



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.

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.



- Synod Stuff
- Construction Update
- Cursillistas doing stuff
- Quiet Day Next Week.

## Synod Reps Refill and Refresh



Coffee... its what keeps a Synod functioning! Our Synod representatives, Nadia Wilson and Stephen Hall were well caffeinated by the time Rev Andrew arrived to sit in the Manly space by the door we claimed early on.

There's lots of words and lots of folk who love to hear their voice but also many profound and interesting things to be alert among it. It is enlightening to see the hundreds of folk... clergy and lay representatives from around the Diocese. Synod gives us a deep sense that we are not alone... we share a mission and ministry with so many others that is a privilege and a joy. Its also reassuring to know that we are not alone in the challenges we face as a small community trying to do our best.

Nadia and Stephen will have a full report to table at Parish Council which we will share in due course but until then hit them up for witty, amusing anecdotes and wise insights from their experience.

**More Synod stuff 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



## Synod 2025 Archbishop's Address

The first order of business at every Synod is the Archbishop's Address. It's a opportunity for +Jeremy to address the diocese, reflecting on the achievements and challenges of our time and suggesting some focus for our ministry together. This year +Jeremy reflected on the changes and similarities between our times and 100 years ago in 1925.

*'Not enough money and not enough clergy – this has been the story of this Diocese from our earliest days. And yet in 1925 churches were being built, congregations were being started, and there was life everywhere around the Diocese. It seems to me that we can either live out of a place of deficit or we can live out of a deep sense of God's abundance.'*

In 1925, with "not enough money and not enough clergy" the Diocese of Brisbane was opening on average five new churches every year. And interestingly they were not big church buildings. I recently joined in the centenary celebrations at the Church of the

Ascension at Morningside. The church was full... which meant there might have been 70 people present. While we have always had and will always have bigger churches, perhaps 70-100 people is our Anglican DNA – we have never been mega-churches. We have always been small, so what might it mean to accept this and to discover what flourishing means if that's who we are? How do we flourish when there is not enough money and there are not enough clergy, with congregations of 50-70 people?

### A few other highlights...

*"I visited a small parish church and noticed during the service a small girl in the fourth row who seemed captivated by all that was going on...as I stood at the door greeting people as they left, I was introduced to the young girl by her granny. 'Louise,' she said, 'this is the Archbishop.' She looked completely crestfallen. She looked at me and then looked at her granny and said, 'Oh. I thought he was God.' I wonder when was the last time you arrived at church expecting to see God"*

***"When we lose the expectation that we might meet God when we gather, our worship is inevitably diminished and we can begin to see the weekly gathering as an obligation to be attended out of a sense of duty or a habit we've got into rather than something in which we participate with great anticipation,"***

*"The great Walter Brueggemann who died last month, wrote that, "Sunday morning is the practice of a counter life through counter speech. The church on Sunday morning or wherever it engages in its odd speech, may be the last place left in our society for imaginative speech that permits people to enter into new worlds of faith and to participate in joyous, obedient life." We are creating worlds with our words and the world we create matters."*

*Creativity requires the  
courage to let go of certainty.*

**A copy of the full address and other Synod resources can be found here: <https://www.anglicanchurchsq.org.au/synod>**



## Synod Sermon Snippet

“What would it look like to take the dignity lens to the work we do — to the way we see our churches and face the adaptive challenges before us?”

How might it shift our conversations, reframe our approaches, and expand our imaginations? Could it increase our capacity for hard conversations, give us the courage to speak from the pulpit on tough topics, and grow in new competencies? Might it help us realign with our mission and speak boldly to the structures that hold us back?” asks Dr Beth-Sarah Wright in her St John's Cathedral, Brisbane sermon.

Dr Beth-Sarah Wright is an Atlanta-based author and speaker, who currently serves as the Acting Executive Director of the Absalom Jones Episcopal Center for Racial Healing and as Adjunct Assistant Professor in Psychiatry at Emory University School of Medicine. She is working with our Anglican Schools Office and speaking around the diocese. Read the whole sermon in Anglican Focus <https://anglicanfocus.org.au/2025/06/30/synod-sermon-2025-what-does-it-mean-to-follow-jesus-today/>



Our Archdeacon Br Donald, Rev Daniel from Chermiside Parish and our Regional Bishop John among the folk at Synod 2025



## Green shoots of hope and life



**July Quiet Morning**  
**Torrens Crescent Park, Wakerley**  
**Saturday 12th July**  
**9.30am – 12.30pm**

We invite you to join us  
in a shared morning of respite, calm and peace  
in the crispness of a July morning...  
...to ponder the signs of life and hope in our lives.  
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.



