



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.



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- Parish Council stuff
- Stephen Shares a Story
- Pete's Pantry Stuff

More Creation Glory



The Wonder that is Warden Wilson in the Wonder of Creation

There was wonder and joy in the hearts of all who gathered last Sunday at Bethania Street Community Gardens for our second Season of Creation reflection. Wonder at the hardy folk who turned up after a big morning of church and Parish Council meeting! There was a particular joy at the sight of parish warden, Rob Wilson, carefully making his way down the path on knees that are so new and possibly still shiny after recent surgery. It might have been the good meds but Rob shared the time and space with a big beam on his face... especially as warm blankets appeared out of car boots when the sun dropped, the shadows lengthened and the breeze cooled... a reminder to bring layers!!!

**Join us a this week as we Pause in the Park
at Torrens Crescent Park, Wakerley. Details 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

CELEBRATING CREATIVITY IN THE SEASON OF CREATION

Sandra Davis writes: The Season of Creation extends from the 1st September to the 4th October and celebrates the beauty and splendour of God's creation in our world: flowers, fruits, plants, birds, sea creatures...



It is an annual global celebration that unites Christians of all traditions in prayer, reflection and, most importantly, action, for the protection of God's creation. During this season, churches, communities and individuals are invited to explore the wonder of God's creation as we respond to the ecological challenges facing our planet. At St. Paul's, one such response is seen in our recycling project, in which ten of our members are involved.

Another response is being seen on each of the four Sundays in September, when one of the tapestry cushions in our collection of fifty will be displayed at the altar in our chapel.

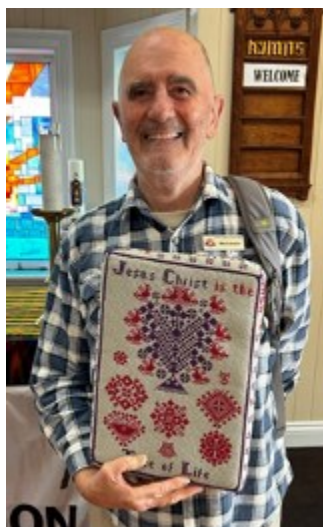
The first of the quartet was "*Crux Florea Naturalis*" worked by Desley Cox in April, 2002. It was given the Latin name by Sandra, following the tradition of plants being given a botanical Latin name. This one means "*a natural floral cross*" and its design is a stylised representation of Jesus on the Latin cross at Golgotha. The flowers, which also feature on the sides of the cushion, appear to be a native Australian flower, possibly the waratah, floral emblem of New South Wales. This cushion was displayed on the 7th September.



Our second Sunday, 14th September, featured one of Miriam Elkin's total of eleven in our collection. Worked in 2001, it celebrates the glory of birdlife, with four cheeky rainbow lorikeets perched happily on the branches of a eucalyptus tree.

The bird on the right appears to be telling a riveting tale to the other three, who are listening intently. Miriam worked this charming cameo of life in the Australian bush in 2001 and named it, aptly, "*Our Birds*".

Third in our series is another of Miriam's creations, "*Apples Of Gold*", designed and worked by her in 2000, at the start of the project. On display on 21st September, it is based on Proverbs 25:11: "*A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver*". 'It is believed that the book of Proverbs was written by Solomon, King of Israel, ca 970B.C. The front of the cushion is dominated by four large golden apples with a silver thread introducing Solomon's concept of silver pictures. This design is repeated around the four sides of the cushion, ten apples in total. Our parishioner holding the cushion is Frances Strawbridge.



We conclude our selection of cushions acknowledging the Season Of Creation with yet another of Miriam's creations, "*Tree Of Life*", worked in 2002. Miriam took this design from the North German Vierlande sampler of 1807. The Tree Of Life is a symbol of eternity, renewal and the breath of life itself. The front of the cushion bears the inscription "*Jesus Christ is the Tree of Life*". Two of the sides bear the sentence "*Eat of the Tree of Life...the healing of the nations*". A powerful message, especially in our current troubling times in various overseas areas. We see Mark Austin displaying the cushion here.

So over the four weeks of the Season of Creation" our four tapestry cushions will have featured several examples of flora and fauna in creation: flowers, leaves, fruit, trees and birds.

Let's hope we are all doing our best to protect and nourish these, preserving God's creation for future generations.

Anglicare Sunday 14th September... We Got Stephen!!!



