



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.



- Tatting and Chatting at Wynnum Library
- Mary Mag and more music at MU
- Men's Ministry Community Meal
- Meet our Pastoral Partner Peta

## Popular Pimms Sip and Sing



Cocktail Queen Amanda Moran shared skill, passion and apparently only a little lived experience as she carefully crafted the Pimms and Lemonade for the recent MU sip and sing event.

Pimms and Hymns is quite a popular event in the UK as the light and refreshing summer beverage is paired with a good old sing of favorite hymns. Armed with the reassurance that "its mainly fruit" and after carefully checking designated drivers, the MU ladies and guests enjoyed tasty nibbles and some of the beautiful hymns in the well loved repertoire.

**More pics 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

## Mary Magdalene, Music and MU... with a little something.

Manly Wynnum Mu are definitely not staid fussy ladies. The recent Hymns and Pimms showed their love of a laugh and a good time expressed in their love of community hymn singing. The morning started with a celebration of eucharist for the Feast of St Mary of Magdala.



We remembered the links we have as women of faith to Mary as the Apostle to the Apostle. We were inspired by her important role as the earliest witness to the resurrection and her significant leadership providing for the work of the followers of Jesus. We also reflected on the strange idea that she was also the un-named repentant sex worker who washed the feet of Jesus or the beloved disciple portrayed in Jesus Christ Superstar and possibly in the Da Vinci paintings. Completely different people!!

As well as the fruity cocktail and melodious strains of songs of praise, the Ladies connected with visitors, shared stories of life and hope and held each other in deep love and prayer.

**On the 10th of August, we will celebrate the life and work of MU founder Mary Sumner, meet Peta from Anglicare and promote the annual leaving collection. This year, the amount raised through this collection will be for the new Anglicare SQ Youth and Homelessness Facility currently under construction at Beenleigh.**





# Connecting Community at Tatters and Chatters

Our craft and conversation group is really settling into its new home at Wynnum Library. We welcomed a new friend Virginia who heard about us over at Pete's Pantry. It was great to be able to share some of the knitting skills of our crafters with her after a quick visit over the road to the Op Shop for more supplies.

Putting the tats into the Tatters and Chatters, Reverend Andrew also had a go on the needles. After some



wobbliness with casting on, he tapped into the skills his mother passed on when he had to teach a Year 9 Religious Education how to make knitted blanket squares for Anglicare. Not sure how effective its going to be with 4 rows in an hour and a half.

**Do invite friends for friendly no cost fellowship. Tatters and Chatters gathers again next at 2pm on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> August.**







## Welcome to Peta

It was great to catch up with Peta Bartrim, the relatively new Spiritual and Pastoral Coordinator now based at E M Tooth. Peta steps into the role held by our friend Deb Stengert who has moved on to spend more days as a pastoral carer at St Vincents/ Mount Olivet.

Peta has worked for Anglicare SQ for a few years now but spent many years living, working and raising her family in Alice Springs.

Peta has a background in Natural Therapies and a passion for connecting mind, body and spirit. Her role will encompass residents, staff and their families and working closely with Elizabeth and the E M Tooth lifestyle team.

At the moment Peta is at E M Tooth on Fridays but is looking forward to shifting days and times in the near future and connecting in with us and the pastoral care volunteers. We look forward to meeting Peta as our guest speaker for our celebration of Mary Sumner and Anglicare connections on Sunday 10th August.

## Men's Ministry Community Turkish Dinner

A community meal open to all hosted by the Wynnum Men's Ministry Group

7pm Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> July

Pera Palace Ottoman Restaurant

70 Edith Street Wynnum



**Booking essential:** Talk to Nick or Chris after church

or contact Charlie on 0411 202 412 or email [Charles.dunbar007@gmail.com](mailto:Charles.dunbar007@gmail.com)



## A Space to Think: Managing Hosea's Deeply Disturbing Imagery

Rev Margaret Wesley, Priest in Charge of the Parish of Ashgrove writes:

Since I began my web series **Faith of Our Mothers** I've felt the weight of eventually needing to write about Gomer. Imagery of gender based violence in Biblical prophesy is a topic I can only approach with great trepidation, but Hosea 1 is in the lectionary for this Sunday, so it's time to take a deep breath and draw on whatever wisdom I can find. Gomer deserves a companion and advocate, just as the woman brought to Jesus in John 8 needed someone to convince a violent crowd to drop their stones.

