



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.



- Sustainability Workshop Notes
- Cursillo Crispness
- A Bounty of Baking!
- MU Youth Homelessness Appeal

## The Blokes Host Happiness.



### Wynnum Men's Ministry group tapped into their hospitality and joie de vivre as they hosted one of their regular community dinners.

The lush surrounding of Pera Palace Ottoman Turkish Restaurant in Wynnum was a fitting setting for fellowship and conversation. The food was excellent as was the company. Rev Andrew's big pink drink inspired fellow flavour fiends despite the non alcoholic Gin in it...



surely against the commandments of the Lord!!

Nick joyfully shared a poignant and apt reflection on taking time to pause to ground us in the love of our God expressed in community.

**Join us next time!**

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

## Sustainability Roadmap 2024-2030 Workshop

Ailsa Gill writes: Nick Crisp, Kay Voltz and Ailsa Gill represented the Parish and Mothers' Union at the recent Sustainability Roadmap 2024-2030 Workshop held at the Hendra Parish Hall.

Guest speakers for the day were:



**Archbishop Emeritus Dr Winston Halapua** from Aotearoa New Zealand and Polynesia. His message to us was about increasing our prayers and love for others and the environment.

**Aunty Dr Rose Elu** - (check out her extensive profile sometime) is an advocate for Torres Strait communities and climate change and was 2021 Queensland Senior Australian of the Year. She spoke passionately but sadly about the recent decision of the Federal Court which found that while the Torres Strait Islanders face a bleak future, the Government is not currently obliged to protect them from the impact of

Climate Change. She spoke about the islands being their God given home. The changing weather patterns and the rising seas threaten to take everything they love.

**The Very Reverend Dr Peter Catt**, Dean of St John's Cathedral, was our next speaker. He encouraged us to explore ways we can, both as individuals and as Parishes create our own Sustainability Action Plan, using the Sustainability Roadmap as a guide.

### Suggestions -

- Can we use/install more Solar power?
- Replace our appliances with more environmentally friendly ones. He stressed that it was important not to throw out perfectly good appliances. That just adds to landfill. However, when we do need to replace an item that is the time to think seriously about what we buy, - even if it costs a bit more. When buying chocolate, especially at Easter, take the extra time to make sure the produce you buy is from sustainably sourced cocoa.
- Be proactive in demanding more from our elected representatives to do all they can to reduce greenhouse gases.

**The Justice Unit Co-ordinator of the Anglican Church Southern Queensland (ACSQ), Peter Branjerdporn,** gave us an overview of the Sustainability Roadmap 2023-2030.

The handout states that *"this Roadmap lays out a framework for the Church and its agencies to formalise their bespoke Sustainability Action Plans, in a staged rollout revised every two years. Churches, schools and agencies should sign up to this road map."*

### Where do we at St Pauls stand on our Sustainable Action Plan?

We are participating in the Season of Creation as we did last year. Could we also commit to using Fair Trade items for morning tea? Any other ideas?





## Cursillo Happenings.



# Cursillo

## SOUTHERN QUEENSLAND

Anglican Cursillo Movement Diocese of Southern Queensland (Brisbane)

**Nick Crisp writes:** Last Sunday (27 July) I made the trip across to Inala parish, to present a talk about Cursillo. (I think the timing was because no-one wanted to present a sermon on that Hosea first reading!) St Hugh's was first, at 8:30am. They had a large screen and digital projector and laptop ready. Their lectern microphone decided to work properly for the day too! (It is known to have bad days.)

Parish Priest Jon Brook was intending to be away on other matters, but snuck in at the back. Lindsay Howie, retired former Dean of the Rockhampton Cathedral, presided. Lindsay and wife Jenny are both Cursillistas, which turned out to be helpful indeed.

I spent too long running through my one-page of "dot-points", and then got into my Talk, which was really a personal witness Talk about what has happened to me through Cursillo, and how the contribution of 4 decades of Cursillistas in this Diocese had brought me to this place. It was well received (about 35 listeners). Lindsay also added a few important words at the end, covering some points I had missed at the start.



After the service, we packed up all my clobber (back-up PA system, rooster mascot and four banners) and drove a few minutes away to Aveo / Forest Grove (Durack), where there were 31 parishioners for their 10:30am service. This time, there was no screen available, so I wasted only a few moments on my do points. My presentation was much the better for it. I spoke more clearly at a slightly slow pace. Again, it was well received and Lindsay was able to add some good information.

After the service was complete, I was able catch up with some former Middle Park parishioners who were at St Catherine's back when I was baptised in 1995. Woo-hoo! It is great to visit parishes around the Diocese, and to maintain the interest in Cursillo. Now I have to attend to the "follow-ups" that came out of it.

**Blessings**  
**Nick**





## Best In Show by far!

Our baking wizz Chris Rohde showed he is not just a pretty face with a recent first place at the Mount Gravatt Show.