# News from Anglicare SQ about the Development

30 June 2025

## RE: Village Manly Upcoming Construction Works

Dear Reverend Cooper

We are writing to advise you of upcoming construction works for the Village Manly, which may impact your access in and around our home.



**Pending weather, we anticipate the following works to be undertaken from mid- June to early-August 2025:**

- **Alternative access to Chapel**
  - Alternative access to the Chapel remains via the rear veranda. Please take care when utilising the Chapel and follow all directional and safety signage.
- **Temporary relocation of entry and driveway**
  - The driveway to our home was temporarily relocated further south on Oceana Terrace earlier this month as works began on a new entry statement and feature to our home.
  - Pedestrian access is still available on a new footpath. As marked in **pink** on the image on the left
  - Entry to our home remains via the glass doors next to our administration area. As marked in **green** on the image. Please buzz our administration team for access via the glass doors.
  - Some existing parking is now part of the construction zone, however additional temporary parking is available for visitors with limited mobility. As marked in **dark blue** on the image
  - The ambulance access point has now changed, and ambulances will access the grounds via the scaffold drop off. As marked **yellow** on the image.
  - Directional signage will be in place, and we will continue to update you as this activity progressed
- **Ongoing construction works in and around Lota House.**
  - Internal works and demolition continue within the designated construction zone. We thank you for your patience as construction works are undertaken closer to our home and chapel and apologise for any inconvenience.
- **Demolition to walkway structures**
  - Demolition of walkway structures from the old car park to the administration building is underway. These works are external only and construction workers will be on site to manage access. Please follow instructions at all times.
- **Temporary driveway for construction vehicles**
  - A temporary driveway has been constructed to enable a separate access for all construction vehicles. Construction vehicles will no longer share the main driveway, improving the safe access to our home.
- **Civil and major construction works**
  - These are continuing within the Village Manly construction precinct. All dust and noise impacts will continue to be managed in accordance with Council requirements and restrictions.
- **Major blockage to sewage pump station**
  - Our home is currently operating on a temporary sewage pump due to construction activities, and we ask you to please be mindful when using the toilet. Sanitary items such as pads and tampons will not break down when flushed and have caused water and waste blockages in the sewage system, leading to significant repair costs and construction delays.

We thank you for your patience during the construction period and will continue to provide project and construction updates to you.

Please do not hesitate to contact [enquiries@anglicaresq.org.au](mailto:enquiries@anglicaresq.org.au) should you have any questions in regards.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Tim Hellyer'.

**Tim Hellyer**  
Strategic Property Manager







## Anglican Cursillo Movement gets the Vote of Approval.

Synod was presented with the following motion:

### 7. Acknowledgement of the 40th Anniversary of Cursillo in the Diocese of Southern Queensland

The Rev'd Pauline Harley to move; Mrs Margaret Carr seconding: *That this Synod acknowledges the 40-year anniversary of Cursillo in the Diocese of Brisbane and endorses Cursillo as an ongoing diocesan ministry.*

**Explanatory notes:** The Anglican Cursillo Movement in the Diocese of Brisbane, Southern Queensland, is celebrating its 40th Anniversary on 8 November 2025 at St John's Cathedral. Cursillo is a National Ministry and was brought to Brisbane Diocese in 1985 by Grafton Diocese. Over the years, 3,874 Anglican Parishioners have participated as candidates, then volunteered to be on team for the 182 weekends held so far. This year will see the 183rd weekend take place in August. Marking 40 years of lay led ministry and fully supported by clergy at all levels for all Cursillo weekends, over the years, it would be fitting that Cursillo be acknowledged for its work in many of the 130+ parishes throughout this vast Diocese.