We were pleased to welcome Anglicare Director of Mission Research & Advocacy, Stephen Harrison to join us as we give thanks for the work of Anglicare Southern Queensland.

We are grateful for Stephen getting on the road so early to join us. We are grateful for his enthusiasm and passion for the ministry of care with Anglicare and we are grateful for his leadership of such a diverse team of pastoral and spiritual carers, advocates, research specialists and folk doing amazing work with clients and behind the scenes to ensure best practice in all aspects of Anglicare. Some would be

grateful for the change from the Vicar's usual ruminations... possibly also including the Vicar.



As partners in ministry on the E M Tooth site, it's important that we have a deep sense of how diverse the work of Anglicare is within the residential aged care sector, youth and family support, foster care services, home assistance and nursing, employment and respite care.

Many parishes share their space with Anglicare services, providing them with stable income from parish property rental that also assists the ministry of the parish. We at St Paul's are forerunners of partnerships where parish communities share Anglicare spaces.

Find more and how to be involved at <https://anglicaresq.org.au/>



Parish Council

Last Sunday, your parish council met after church in the chapel on your behalf.

As always, we are grateful for the dedication of the men and women who work so hard to manage our affairs. We meet every second month but there is always a flurry of emails and a meeting of the Wardens and Treasurer in between.

Nick Crisp is doing a sterling effort keeping track of our finances and ensuring our transactions are timely and compliant. We are on track for 2025 but will need to think creatively to ensure we make the most of our available resources in the years ahead. Have a chat to him if you'd like to know more

We have the ongoing challenge of finessing our Mission Action Plan to reflect the many achievements since the last one that shaped the transition into the Chapel. Clarifying how God may be calling us to be in this place and at this time in the life of our community is something that each parish has to do and forms the basis for draw down of funds for projects. It's something that needs focus so Parish Council will be spending a day in praying, thinking and planning on 19th October 11am - 3pm. This will give some shape to a planned session with Bishop John and Archdeacon Brother Donald in early December.

Bishop Bill Ray. Speaking of Bishop John... he and Frances are taking Long Service Leave at the moment. While he is away Bishop Bill Ray, retired Bishop of North Queensland, is filling in as locum bishop. Many will be familiar with his wife Robyn from MU leadership. He dropped in to visit Rev Andrew last week and was amazed at the scope of work here at E M Tooth and the creative ways we have been adapting to the situation. He also praised us on the warmth and engaging content of our newsletter and website. He assures us of his prayers and support over the next few months.

Bishop Bill is chuffed to accept our invitation to be present on our Thanksgiving Day on November 16th. So... start... or continue as the case may be... your planning for our Thanksgiving Sunday Auction of the work of your hands.

We want to share our Parish Council Reports

Mothers' Union: Members of the Mothers' Union continue to demonstrate their faithfulness and commitment in many ways. We are still meeting at St Peter's commencing with Eucharist in the chapel and then morning tea and activities in St Peter's hall. We are very grateful to St Peter's that we can use this space.

Our Pimms and Hymns event in July was great fun and thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended—it's definitely one we'll look to repeat in the future. In August, we hosted a Dementia Awareness Workshop featuring a guest speaker from Dementia Australia, who shared his personal experience of living with Early Onset Dementia, diagnosed at age 58. The strong interest shown beforehand and the feedback afterwards indicate this topic is of interest with many in both our membership and the wider community.

Looking ahead to September, we are delighted to welcome a member of the Diocesan Mothers' Union Executive. She will speak about her work as the Overseas and Northern Outreach representative.

Beyond our monthly meetings, Mothers' Union members are actively involved in ministry at Lota House, where they assist with the monthly Wednesday services and provide refreshments afterwards.

Our members also remain engaged across the Deanery. Recently, we took part in a Quiet Day at Algester and attended a Diocesan meeting in Bundaberg. This month, five of our members will be representing us at the 50th anniversary celebration of the Sunnybank branch.



Tatters and Chatters: Our crafters continue to meet at the Wynnum Library on the first and third Thursday afternoons of each month. While we've had some interest from others, our numbers remain steady for now. Nevertheless, we greatly enjoy the fellowship and friendship that come with sharing our craft activities together.

Car Boot Sale: Over the past three years, the Car Boot Sale has contributed close to \$10,000 to the parish bank account. While this may not seem like a large sum, those of us who've been part of the team have shared plenty of laughs, enjoyed great fellowship, and connected with many people in our local community.

