



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.



- Season of creation kicks off
- Community time at Manly Gardens
- Plotting with Peta.
- Anglicare Sunday Soon.

Elvis is in the building!!



Radical Hospitality means welcoming every one!

Fresh from a fun if not exactly prizewinning Zumba competition our resident Elvis manifester, Chris, shared the joy with us last Sunday. We wonder if it was to get value out of the costume hire or an attempt to divert the vicar from a long sermon, but the fun glimpse of joy and holy silliness was so apt on a Sunday we reflected on just how wide Jesus's invitation is at a time when some folk want to draw the boundaries of fear and exclusion more tightly. For that we say **"Thank You... Thank you very much!"**

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

September is the Season of Creation

The Season of Creation is an annual global celebration that unites Christians of all traditions in prayer, reflection, and action for the protection of God's creation. It runs from 1 September (World Day of Prayer for Creation) to 4 October (Feast of St Francis of Assisi).

During this season, churches, communities, and individuals are invited to explore the wonder of God's creation and respond to the ecological challenges facing the planet.

This year, the theme is Peace with Creation, inspired by Isaiah 32:14–18, where the prophet Isaiah describes desolated lands and cities—an Earth without peace. Isaiah reminds us that broken relationships, injustice, and human destructive behaviours have a direct impact on the Earth.

As Anglicans, we are called to renew our commitment to God's creation, recognising both the challenges and the hope we have to restore and protect it.

Why this Season Matters

The Season of Creation reminds us that caring for the environment is not optional—it is a pressing Christian responsibility. Scripture calls us to be stewards of the Earth, reflecting God's love for the whole of creation. The season offers a unique opportunity for Anglicans to:

- Pray for the protection of creation and justice for those most affected by environmental degradation.
- Learn about the interconnectedness of life and the impact of human activity on the planet.
- Act by making practical changes in our personal lives, church communities, and wider society.



**PEACE
WITH CREATION**
SEASON OF CREATION 2025

Garden of Peace
Isaiah 32:14-18

WHAT IS CREATION DAY?

The annual celebration of "Creation Day" on September 1 (or the following Sunday), also known as "**Feast of Creation**" or "**World Day of Prayer for Creation**", is the big celebration that inspires and nourishes the larger Season of Creation that flows from it. Inspired by a rich liturgical tradition of the Orthodox Church, it was later embraced by others such as the World Council of Churches in 2008, the Anglican Communion in 2012, and the Catholic Church in 2015.

Besides being a moment to repent for our sinful desecration of the gift of Creation and pray for its healing, the feast honours God as Creator and commemorates the great mystery of the creation of the cosmos. In other words, this feast is not just about celebrating "*Creation as the created world*" that God gifted us, but most importantly it is about celebrating "*Creation as a foundational mystery*" of our Christian faith. In fact, as we celebrate the 1700 years of Nicaea in 2025, Creation Day is an opportunity to celebrate the Creed's proclamation of our faith in the Triune God as Creator – in "*the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth*", in Christ "*through [whom] all things were made*", and in the Holy Spirit, "*the giver of life*".

More About Creation Day

In a nutshell, Creation Day is a moment to thank and praise the Triune God as Creator. Given that most Christian churches have historically focused so much on God as Redeemer, this feast is an invaluable opportunity to celebrate God as Creator.

This need was stressed by many Christian leaders, such as Benedict XVI who once said:



**“The Redeemer is the Creator and if we do not proclaim God in his full grandeur – as Creator and as Redeemer – we also diminish the value of the Redemption...
...The renewal of the doctrine of Creation and a deeper understanding of the inseparability of Creation and Redemption are of supreme importance.”**

For the full articles and to find out more check out
<https://seasonofcreation.org/>

Anglicare Sunday 14th September

Next week we celebrate Anglicare Sunday and welcome Stephen Harrison, AnglicareSQ Director of Mission Research & Advocacy to share some of the work of Anglicare in the diocese.



Stephen says: *Our story began over 150 years ago, with the pioneering spirit of five women who founded the Female and Infants Refuge in Ann Street, Brisbane. From those humble beginnings, our commitment to our community extends today to one in thirty Queenslanders. We provide essential services to support individuals and communities focusing on aged care, out of home care, mental health, homelessness and family support. We are proud to be part of the Anglican Church Southern Queensland as we live out our values of love, care, hope and humility.*



We look forward to sharing story and prayer with you, Stephen.