Rev Pauline presented a great audiovisual outlining the work of Cursillo after which the motion was put and enthusiastically accepted. A sign of the interest engendered was the line up of folk at the Cursillo stall, admirably staffed by our Nick and Chris... so busy this correspondent couldn't even get in to say G'day. Well done to all involved.





### Scripture Readings: This Week

2 Kings 5:1-14; Psalm 30;  
Galatians 6:(1-6), 7-16; Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

### Next week:

Amos 7:7-17; Ps 82;  
Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37

### For your prayers:

- ♦ The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)
- ♦ The Diocese of Bendigo
- ♦ The Parish of Yeronga
- ♦ Arthur Gorrie Correctional Centre Chaplains
- ♦ Fraser Coast Anglican College, Hervey Bay
- ♦ **Yvonne, Coralie, Richard, Ann, Bruce, Judi, Brad, J and J, Chloe and Family, Doreen, Shirley, Maggie, Val, Vivien, Zoe, Ben, Bev, Desley, Daryl, Michael**

**We give thanks for the lives of Rev Neville Knott and Dr Ann Hoskings and pray for their family and friends as they mourn their loss.**

### A Call for Saint Drostan to pray for us

Zealous disciple of St Columba,  
You left your native land of Ireland  
To take the light of the Gospel  
To the land of Scotland,  
of which you were an apostle.  
Holy abbot of the monastery of Deer,  
Drostan, pray to the Lord  
that He save our souls!  
Holy Father Drostan,  
pray to God for us.

**Amen**

## 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  
We welcome Henry Hardgrave and family for Baptism

### Coming up in July

6th Baptism of Henry Hardgrave

6th Rev Andrew preaching at Cathedral Evensong

8th Funeral of Doreen Sanders, Hartnett's Mt Gravatt

9th EM Tooth Residents' Eucharist 2pm

12th Signs of Hope and Life Quiet Day

12th Cursillo at the Quiet Morning

13th Parish Council 11am-1pm

17th Tatters and Chatters 2pm-4pm

22nd MU Service and Meeting

24th Deanery @ Mt Gravatt

### Coming up in August

11th -14th Rev Andrew at Regional Clergy Conference

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

## The Vicar's Voice

**On Sunday evening at 6pm I will be preaching at the Cathedral at 6pm as part of their Mystics, Theologians & God-Botherers series.** I'm sort of but not really all those things but I get to have a few opinions about one of my Scottish saint mates... Drostan of Deer... or Aberdeen.



According to the advertising blurb, Saint Drostan was a Scottish abbot and one of the 12 Brethren of St Columba of Iona. He established a mission centre near Aberdeen. A miracle attributed to him is healing the sight of a priest called Symon or Simeon. The healing was not just of his physical sight but of a malaise of the heart. St Drostan offered balm for Symon's spiritual loneliness and ministry burn out. This loving act has something to say about care for the broken dreams and heartbreak when the romance of falling in love with God and the church seems to grow cold.

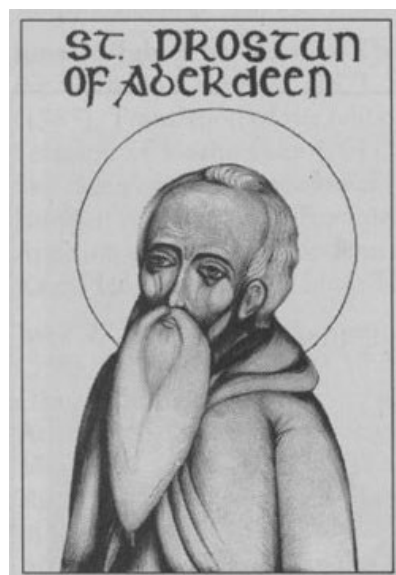
Come and join me for the beautiful choral service in the magnificent St John's cathedral with full bore organ and choir and a sermon I have even written out in full to counter the weird acoustics.

Wear layers as it can get chilly and stay afterwards for an informal chat about life, the universe and cool stuff about

Scotland, saints and Drostan himself. Did I tell you...?

It's a big couple of days ahead... on Saturday there's the Car Boot sale and Olive's Memorial Service at 1.30 in the chapel, a baptism on Sunday, a funeral on Tuesday and then Parish Council next Sunday.

**Every blessing to you** *Andrew*



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