Chris regularly gives the Rodhe kitchen a good workout with curries, jams, chutneys and all sorts of tasty productions but this gluten free feta and apple loaf must have tickled the tastebuds of the judges to win first prize in the gluten free section.



**Congratulations Chris and we all look forward to tasting more of your excellent culinary delights should they come our way!**

## Rehabilitating Hosea

**Last week we thought deeply about the problematic imagery in the first chapter of the prophet Hosea. The despair and trauma of conquest and pain are expressed pretty graphically but the image of a dishonoured husband contemplating violence does not sit well.**

The beauty of the scriptures however is their depth and capacity to reflect growth and change in understanding. This week we will reflect on the shift of imagery in Chapter 11 to that of a grieving parent yearning for the return of their beloved child. You'll need to come to hear the vicar's thoughts or tune in via Zoom but the shift can be seen in the beautiful hymn we will play at communion. Written by a former Benedictine monk, "*Come back to me with all your heart*" draws on the yearning and invitation in Hosea 11: 1-11. May it touch your heart too.

Come back to me with all your heart,  
don't let fear keep us apart.

Trees do bend, tho' straight and tall;  
so must we to others' call.

*Long have I waited for your coming  
home to me and living deeply our new life.*

The wilderness will lead you  
to your heart where I will speak.  
Integrity and justice  
with tenderness you shall know.

*Long have I waited for your coming  
home to me and living deeply our new life.*

You shall sleep secure with peace;  
faithfulness will be your joy.

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# ***AMUA***

Brisbane Diocese

Retiring Collection

Sunday 10th August

## **Anglicare Southern Queensland's Youth Homelessness Project**

The Anglicare SQ Youth Homelessness Accommodation Project currently underway in Logan aims to address the escalating housing crisis in Southern Queensland.

**Please join us to bring housing  
and a better tomorrow to  
vulnerable young Queenslanders  
– now and for decades to come.**

The project features a modern building that is custom designed to support young people (aged 16-25) who are either experiencing or are at risk of experiencing, homelessness. Residents will also receive support focused on their social and emotional well-being from a range of psychologists, counsellors and educators.

The money donated by Mothers' Union will be spent on the four couple/family rooms located on the ground floor of the main building to provide furnishings like beds, linen, furniture for adults and children, whitegoods, towels, pillows and so on.



### Scripture Readings: This Week

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

### Next week:

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20; Ps 50:1-8,23-24;  
Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16; Luke 12:32-40

### For your prayers:

- ♦ The Episcopal Church in the Philippines
- ♦ The Diocese of Armidale
- ♦ The Parish of Centenary Suburbs
- ♦ Anglicare Australia
- ♦ Cannon Hill Anglican College, Cannon Hill
- ♦ **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 Community

Heavenly Father, we pray for the flourishing of our community — spiritually, socially, and economically. May we work together to create a place where all are valued, where justice and righteousness prevail, and where the needs of the most vulnerable are met.

Lord, we thank you for the gift of community and for the bonds of love and fellowship that unite us.

Help us to be instruments of your peace, shining your light and spreading your love wherever we go. Amen.

<https://commongoodmag.com/prayers-for-your-community/>

## 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

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

21st Tatters and Chatters @ Wynnum 2pm

26th MU Eucharist and Meeting 9.30am

Please let Rev Andrew know of any upcoming events

## The Vicar's Voice

You'll be pleased to know I've now completed my mandatory Professional Ethics Training for 2025. This particular training is an important aspect of our church's commitment to the highest standards of clergy and lay worker



conduct. The need for this was brought home by the appalling reality that we have not always kept vulnerable people safe as shown when the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Abuse held a light to some of our darkest places.

All clergy are required to have a registered professional supervisor and to log and report the hours spent. Mine is a great guy called Stephen who has a strong theoretical knowledge and extensive practical experience in both ministry and secular settings supporting best practice.

The Diocesan Office of Safe Ministry is tasked with implementing legislation and diocesan policy but most importantly supporting clergy in creating safe spaces and supporting those who have been impacted by unethical behaviour.

On Thursday I gathered via Zoom with 30 or so clergy and lay workers to refresh my understanding of the Faithfulness in Service policy which outlines our responsibilities to act with integrity at all times and the strong ethical boundaries expected by all of us.

I found the course useful and engaging. The principles were clearly outlined and we were given a range of case studies to unpack and explore the ethical implications and the action required in each circumstance. Some confronting concepts and a timely reminder to make sure we are all creating safety for everyone, not just those we deem vulnerable or at risk.

If you ever feel that you have experienced unethical behaviour, I encourage you to make contact with the Office of Safe Ministry directly on 1800 242 544 or email [safeministry@anglicanchurchsq.org.au](mailto:safeministry@anglicanchurchsq.org.au). The extensive set of policies, and resources can be found at the Diocesan Website <https://www.anglicanchurchsq.org.au/safeguarding>

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