



St Paul's Anglican Community, Manly

12th April 2026

# St Paul's News

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*A moment of fellowship during our Easter services.*



*All are welcome at St Paul's*

"we love because God first loved us" (1 John. 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.

St Paul's is an inclusive church, welcoming all and offering equal opportunities for those seeking an authentic spiritual community.

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, the Quandamooka people and their elders past and present. We honour the connection the traditional custodians have with this place

## Two Visits by Archdeacon Allan Paulsen — by Sandra Davis

We have had two visits by Archdeacon Allan Paulsen during the last week. The first was on Good Friday, 3rd April, the second on Easter Day, 5th April. Allan will be with us again on Sunday, 12th April and we look forward to seeing him again. The keynote of his sermon on Easter Day was the idea of seeking and finding. He pointed out to us that we often find ourselves looking for something or someone in the wrong place: the end result? Frustration and disappointment. However, searching for and finding the Christian way of life is a certain way to find happiness and success in our endeavours. At times this can prove a challenge, but is well worth the effort. Being Christians, and therefore followers of Jesus, places us firmly on a successful path, keeping us as a community on the same page, to use a current expression.

The chapel presented a joyous atmosphere with arrangements of white flowers on our timber cross and yellow flowers elsewhere. This happy atmosphere was enhanced by the fact that three people wore Easter themed headgear: Amanda, Ann and Sandra. Others might like to follow suit...

### This Week's Service

Presider: Archdeacon Allan Paulsen

Date: Sunday 12 April 2026

**St Paul's Anglican Community, Manly gathers every Sunday at 10.00am in the Chapel, Lota House 162 Oceana Terrace, Lota. We welcome you! Join us for a cuppa before the service!**

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## Maundy Thursday Service

Our Maundy Thursday gathering was a gentle and meaningful time of preparation as we entered the Easter weekend. We shared a simple meal of soup and bread, accompanied by quiet conversation, prayer, and a sense of calm fellowship. The table was set with care, reminding us of the Last Supper and the humility and love Jesus showed as he gathered with his disciples.

The liturgy invited us to pause, reflect, and remember the depth of Christ's service and sacrifice. It was a peaceful evening that drew us closer together as a community, helping us to step thoughtfully into the solemnity of Good Friday and the hope of Easter Day.

Soup, bread and liturgy. A gentle evening with friends to prepare us for this weekend of remembrance.



## Visit from Rev'd Shan and Maurie – Palm Sunday

— Sandra Davis

Reverend Shan and Maurie visited us for the third time this year on 29th March, and it was a pleasure to see them once again. The chapel was decorated with long strands of palms, it being Palm Sunday.



Thanks go to those folk who donated the palms and those who arranged them artistically in the chapel. Thanks also go to those who made the numerous little palm crosses, which were distributed during the service.

As always, Shan delivered an interesting and thoughtful sermon, in which, among other observations, she drew attention to the dramatic change from a jubilant attitude by the people towards Jesus at his arrival in Jerusalem on Palm Sunday to their desire to see him replaced by robber Barabbas to be crucified on the Friday. The reasons Shan presented for this abrupt change of allegiance and attitude I found intriguing and certainly credible.

The photos show the palm strands at the altar and Shan holding the tray of small palm crosses. There were two tapestry cushions at the altar. The one on the left was worked by Susan Sykes in 2001 and the one on the right by Joy Willis in 2000, both of them early in the tapestry project, which finished in 2014.





## BCA Boxes

BCA boxes are due at the end of this month.  
Please return them to Bev by Sunday 26 April.

– Bev

## For your prayers

### Sunday 12th April

- Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola
- The Diocese of Grafton: †Murray Harvey & †Tiffany Sparks; Clergy and People
- The Parish of Brisbane Mar Thoma Church: †Gregorios Mar Stephanos Episcopa
- St Margaret's Home Assist, Secure, Sandgate
- St John's Anglican College, Forest Lake: Principal – Maria McIvor; Chaplain – Juliana Bate; Chair of College Council – Carla Tromans; members of College Council; staff & students
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## 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 10.00** Parish Eucharist @ Lota House Chapel  
(come @ 9:30am for a cuppa)

### Coming up in April

**16th April 10am to 12pm** Tatters and Chatters at Wynnum Library

## Scripture Readings:

### This Week:

#### Sunday 12th April 2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 2.14a, 22–32 Psalm 16, 1 Peter 1.1–12, John 20.19–31

#### Sunday 19th April 3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 2.14a, 36–41, Psalm 116.1–4, 11–18, 1 Peter 1.13–25 Luke 24.13–35

#### Sunday 26th April 4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 2.42–47, Psalm 23, 1 Peter 2.1–10, John 10.1–10

#### Sunday 3rd May 5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 7.55–60 Ps 31.1–5, 17–18 1 Peter 2.11–25 John 14.1–14

## Thank You to Our Volunteers

*We extend our heartfelt thanks to all who give their time and energy to support our parish community.*

*From preparing the chapel and arranging flowers to helping with services, morning tea, and countless quiet tasks behind the scenes—your generosity and care make everything possible.*

*Your service is deeply appreciated and never goes unnoticed.*



## Our Prayer List

Geoff, Glenda, Richard, Ann, Bruce, Judi, Shirley & Brad,  
Bridge To Unity in the UK

To add to our prayer list, please email [prayer@stpaulsmanly.org](mailto:prayer@stpaulsmanly.org). Please let us know if urgent and when prayers are no longer required.

## Prayer of the Week

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life  
of all who put their trust in him:  
raise us, we pray, from the death of sin  
to the life of righteousness;  
that we may ever seek the things which are above,  
where he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



## Newsletter Contributions

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