

# 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.

**Rev Andrew Cooper - Parish Priest**

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## Listening and Learning Locally

On Monday I had the pleasure of catching up with Wendy Greche from **LinC – Love in the name of Christ**. Helen Collins is our long serving committee representative supporting LinC's work in serving others through simple acts of Christian kindness like driving folk to appointments. I was pleased to learn we at St Paul's have been part of this inter-church activity since its inception and look forward to joining Helen, Val and Wendy at the 25th anniversary celebration lunch on the 29th August. Let me or Helen know if you'd like to come too.



On Wednesday, I meet with our local state MP, Joan Pease. I met Joan in the bustle of activity at my commissioning and thought it was time to touch base. She is a very active local member who knows us well and I was pleased to be able to share our good news stories and how life is unfolding for us now. She was very interested in our commitment to being an inclusive church. These conversations are so important as even this week someone shared that they thought we had closed down... and we are far from that. Joan suggested some great possibilities for community engagement and connection.



Lots of good things coming up. I'll be away at the Gold Coast for the Provincial Clergy Conference next week. Regional clergy meet every year but this gathering for all of Queensland is the first since Covid. There are engaging speakers and times of prayer and reflection... and I'm sure lots of friendly conversation and laughs. I'll share more next week.

Keep an eye out for events and thoughts as we approach the Season of Creation starting Sunday 1st of September and ending with our St Francis Day pet blessing on Sunday 6th October. Good stuff ahead!

**Blessings on your head** Andrew



**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

## On the Road with the Crisps

**Jen Crisp writes:** Nick and Jen enjoyed a big road trip, over 4000 km, in the second half of July. The purpose of the trip was to celebrate one of those special birthday milestones for Jen, with two best friends from school days, who were, not coincidentally, also celebrating the same milestone year. We had planned to catch up in Mackay, where the three girls were at Our Lady of Mercy College together, but we ended up meeting in Rockhampton. It is lovely that the friendship between us has survived the years, even though our paths have taken such different turns.

We decided to make the trip a bit of an adventure, to see some parts of north and western Queensland, where neither of us had been before, in our electric vehicle. The EV is lovely to drive on long trips – it is so quiet that you don't feel tired. Some of our favourite things to do are hiking in the bush and photography. Nick especially has a passion for photographing native birds. Jen takes an interest in the different plant ecosystems, as well as the birds and animals, and also loves to take scenery photos. We had a couple of days at Agnes Waters/Town of 1770 on the way up the coast – one of the most beautiful areas of Queensland.

After Rockhampton, we continued on to Mackay, Jen's old stamping ground, but grown almost out of recognition. Jen thinks it is one of the most underrated areas of Queensland, especially at this time of year (It is a bit steamy in summer!). Then we had another national park fix, three days at Eungella National Park – Finch Hatton Gorge and Broken River, famed for its platypus population. Jen remembers the delight of seeing platypus there as a child, but was amazed that the platypus population is now so used to people that they are building nests right next to the picnic area.

After this we ventured further north to Charters Towers, and then west to Hughenden and headed south through Winton, Longreach, Barcaldine, Blackall and Charleville. What a large state we live in! A highlight was the dinosaur centre at Winton.

We had the pleasure of worshipping with the Miles Anglican community on 28 July. Just by chance, Rev Lizzie Gaitskell, Area Dean, and Rector of Warwick Parish, was taking the Eucharist service at Miles. We had met her recently at a Cursillo Pilgrimage, and it was great to catch up again. This was our last overnight stop before heading back to Brisbane. Overall, we came back safely, and much refreshed in spirit. A great trip!

**Have you done anything fun or inspiring lately?  
Let's share great things with each other! Maybe you  
have some experiences or photos to share about the  
wonderful world God has created for us to care for  
as we enter the Season of Creation.**

**You might even want to enter the Queensland Churches  
Together Exhibition!**



Nick at Town of 1770



Platypus at Eungella



Dinosaurs at Winton and brolgas near Charleville





# Open Call for Photographers, Writers and Artists

## 2024 Season of Creation Art and Photography Exhibition



Accepting Artworks to be displayed at  
St John's Cathedral, Brisbane  
throughout September to celebrate Season of Creation

### Submission of Artworks:

Upload your creations at [www.fb.com/QCEnvNet](https://www.facebook.com/QCEnvNet) or email to [admin@qct.org.au](mailto:admin@qct.org.au)  
Artworks can be posted or delivered to Queensland Churches Together. Please email  
[admin@qct.org.au](mailto:admin@qct.org.au) or call 07 3369 6792 to arrange delivery

**Photos and artworks should be submitted by 5th August 2024**

Contact Craig Batty if you have any questions: 0414 744 558



**From September 1 to October 4, Christians around the world celebrate Season of Creation.**

Queensland Churches Environment Network (QCEN) invite you to share creative works celebrating the environment and creation. Creative works could include, photos, videos, poems, prayers, short stories, drawings, paintings, art, music, - anything creative. All photographs and creative works will be displayed on the QCEN Facebook page.

