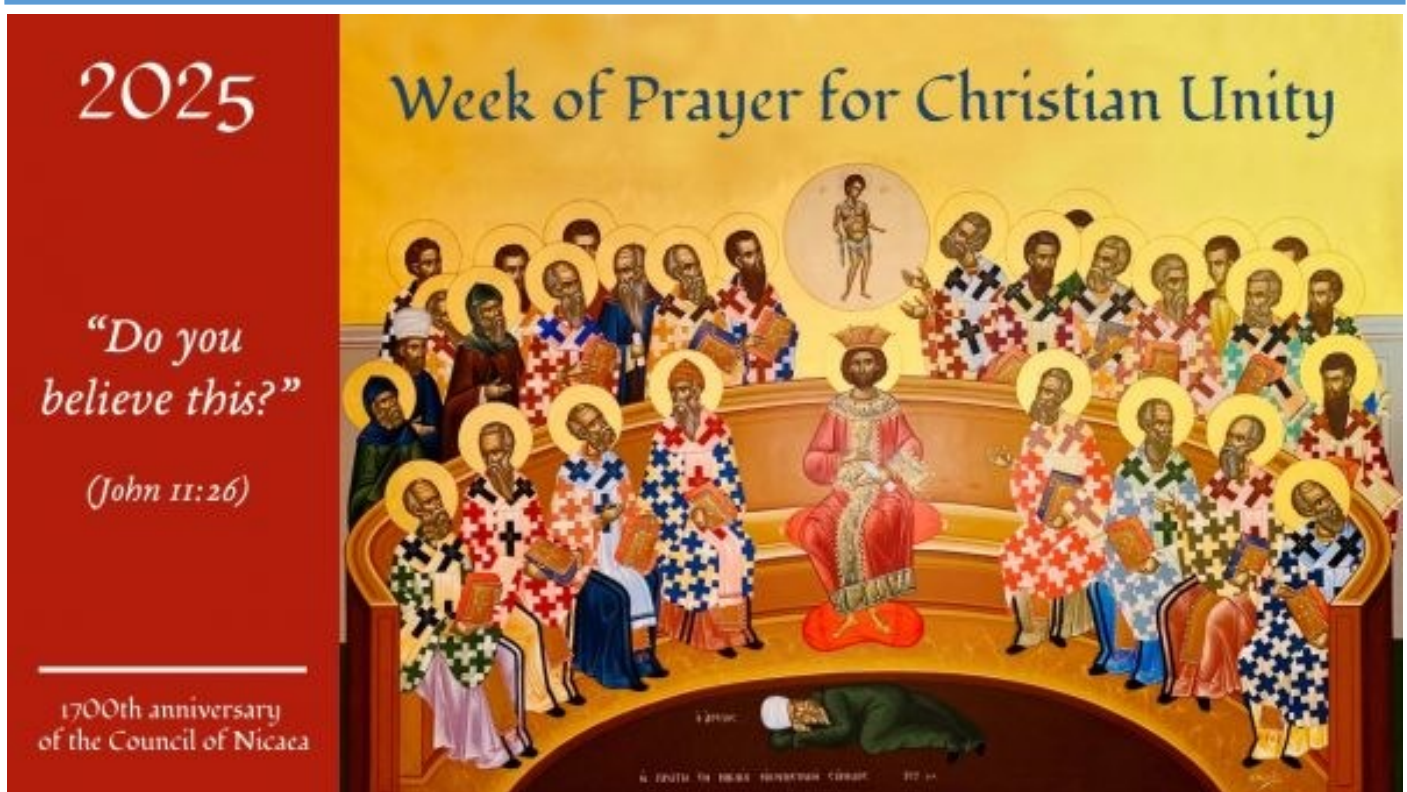
***"Do you believe this?"* (John 11:26).**

The First Council of Nicaea, held in 325 AD, was the first ecumenical council convened by Roman Emperor Constantine I to address theological disputes within the early Christian church, particularly the Arian controversy. It resulted in the Nicene Creed, which defines the nature of Jesus as divine and co-equal with God the Father, and established a common date for Easter.

The 2025 prayers and reflections for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity were prepared by the brothers and sisters of the monastic community of Bose in northern Italy.

Find out more at the National Council of Churches website

<https://www.ncca.org.au/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity/>



Scripture Readings: This Week

Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97; Revelation 22:12-21; John 17:20-26

Next week: Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-36;
Romans 8:14-17; John 14:8-17, 25-27

For your prayers:

- ♦ The Anglican Church of Korea
- ♦ The ongoing work of peace-making in Sudan & South Sudan
- ♦ The Anglican Church of Australia
- ♦ The Parish of Redcliffe
- ♦ Princess Alexandra Hospital and Mater Hospital chaplaincy
- ♦ Anglican Schools Office, Church House
- ♦ **Yvonne, Coralie, Richard, Ann, Bruce, Judi, Brad, J and J, Chloe and Family, Doreen, Shirley, Maggie, Val, Ella, Vivien, Zoe, Ben, Bev, Desley, Daryl**

A Prayer for Christian Unity

Heavenly Father, you have called us in the Body of your Son Jesus Christ to continue his work of reconciliation and reveal you to the world: forgive us the sins which tear us apart; give us the courage to overcome our fears and to seek that unity which is your gift and your will; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Source: <https://www.churchofengland.org>

What's On

Every week

Monday 9.30am EM Tooth Worship Service, Activities Room

Tuesday 9.30am Bible Reflection/discussion @ the Chapel

Wednesday 7pm Men's Ministry, Wynnum

Sunday 9.30 Parish Eucharist @ Lota House Chapel

Coming up in June

5th MOU Meeting with Anglicare 1pm

5th Tatters and Chatters 2pm-4pm

7th Car Boot Sale @ Meadowlands Rd Carindale

8th June Pentecost Sunday

11th EM Tooth Residents' Eucharist 2pm

14th Cursillo 10.30am

15th Trinity Sunday

19th Tatters and Chatters Craft 2pm-4pm

24th MU Service and Meeting

21st Parish Quiet Morning TBC

27th -29th Synod @ Churchie

HOPE25

Hope 25 is an opportunity designed by the national Anglican Church for us to share the hope that we have in Jesus. The national planning group is asking each parish to commit to doing (at least) one thing to help share the hope that we have in Jesus during this season, **from Easter Day (April 20, 2025) to Pentecost Sunday (June 8, 2025).**

God of Hope

you call on us to be your witnesses in this uncertain world;

by your Spirit awaken in us
a true vision of your kingdom,
a greater certainty of our salvation, and
a deeper dedication to your service;

that through our words and actions the same Spirit may
bring many who are lost to be found,
and for them to celebrate the hope
that we can only have in Jesus Christ,

in whose name we pray. Amen

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