Plotting, Planning and Praying with Peta

Wonderful to catch up again with Peta, E M Tooth Coordinator of Spiritual and Pastoral Care. Peta is now two days a week on site and says its been great forming deeper relationships with residents, families and



friends. No day is ever the same... whether its welcoming visiting ministry groups, talking about life, the universe and everything with residents and staff, hitting the coffee machine with the vicar or sitting in prayer when a resident is in end of life care. Lots of hopes and dreams for collaboration and connection too as we reflected on the shared challenges of being in a very active building site.

We prayed as well.... And when asked for a word for the folk at St Paul's, Peta had no hesitation in offering the 23rd Psalm....

***The Lord is OUR shepherd
and WE shall not want!!***

The Power of Hospitality

Our newish monthly gathering for a Community Communion at AVEO Manly Gardens warmed our hearts this week. In the comfort of a loungeroom, around a simple table, with the simple elements of bread and wine, scripture and prayer. We had a lovely sense of friendship and faith deepened. Of course as our spirits were nourished so too were our bellies with a warming beverage and simple snacks.



We are so grateful for Lyn's kind hospitality and for the special time spent together.

**We will gather again on the
first Monday in October.**

Manly Gardens
Retirement Village



St Francis' Day Blessing of the Animals

**The Chapel @ Lota House
Sunday 7th 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 *Stare at the Sea*

Lota Foreshore Park, The Esplanade, Lota

14th September *Gaze 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



E M Tooth Residents' Eucharist this coming Wednesday

Wednesday 10th September @ 2pm in the Chapel.

All are welcome to join us as we hold all our friends at E M Tooth in prayer and celebration. There may even be a cuppa and a biscuit involved!

Car Boot Sale This Saturday 6th September

We have heaps of household goods this month... enough to warrant an extra space and another pop up shelter. There's always great bargains to be had and browsing around the other stall holders is a lot of fun. If you come at the right time you can join in the brains trust trying to get 100% on the Saturday Trivia Quiz too.

Join us at the Church of the Nazarene,

Meadowlands Road, Carina from 6am til 11ish.



BCA Boxes: Due at the end of September

A heads up for those folk who collect bits of cash in the BCA boxes. 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.

Watch this space for BCA tales in the weeks ahead.

bca 
bush church aid
Going the distance

Scripture Readings: This Week

Jeremiah 18:1-11; Psalm 139:1-5,12-18;
Philemon 1-25; Luke 14:25-35

Next week:

Jeremiah 4;11-12, 22-28; Psalm 14
1 Timothy 1; Luke 15:1-10

For your prayers:

- ♦ The Anglican Church of Southern Africa
- ♦ The Diocese of Brisbane
- ♦ The Parish of Ithaca-Ashgrove
- ♦ State Chaplaincy Board
- ♦ Hillbrook Anglican School, Enoggera

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

We give thanks for the life and ministry of Reverend Bill Collins and pray for Helen and family as they remember treasured moments and the gift of family life.

Prayer of Gratitude for the Beauty of Creation

God, our Creator of heaven and earth,
how blessed we are to be surrounded
by the beauty of your creation.

We lift our prayer of gratitude as we see
the stars of heaven, and the beauty of the sunset.

We are amazed by the seas and waterways
and all that are in them.

We are enchanted by the flowers
and trees which are clothed by you.

We are awed by all the animals you created.

For the beauty of the earth, the mountains
and valleys, the sun and the moon –
we give you praise. Amen.

-Author Unknown

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

6th 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

18th Tatters and Chatters @ Wynnum 2pm

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

Let Rev Andrew know of any upcoming community events

A Fathers' Day Litany

Abba, Father,

From the beginning we have known you as
"Father", and all our families have their origin in
you. Through the love of earthly fathers you give
us a glimpse of your everlasting love.

We give thanks for those fathers who strive to
balance the demands of work, marriage, and
children with an honest awareness of both joy
and sacrifice. And we pray for those fathers who,
lacking a good model for a father, have worked to
become good fathers.

We thank you for those fathers who by their own
account were not always there for their children,
but who continue to offer those children, now
grown, their love and support.

We also give thanks for those fathers who,
despite divorce, have remained in their children's
lives and for those fathers whose children are
adopted, and whose love and support has offered
healing.

We thank you for those who, as stepfathers,
freely choose the obligation of fatherhood and
earn their step-children's love and respect.
And we ask your special blessing on those fathers
who have lost a child to death, and who continue
to hold those children in their hearts.

We also give thanks for those men who have no
children, but cherish the next generation as if they
were their own. We pray for those men who have
"fathered" us in their role as mentors and guides.

We ask your blessings on those men who are
about to become fathers; may they openly delight
in their children.

And we continue to pray for those fathers who
have died, but live on in our memories and whose
love continues to nurture us.

**May the love of our earthly fathers draw us ever
nearer to you . Amen**

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