I need to prepare myself to hear it read on Sunday, and maybe to prepare you as well. I read *"Take for yourself a wife of whoredom"*, in Hosea 1:2 in the NRSV, and I'm not sure I can prepare anyone for that. Why do our translators insist on using such an offensive word? There is no escaping the violent and offensive language in this prophetic book, or the implication in it that this language comes from the mouth of God. A more sensitive choice of English words can't make the violence of Hosea 2 less triggering and insulting to the women in our churches who have been victims of sexual or family violence.

The symbolism of this prophetic book rests entirely on the cultural expectation that a man whose wife had been unfaithful could be expected to respond to her with violence. This violence is rejected in favour of grace, but it is first considered. This honest consideration of the violent impulses of a jealous man are hard to read, especially with so much symbolic overlap between the man and God.

**Uncomfortable as all this is, the book of Hosea is in our Bibles, so we need to deal with it, somehow. Here are my thoughts on how we might do that.**

The destruction of Israel was a permanent trauma and warning to the Southern Kingdom of Judah. It was a grief from which they would never recover. The people of Judah who collected prophetic writings into their canonical scriptures, would have wanted to include demonstrations that their northern siblings were warned in the strongest possible terms by YHWH's prophets about the coming annihilation. They would need to know that Israel was given every opportunity to repent. They must believe this if they are to trust the God worshiped by both kingdoms.

The book of Hosea employs extremely distasteful language and the sort of violent imagery that speaks to a culture that believed men have a right to use violence against unfaithful wives. Many men have learned to be more humble over the past century and a half. In our churches, the example of Jesus enduring excruciating shame for us is a constant reminder of the paradox that our highest calling is endure shame for each other.

**The church is called to lend strength to men who are trying to expand their breathing space between feelings of shame and acts of violence. Our priority, though, must be the victims and potential victims. We must stand with women like Gomer who are the potential victims of shame based violence. Jesus showed us the way in John 8:1-11. There we see the violent impulse of one husband's shame spread to a whole group of men. With stones in their hands, they crave the death of a woman, like Gomer, accused of adultery.**

Jesus doesn't add to the men's shame by making accusations. He re-engages their rational thinking with a question: *"Is there one among you who has never sinned?"* Is the sin of our community carried only by the women, or have the men contributed too? Hosea isn't ready to ask himself that question. He isn't ready to say to Gomer, *"Neither do I condemn you."* But he does let God pull him back from his violent impulses. And that is a good start.

So, let's pray:  
Gentle God,  
When shame clenches our fists,  
And clouds our minds,  
Teach us to breathe  
And step back  
And not condemn.  
When called to join the condemning crowd,  
Teach us to breathe  
And step forward  
And protect,  
In the name of one who carried all our shame  
And revealed the glory of humiliated love.  
Amen



You can read the full text of Rev Margaret's reflection at...

<https://faithofourmothers.substack.com/p/gomer-caught-between-shame-and-violence?>



### Scripture Readings: This Week

Hosea 1:2-10; Psalm 85;  
Colossians 2:6-15 (16-19); Luke 11:1-13

### Next week:

Hosea 11:1-11; Psalm 107:1-9,43;  
Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21

### For your prayers:

- ♦ The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea
- ♦ The Diocese of Willochra
- ♦ The Parish of Bundaberg
- ♦ Cooloola Community Development Centre
- ♦ **Yvonne, Coralie, Richard, Ann, Bruce, Judi, Brad, J and J, Chloe and Family, Shirley, Maggie, Val, Vivien, Zoe, Ben, Bev, Desley, Daryl, Michael, Peter, Jean, Marilyne**

### A Prayer for Peace

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord. Lord  
hear my voice! (Psalm 130:1)

Compassionate and loving God,  
we stand with those who cry in anguish in  
Israel, Palestine and Lebanon.