That said, it has also been hard work—and the time has come to pack away our tents and tables, reclaim the space in our garages and spare rooms, and perhaps enjoy a well-earned sleep-in on the first Saturday of the month. Only three more early mornings to go!

Look out for more Parish Council Reports next week!!



St Francis' Day Blessing of the Animals

The Chapel @ Lota House

Sunday 5th October 9.30 am

A special event to give thanks and bless all our animal friends.

Furry, feathered, scaly and wriggly. No animal too large or small, too boisterous or too shy to bless. You can bring a photo or favourite stuffed animal if you prefer.



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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.

7th September Pause at the Sea

Lota Foreshore Park, The Esplanade, Lota

14th September Pause at the Garden

Bethania Street Community Garden, Lota

21st September Pause in the Park

Torrens Crescent Park, Margaret Crescent, Wakerley

28th September Be in the Bush

Melaleuca Environment Park, Clifton Street, Manly West

4.30 pm — 6pm

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

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

More stuff to engage with community and God's love at St Paul's

BCA Boxes: Due Next Week!

We will be collecting them and giving thanks for the work of God in rural and remote communities. Cash donations are always welcome if you don't have a box. Just bring 'em along to church and we will make sure your gift and prayers go to those doing God's work in the Bush.



Thank You from Pete's Pantry!

A lovely gesture of appreciation from the lovely Rhonda and the management committee when Rev Andrew did his monthly stint at the desk at Pete's Pantry this week. There are many folk from St Paul's who do behind the scenes things to help the ministry. A couple of ladies from Aveo were spotted again this week dropping off pantry items and bits and pieces for Pandora's Op Shop as well.



Rev Andrew says that it's been good to now recognise some of the faces and have a chat but

of course that's a mixed blessing as the need for help for so many is not just a one off thing. He says the other pause for thought is that there is always some new folk to be registered in the system each time. The need is real and great.

May we continue to find ways to reach out in loving service!



Scripture Readings: This Week

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1; Psalm 79:1-9;
1 Timothy 3:14-4:6; Luke 16:1-13

Next week:

Jeremiah 32:1-3a,6-15; Psalm 91:1-6,14-16
1 Timothy 4:12-5:8; Luke 16:19-31

For your prayers:

- ♦ The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan
- ♦ The Diocese of Rockhampton
- ♦ The Parish of Maleny
- ♦ Liturgical Assistants in parishes and schools
- ♦ All Saints Anglican School, Merrimac

Yvonne, Coralie, Richard, Ann, Bruce, Judi, Brad, J, Chloe and Family, Shirley, Maggie, Val, Vivien, Zoe, Ben, Ali, Bev, Desley, Daryl, Michael, Peter, Jean, Marilyne

Prayer for Liturgical Assistants

Loving God, thank you for calling those who serve in Your house as liturgical assistants.

We give thanks for their care and ask for your Holy Spirit to continue to guide their thoughts, words, and actions. Give them open and eager hearts to serve joyfully, always mindful of your presence and love. Strengthen them with courage and diligence, that they may faithfully assist in the worship of your people, from preparing the sacred spaces to sharing the Lord's Body and Blood. May their service in word and deed be a testament to their faith, building up the Church and bringing glory to your name. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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 September

21st Pause in the Park, Torrens Crescent Park, Wakerley
23rd MU Eucharist and Meeting 9.30am
28th Be in the Bush, Melaleuca Environment Park, 4.30pm

Coming up in October

2nd Tatters and Chatters @ Wynnum 2pm
4th Car Boot Sale
5th St Francis Day Blessing of the Animals
6th Aveo Community Eucharist
8th E M Tooth Residents Eucharist
11th Cursillo 10.30am
11th Tingalpa Pioneer Chapel Decoration Day
11th LinC AGM 2pm

Let Rev Andrew know of any upcoming community events

A heartfelt thank you to Stephen Hall

One of the sadder items of business at the Parish Council was the announcement of the resignation of Stephen Hall.



Stephen has served faithfully and creatively as Synod Representative and Workplace Health and Safety Officer. Sadly for us, Stephen has asked to be released from these roles that he has enjoyed very much to focus some of the other aspects of life that are calling for his time at the moment.

We are so grateful for all Stephen has contributed and know that each member of the parish will wish him every blessing. We will see Stephen regularly as he continues to worship with us and grow as a loving member of our parish.

Thank you so much, Mr Hall.



More St Paul's folk Gazing at the Garden in the Season of Creation at Bethania Street



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