



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.



- Mary Sumner Celebrations
- MU Dementia Awareness Workshop
- A Tale of the Teddies
- Clergy Conference Capers

## We Celebrate Mary Sumner



### What a privilege to celebrate practical application of the Good News of Jesus Christ with MU, Anglicare and our folk here at St Paul's.

Among the Manly MU marchers, signs of MU hospitality on and around the altar and the spirit of cheerful service, we welcomed **Peta Bartrim, Coordinator of Spiritual and Pastoral Care at E M Tooth**. Pictured with Rev Andrew and E M Tooth Pastoral Care volunteer Mark Austin, Peta share some of her journey of coming to faith, years of life and ministry in Alice Springs, her work at E M Tooth and in the Anglicare home and community outreach programs.

As well as training in Pastoral Care, Peta has qualifications in natural therapies. This informs her great belief in the link between mind, body and spirit and how she reaches out in love and service to the often vulnerable people she encounters.

**We welcome you Peta and look forward to continuing to grow our partnership of love and service at E M Tooth.**

*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

## We celebrate our strong women: Mary Sumner, Anglicare Ministry and Manly MU



Last Sunday, our St Paul's family paused to celebrate the life, work and legacy of Mary Sumner, founder of the world wide Mother's Union movement. The strong presence of MU in our parish was highlighted when on the invitation for MU members to process in with their banner, they left most of the chairs empty!!

It was truly a festival of all things MU. The chapel was sparkling with MU memorabilia and Kay Voltz opened the service with a great introduction to Mary Sumner and the impact she has made. We welcomed Peta Bartrim, the Coordinator of Spiritual and Pastoral Care at E M Tooth who shared a little of her life, passions and role with in Anglicare which was a great link to our readings of the day which encouraged us to take care of the poor and vulnerable. MU president Ailsa spoke of the partnership MU has with Anglicare and the leaving collection to support the Logan Young Adults Accommodation project. **A great day with a great feeling indeed!!!!**



Kay tells the story of Mary Sumner  
—strong woman of faith and action



A casual conversation with profound sharing  
of life and work from Peta and Ailsa



MU makings.... morning tea and MU creativity stall.



Hospitality and fellowship  
on Mary Sumner Sunday

In Australia, there are an estimated 433,300 people living with dementia. A diagnosis of dementia changes things. But life goes on.\*



Learn more about dementia and what you, your family and friends can do to stay safe, connected, healthy and active.

**Dementia Awareness Workshop**  
**With Dementia Australia**  
**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2025**  
**St Peter's Anglican Church Hall**  
**77 Charlotte Street, Wynnum**  
**10am-12.00pm**

Organised by Manly Wynnum Mother's Union Social Responsibilities Group  
and welcoming Dementia Australia.

Call Ailsa on 0432 152 400 for more information.



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\* [www.dementia.org.au](http://www.dementia.org.au)



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# PEACE WITH CREATION

## SEASON OF CREATION 2025

**Our hope:** Creation will find peace when justice is restored. There is still hope and an expectation for a peaceful Earth. *Isaiah 32:14-18.*

**7<sup>th</sup> September Stare at the Sea**

Lota Foreshore Park, The Esplanade, Lota

**14<sup>th</sup> September Gaze at the Garden**

Bethania Street Community Garden, Lota

**21<sup>st</sup> September Pause in the Park**

Torrens Crescent Park, Margaret Crescent, Wakerley

**28<sup>th</sup> September Be in the Bush**

Melaleuca Environment Park, Clifton Street, Manly West

'Short creation centred reflections and prayer followed by something refreshing and nibbles. Bring your refreshments, a folding chair and appropriate clothing. Contact Fr Andrew [priest@stpaulsmanly.org](mailto:priest@stpaulsmanly.org)

*The Season of Creation is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through celebration, conversion, and commitment together.*



### The Tale of the Teddies

Our Helen and Robyn had a great catch up recently with knitting wizz Valerie Thomson.

Valerie has a special ministry with us making the Baptism Bears given on behalf of the parish by our MU members.

The Teddies are lovingly crafted and are a sign of love, prayer and welcome to a newly chrismed member of the family of God. They also can grab the attention of a fretful young one just as they are getting wriggly at being the centre of attention with dripping baptism waters all over them.

MU also gifts a book of scripture stories as part of the lovely rite of Anointing of the Catechumens. The wee book is aimed at grown ups sharing the good news stories as they take on the important role of raising a little one in the faith of Christ.

In the past, possibly because we had many more families to deal with, we held Baptisms as stand alone services often on a Saturday afternoon. Sensible of course but our current practice means families and the wee ones join us at least three times to experience our worship, fellowship and hospitality. This is an important ministry for all of us to radiate the infectious love of God that can be caught from those who love God.

**Thank you Valerie for the love shown in a simple but meaningful bless-ed bear!**



## Southern Region Clergy Conference

Rev Andrew is grateful for the opportunity to attend the Clergy Conference at Noosa this week. Each year the clergy of the region gather with Bishop John for a time of reflection, learning, community building and a bit of a breathe together.



An afternoon glimpse of the sea

The theme was **"Celebrating our bodies, minds and souls"** with great keynote speakers Dr Iain McGilchrist, Psychiatrist and Neuroscientist and Dr Louise Gosbell, Theological Educator and Disability Advocate. Dr Iain, who lives on the Isle of Skye in Scotland, lectures at Oxbridge and is a mate of former Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams, stretched our minds literally as he shared how our brains function and connections to experiences of faith, awe and wonder. Dr Louise brought her gentle humour and wealth of experience with walking alongside people living with disabilities to unpacking the significance of all people in the body of Christ.

