



Manly

St Paul's News

St Paul's Anglican Community, Manly

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16 August 2026

President: Archdeacon Allan Paulsen

St Paul's Anglican Community, Manly

We gather every Sunday at 10.00am in the Chapel, Lota House, 162 Oceana Terrace, Lota. Please join us for a cuppa before the service.

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.

Support Our Ministry

Bank: Anglican Financial Services

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Reference: 'offering'

Our Prayer List

Laurence, Shirley, Carolyn, Lynn B, Bev, Tony, Ann, Val, Brian S, Lisa P, Geoff, Glenda, Richard and Ann, Bruce and Judi, Shirley and Brad, Peter and Judith.

To add to our prayer list, please email prayer@stpaulsmanly.org.

Please let us know if urgent and when prayers are no longer required.

Mary Sumner - A Vision That Still Inspires Us

On the 9 August each year, Mothers' Union members around the world remember their founder, Mary Sumner. But who was Mary Sumner?

Mary Sumner was a well educated woman who had travelled widely as a young person from her home in England. She married an Anglican Priest and devoted herself to raising their children while supporting his ministry through music and Bible classes.



In 1876, when Mary's eldest daughter became a mother, she began thinking about the challenges facing young women and the importance of supporting them in their vocation as mothers, bringing women together, regardless of their social circumstances, so they could encourage and learn from one another.

Although nervous at first, Mary gathered women together at the rectory in Old Alresford, in the Diocese of Winchester. Her message was simple but powerful: being a good example to children and keeping prayer central to the life of the family. From this small beginning, Mothers' Union was born.

In 1885, Mary was invited to speak at the Portsmouth Church Congress. Her passionate address inspired women in other parishes to establish mothers' meetings, and within seven years, Mothers' Union had spread across the United Kingdom and to countries including Australia.

Mary's Vision – Our Vision Today

Mary Sumner continued to work tirelessly right up until her death in 1921, spreading the knowledge of the Mothers' Union, starting new branches and building the foundations on which Mothers' Union continues today.

Our world has changed enormously since Mary gathered those first women in the rectory, but families still need encouragement, children still need loving examples, and people still need to know that they are not alone.

What began with one woman's concern for young mothers has become a worldwide movement of women and men committed to continue Mary Sumner's vision as we listen, encourage, pray, welcome, support and reach out to others.

For Your Prayers

Sunday 16 August 2026

- The Church in Wales
- The Diocese of Newcastle
- The Parish of Allora-Clifton
- Churchwardens, Parish Councillors, Parish Nominators and Synod Representatives
- The Glennie School, Toowoomba

Prayer of the Week

Sunday 16 August 2026

Almighty God,
you have given your only Son
to be for us both a sacrifice for sin
and also an example of godly life:
give us grace
that we may always thankfully receive
the benefits of his sacrifice,
and also daily endeavour to follow the
blessed steps of his most holy life;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Contact Us

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Newsletter Contributions

If you would like any notices, news or other items added to the newsletter, please email

newsletter@stpaulsmanly.org.

Youth Homelessness Project

Money donated for the Retiring Collection last week on Mary Sumner Day was over \$200. Thank you so much for supporting the Logan Youth Homelessness Project. The Anglicare Southern Queensland's \$14 million Youth Homelessness Accommodation Service recently reached another major milestone, with the scaffolding now fully removed as the organisation prepares to open the doors in September this year.

The service will provide 30 units for young people aged 16 to 25, who are experiencing homelessness or are at significant risk of becoming homeless, and includes 24 studio apartments for individuals and six one-bedroom apartments for couples or young families.

Each studio apartment costs \$2,300 to fully furnish with essential furniture and household items. If you'd like to donate further, please [donate here](#).

Scripture Readings

Sunday 16 August - Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 45.1-15, Psalm 133, Romans 11.13-32, Matthew 15.21-28

Sunday 23 August - Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 1.8-2.10, Psalm 124, Romans 12.1-8, Matthew 16.13-20

Sunday 30 August - Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 3.1-15, Psalm 105.1-6; 105.23-26, Romans 12.9-21, Matthew 16.21-28

Sunday 6 September - Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 12.1-14, Psalm 149, Romans 13.1-10, Matthew 18.10-20

What's On

Every week

Monday 10:30am, **EM Tooth Prayer and Praise**

Tuesday 9:30am, **Bible Reflection**/discussion, Lota House Chapel

Wednesday 7pm, **Men's Ministry**, St Peter's Wynnum

Sunday 10am **Parish Eucharist**, Lota House Chapel (9:30am for a cuppa)

Monthly services

Mothers' Union 4th Tuesday 9am, St Peter's

Manly Gardens AVEO service 1st Monday 2pm

EM Tooth Residents Eucharist 2nd Wednesday 1:30pm, Lota House Chapel

Tatters & Chatters, 1st & 3rd Thursday 10am – 12pm, Wynnum Library

Coming up

Saturday 24 October Tingalpa Pioneer Chapel & Cemetery, Annual decoration and fete day

Click on the link below to see upcoming Anglican community events
anglicanfocus.org.au/category/events