



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.



- Bring your Budgie or Basinji for blessing
- Season of Creation stuff
- Ordination Joy for new Reverend Sam
- Reflecting on Seeking Safety

Springtime Creation Awe



Mrs Lynn Smith, resplendent in a crisp Season of Creation inspired frock, is delighted to share her spring floral display that some say rivals the Toowoomba Flower Festival itself. Mrs Smith, also known for her special family secret devilled egg recipe, hosted the Manly Vicar and Madame President Gill for a light morning repast as they plotted... ahem... planned... a couple of MU surprises.

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

Answering the Call: Ordination of Sam McDonell

Our friend Phyl writes:

A number of members of St Paul's will remember our daughter Sam from past days, when she and her brother took their first Communion, together with Mark Austin's children, under the guidance of Father Bill Collins.

She became a server along with the others, and much later, had a short period of playing the Organ for Sunday Services. She also joined the Baptist Girls' Brigade at an early age for a number of years, and our own Helen Collins played quite a part in Sam's journey of faith.

It was a very special time for all of Sam's family, friends and her work family at Uniting Care Qld, to be present at her Ordination on Tuesday, September 16th. It was held at the beautiful Albert Street Uniting Church in the city; and the Service was both friendly and faith filled, with participation by some family members as well.

Christian Heritage College describes Sam as *"a creative strategist and visionary leader who is passionate about empowering others to live the abundant life found in Jesus Christ. Currently in ministry at UnitingCare Qld, Sam works across the state leading community partnerships and missional innovation, whilst lecturing in tertiary ministry studies at CHC School of Ministries and serving on the board for Common Grace. Sam is a Christian minister with broad ecumenical experience of almost two decades, who holds post-graduate qualifications in theology and ministry. With extensive experience in the not-for-profit and education sectors, she is also skilled in change management, compliance and policy, and is committed to good governance, biblical justice and advocacy for collective social impact and community transformation."* <https://chc.edu.au/>

Sam will continue her missional outreach work throughout Qld for Uniting Care, but as Rev Sam McDonell now.

St Paul's is so proud of you, Sam and we wish you every blessing



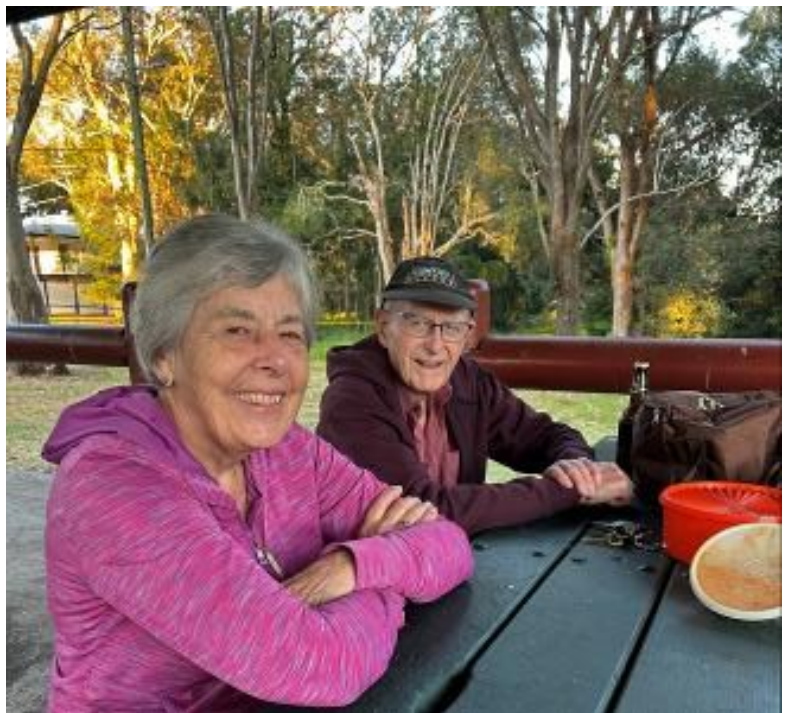


More Season of Creation Moments

Our official Season of Creation draws to a close with the Feast of St Francis but every day is a call to us to notice, listen and act. We've had some special moments together as we *Stared at the Sea, Gazed at the Garden and Paused at the Park*. Each space told a different story of the glory of creation and our reflections always drew us to consider the challenges of caring as well as the joy of the gifts.

Last Sunday we ventured to Meleleuca Environment Park to *Be in the Bush*. The Vicar worried he'd lost the crew as they disappeared to explore bush trails but they came back full of new sights. One noticing was some graffiti... a mixed blessing but it read "*Play me music when I die and I'll always hear you.*" A poignant sentiment of hope indeed.

Other folk pondered in their morning wanderings. Marilyne sent us these pics from her exploration of the Wynnum Boardwalk. Delightful doings that call us to care for creation as God's gift. May we all continue to pause and notice!



Reflecting on Displaced People and Those Seeking Refuge.

Recently Nick Crisp shared his experience in joining Rev Nicholas in a prayer action at St John's Cathedral. Nick has promised us that he will write a reflection on that experience but his comments brought forth some inspiring reflections. We share this one from our Marilynne written while at prayer and struck by the plight of safety seekers.

Psalm 23 – adapted to Psalm of the Refugee

The Lord is my Refuge
He will provide everything we need for the journey
He has opened the gate of opportunity for us
And although the future looks black
He is with us and we will not be afraid.
He has given us safe passage this far
and protected us from evil smugglers
He protects and pours his love upon us.
Although our hearts are heavy
that we have to leave our homelands
Our Lord has brought us safely
to His promised land where we may
Live in peace and harmony forever.