There were other addresses from the Defence Force Chaplaincy, cross cultural ministry and powerful addresses by Archbishop Jeremy and Bishop John.

**The venue was great and there was a little time to stare at the sea at Noosa Heads. A blessing in so many ways.**



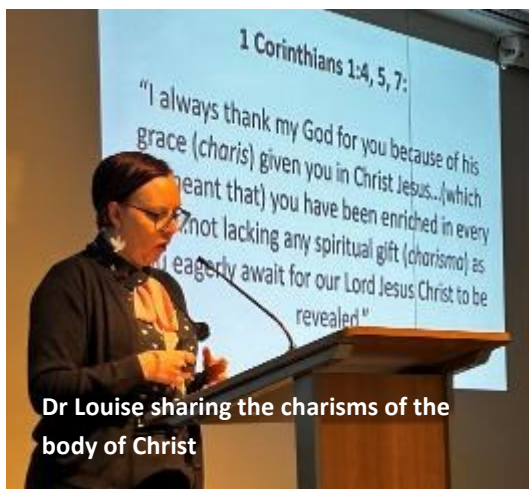
Archbishop Jeremy encourages us to dwell in hope



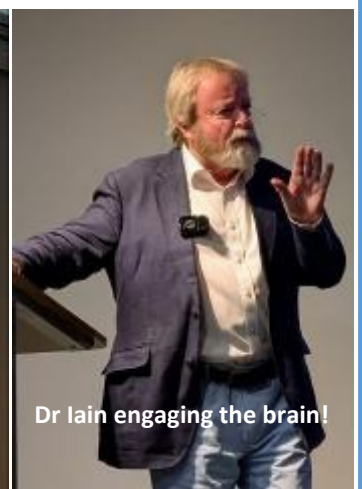
Catching up with the Bayside partners, Rev Vijay from Waterloo Bay, Rev Sam and Katanya from Wynnum and the Manly Vicar



Pondering powerful stuff



Dr Louise sharing the charisms of the body of Christ



Dr Iain engaging the brain!



Bishop John herding cats and rallying his regional clergy!

### Scripture Readings: This Week

Isaiah 5:1-7; Ps 80:1-2, 8-19  
Hebrews 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-59

### Next week:

Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6;  
Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17

### For your prayers:

- The Scottish Episcopal Church
- The Diocese of North Queensland
- The Parish of Ekibin
- St Mark's Anglican Social Services, Logan
- The Southport School, Southport
- ♦ **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, Georgia**

### Prayer For Equilibrium, a Blessing

Like the joy of the sea coming home to shore,  
May the relief of laughter rinse through your soul.

As the wind loves to call things to dance,  
May your gravity be lightened by grace.

Like the dignity of moonlight restoring the earth,  
May your thoughts incline with reverence and respect.

As water takes whatever shape it is in,  
So free may you be about who you become.

As silence smiles on the other side of what's said,  
May your sense of irony bring perspective.

As time remains free of all that it frames,  
May your mind stay clear of all its names.

May your prayer of listening deepen enough  
to hear in the depths the laughter of God.

John O'Donohue, To Bless the Space Between Us: A Book of Blessings

## What's On

### Every week

**Monday 10.30am** EM Tooth Prayer and Praise  
**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 August

21st Tatters and Chatters @ Wynnum 2pm  
26th MU Morning Prayer 9.30am  
26th MU Dementia Awareness Workshop 10am

### Coming up in September

1st Season of Creation begins  
1st Aveo Community Eucharist  
4th Tatters and Chatters @ Wynnum 2pm  
5th Car Boot Sale  
7th Stare at the Sea, Lota Foreshore 4.30pm  
10th E M Tooth Residents Eucharist 2pm  
13th Cursillo 10.30am  
14th Anglicare Sunday with Stephen Harrison  
14th Parish Council 11am-1pm  
14th Gaze at the Garden, Bethania Street Community Garden

## The Vicar's Voice



So the Southern Region Clergy Conference is done for another year. I do conferences with mixed feelings. I enjoy gathering with the other clergy and the time to connect, renew friendships and encounter quality speakers and content. On the other hand as a raging introvert, I find the enclosed walls of a packed conference room and limited 'alone' time tends to drain me pretty quickly. I'm grateful that the planners built in some stare at the sea time!

Our theme of *Mind, Body and Soul* was engaging. It was great to have an internationally renowned thinker address us on how the brain works and the implication for how we process the world and specifically our religious world view.

I stole this from our AI friend on google... "*Iain McGilchrist's work centres on the idea that the brain's two hemispheres, while both necessary, have distinct modes of attention and understanding that are often imbalanced in modern society. The right hemisphere is characterized as providing a broad, contextual, and holistic awareness, prioritizing interconnectedness and implicit meaning. The left hemisphere, on the other hand, focuses on analysis, detail, and categorization, often leading to a more fragmented and instrumental view of the world. McGilchrist argues that a healthy mind and society require a balance between these two modes, with the left hemisphere serving the right, rather than dominating it.*

*He emphasizes that faith is not simply a matter of propositional belief or certainty, but rather a disposition, a relationship, and a way of being in the world. He sees faith as being more akin to the right hemisphere's qualities of betweenness, resonance, and responsibility, rather than the left hemisphere's unidirectional and controlling approach."*

**Great stuff and I'd be more than happy to share my thoughts on it all over a cuppa sometime.**

Every blessing

Andrew

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