**A selection will be exhibited at St John's Cathedral, Brisbane throughout September.**

### Scripture Readings This Week

Proverbs 9:1-6; Psalm 34:9-14;  
Ephesians 5:11-21; John 6:51-58

### Next Week:

Joshua 24:1-2a; Psalm 34:15-22  
Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69

### For your prayers:

- ◆ The Anglican Church of Melanesia
- ◆ The Diocese of North Queensland
- ◆ The Parish of Milton Anglican
- ◆ Anglicare SQ Killara Place Respite Centre (Cleveland)
- ◆ The Springfield Anglican College, Springfield
- ◆ Kim, Yvonne, Bev G, John, Coralie

### Rain or Shine... a prayer

I pray by the window and thank you,  
God of sun and rain, storm and breeze,  
warmth and chill.

I thank you for all of it,  
for the precarious balance  
of what you hold in your all-powerful hands.

I pray to be open to this hour's weather  
—and its influence on my day.

I thank you for its benefits and blessings.  
Help me feel your presence  
in the temperature, the clouds,  
the wind, the light.

May I accept your gifts always.

From: <https://www.franciscanmedia.org>

## What's On

### This week

**Monday– Friday** Fr Andrew at Provincial Clergy Conference, Gold Coast

**Monday 10.30** EM Tooth Community Worship, Activities Room

**Tuesday 9.30** Bible study and Reflection. Chapel @ Lota House followed by a cuppa.

**Friday** Fundraising Raffle @ Joan Pease Office

**Sunday 9.30** Parish Eucharist, Lota House Chapel 9.30am

### Coming up

**August 24th** Cursillo Moreton Ultreya Carindale

**August 27th** MU Eucharist and Meeting 9.30am

**August 29th** LINC 25th Anniversary Lunch

**August 30<sup>th</sup>** St Peter's Wynnum 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**September 1st** Season of Creation begins

**September 4th** QCT Season of Creation Prayer Service  
Botanical Gardens - Mt Coot-tha 12pm

Please let Fr Andrew know of any upcoming events.

## Heidi's Hi From our Community Coordinator

It was truly wonderful to attend the church service on Sunday and see how many people had read my article from the previous week about healing touch.



So many individuals reached out to me, with their arms out stretched coming in for a hug, and it genuinely brightened my day. I was delighted not only that they engaged with my writing but also that we experienced such meaningful human connection.

At the end of the service, we gathered in our usual circle, which we often refer to as the *Stell*. Fr. Andrew shared that he first encountered this circular stone structure during his time as a Vicar in Scotland. It features a single entrance and is designed to shelter sheep from the wind and rain on the Scottish mountains.

**It feels so fitting that as we hold hands, we create a circle with an opening that welcomes others in, providing shelter from the storms of life.**

As I looked around at everyone forming the *Stell* circle, I was struck by the beautiful diversity present—people of all ages and races, each with unique abilities and backgrounds. Together, we held hands, prayed, and felt united in our modest yet welcoming little chapel. In that moment, I truly felt a sense of belonging to a community of humanity. Although my small contributions of prayer and support for others may seem minuscule, I believe that collectively, we can spread so much love.

**I just want to express my heartfelt gratitude to all of you at St. Paul's for lifting me up during difficult times.**

Heidi

### Support our Ministry

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Account #: 00000690

Reference: 'offering'

[www.stpaulsmanly.org](http://www.stpaulsmanly.org)

Parish of Manly

**Anglican**  
Church Southern Queensland



# Moreton Deanery Ultreya

## Saturday 24th August 2024

St Gabriel's Anglican Church  
11 Bridgnorth St, Carindale QLD

**Theme : Refresh**

**Witness Speaker : Janette Riley**

BYO Lunch from noon in undercroft

**Ultreya begins at 1PM.**

**This will NOT be ZOOMed  
In Person Only**

**Contact Detail : Janette Riley 0429 656 320  
Sylvia Dunn 0418 700 6362**

**Then stay on for Fellowship and afternoon tea**

### Parish Raffle

We will be selling outside the office of local MP Joan Pease again on Friday 23rd August and every Sunday at church until the draw on the 8th of September.

- 1st Prize – Crocheted Blanket created and donated by Bev Schmidt
- 2nd Prize Hamper donated by Joan Pease MP
- 3rd Prize 2 bottles of wine donated by Ailsa Gill.

**Tickets \$2 each.**