With those who have lost their lives to  
violence, those who mourn, those who  
have been displaced, those who are held  
unjustly against their will, those who have  
lost their homes and livelihoods.

We stand with the traumatized, the injured,  
the children, the elderly and the frail.

Lord, move our hearts

**Give us eyes to see as you see.**

<https://embraceme.org>

### What's On

#### Every week

**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 July

30th Rev Andrew meeting with +John

30th Men's Ministry Community Dinner @ Pera Palace,  
Wynnum 7pm

31st Rev Andrew @ Professional Ethics Workshop

#### Coming up in August

2nd Car Boot Sale, Meadowlands Rd, Carindale Early to 11am

4th Aveo Community Eucharist, 2pm

7th Tatters and Chatters @ Wynnum Library 2pm-4pm

9th Cursillo Meeting

10th Mary Sumner Day Celebration and MU Anglicare Collection

13th MU Deanery Quiet Day Algeester

13th E M Tooth Residents Eucharist

11th -14th Rev Andrew at Regional Clergy Conference

**Please let Rev Andrew know of any upcoming events**

### The Vicar's Voice

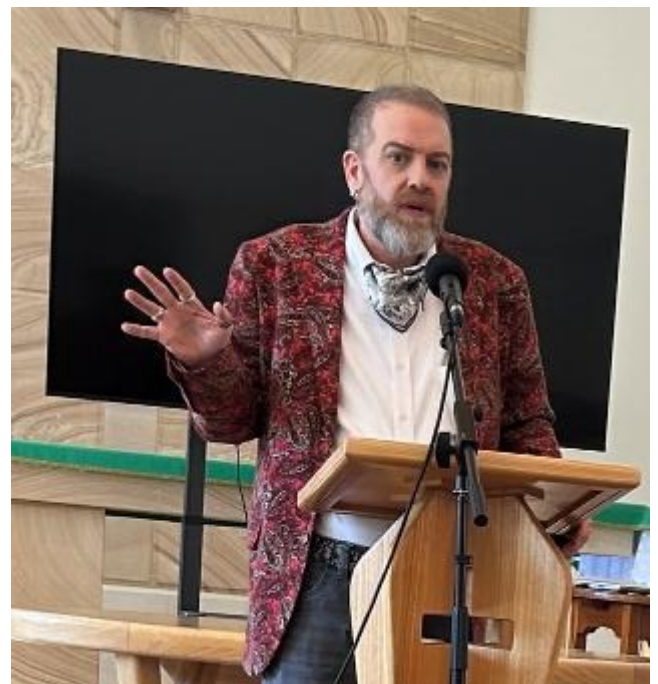
I'm embracing the commitment to professional development lately. I've just renewed my Child Protection online training and next Thursday will be joining 30 or so other clergy at the mandatory Professional Ethics training we need to complete every three years.



Last Saturday I had the privilege of attending a workshop offered by the Australian Network of Spiritual Directors at St Joseph's, Nundah. The workshop was facilitated by Rev Dr Shannon Michael Pater, based in Massachusetts in the US. The day covered some heavy stuff under the heading of *"Coming Home to the House of You: Internal Family Systems (IFS) and Spiritual Direction."* His ongoing research integrates neurobiology (particularly Polyvagal Theory) and neuroplasticity (how the brain and nervous system sustainably shift), Attachment Theory (how we relationally connect and adapt), Internal Family Systems (the integration of internal protectors and exiles) and in this case, how trauma informed practice can shape spiritual direction.

**Good stuff... with the added blessing of being in the same room with Shannon Michael who has been my own spiritual director for the last 4 years. We meet monthly by Zoom so a wonderful opportunity to meet in person.**

**May you notice the Spirit around you this week!**



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