Author: Marilynne Jacobs



The Episcopal News Service recently highlighted one of the contemporary artists also highlighting displaced peoples. "You may not know Kelly Latimore's name, but if you've been active on any Christian social media pages in the past few years, you've probably seen his work. One of his most widely shared images – "La Sagrada Familia" – shows the Flight into Egypt with the Holy Family depicted as Latin American migrants. Painted the day after the 2016 presidential election, the icon went viral on social media and ended up serving as the cover art for a collection of Pope Francis' writings on welcoming migrants and refugees. That icon and others like it have drawn both praise and criticism, but above all, they have showcased the power of visual art to spark dialogue and draw connections between the ancient and contemporary." Read more by searching the website <https://episcopalnewservice.org/>



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.



**PEACE
WITH CREATION**
SEASON OF CREATION 2025



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

Remembering those we love.

The Year's Mind is a lovely term many folk use to remember the anniversary of the death of a loved one who now rests in God's arms. Please let Rev Andrew know if an anniversary is nearing. We can do a couple of things... an acknowledgement in the newsletter and a prayer of thanksgiving in our intercessions are beautiful if we know in advance. Some folk like to contribute towards our floral decorations on special days and our flower arrangers love ministering in that way. Another simple thing is to bring along a photo and maybe a small arrangement of flowers from the shop, streetside stall or your own garden and place them at the foot of the cross in the chapel.

Last week Ailsa remembered her dad Bill Greenaway who passed on the 28th October 1981. May all those we love rest in peace and rise in glory.



Community Communion This Week

A new month starts and we will be gathering for our special small group community communions.

- **Monday 6th Aveo Manly Village Community Communion at 2pm....** It's the King's Birthday Public Holiday so we will raise a toast with our cuppa.
- **Wednesday 8th E M Tooth Resident's Eucharist in the Chapel 2pm** All welcome for this simple sharing of communion and a cuppa afterwards.

LinC Bayside Annual General Meeting

LinC - Love in the Name of Christ will hold its AGM on **Saturday 11th October at 2pm**. St Paul's has been represented by our Helen Collins who has been part of this local ecumenical caring organisation since its beginning. We are looking for someone to fill Helen's faith filled shoes as St Paul's Rep to maintain our link with LinC. They meet quarterly and helping keep us informed about their work and how we can help will be part of the gig.

Helen or Rev Andrew have more info if you think you might answer this call.



Tingalpa Pioneer Chapel and Cemetery Decoration Day.

Saturday 11th October 2025, 9 til Noon

We have been invited to support this event and raise a little money for us too!! Rev Andrew will be sharing the blessing that has become part of the day of community connection, fun and friendship. There will be all sorts of activities including a specially made golf course. This will make folk hungry and St Paul's has agreed to run a Sausage Sizzle Brunch Stall.

Nadia has agreed to co-ordinate but we need helpers to run the stall, collect money, help tidy up and generally be a visible presence at this community event even for an hour or two.

Contact Nadia on nadia@casadellawilson.com or 0407 395 351



Tuesday Bible Reflection and Discussion

9.30 each Wednesday except for MU Meeting Day. Come and join us unpack one of the weekend's scripture passages and ponder all sorts of big and little things. A great relaxed space for questions and wondering.

Scripture Readings: St Francis Day

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31;
Psalm 148; Luke:10:21-24

Next week:

Jeremiah 29:1,4-7; Psalm 66:1-11,
2 Timothy: 8-15; Luke 17:11-19

For your prayers:

- ♦ The Anglican Church of Tanzania
- ♦ The Diocese of Bathurst
- ♦ The Parish of New Farm
- ♦ Gold Coast hospital chaplaincy
- ♦ Coomera Anglican College, Coomera

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

Peace Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:

where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master,

grant that I may not so much seek

to be consoled as to console,

to be understood as to understand,

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

and it is in dying

that we are born to eternal life.

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 October

2nd Tatters and Chatters @ Wynnum 2pm

4th Car Boot Sale

5th St Francis Day Blessing of the Animals

6th Pete's Pantry Volunteers Morning Tea 10.30 am

6th Aveo Community Eucharist 2pm

8th E M Tooth Residents Eucharist 2pm

11th Cursillo 10.30am

11th Tingalpa Pioneer Chapel Decoration Day

11th LinC AGM 2pm

16th Tatters and Chatters@ Wynnum 2pm

19th Parish Council MAP Planning

28th MU AGM & Meeting 9.30 am

Let Rev Andrew know of any upcoming community events

The Vicar's Voice

Walk on through the wind, Walk on through the rain

Tho' your dreams be tossed and blown,

Walk on, walk on with hope in your heart

And you'll never walk alone

You'll never walk alone

No, I haven't been in the stadium with Liverpool FC fans or even getting my musical theatre on watching "Carousel" but I have been pondering the importance of walking with other clergy colleagues lately.

I have a mixed relationship with too many Christians in one place but lately I've been connecting with our local clergy and remembering how important is our partnering in the gospel. I took the salad sandwich to the byo Deanery Clergy lunch the other day and appreciated the diversity of talents and call of each of them.

In this pic is Vijay from Waterloo Bay, Cameron from Redlands, Morris from Holland Park, and Lyn from Mt Gravatt. Also around the table with me was Lynda from Carindale, Jonathan from Alexandra Hills and Kate also from Redlands.

I also had a collegial colleague catch up coffee with Richard from Kangaroo Point. A good time of listening, support and encouragement too. You may have been discussed in the most loving of ways. Sometimes we can get too focussed on our own patch and its joys and challenges but connecting with others really helps keep perspective alive!

Please keep these great gifts of God in your prayers!



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